

CASCADIA – EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION



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COMBUSTIBLE COMPONENTS IN NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION

A story of testing, research and expanding methods for compliance for insulated walls and combustible windows

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AGENDA

- INTRO: COMBUSTIBLE "STUFF" IN BUILDING ENCLOSURES
- WHY?
- COMBUSTIBLE CLADDING SUPPORTS
 - Providing fire safety

• COMBUSTIBLE WINDOWS

- Expanding use, providing safety
- Industry research program
- A changed building code

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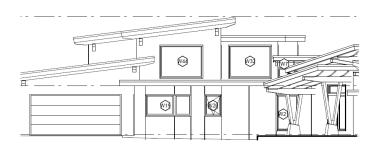


THERMAL SPACER FOR CLADDING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

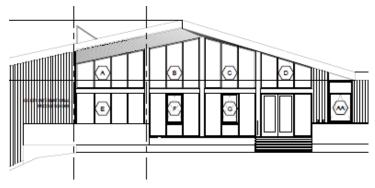
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WINDOW WALLS



WINDOWS & DOORS



STOREFRONT GLAZING

INTRO TO CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS

ABOUT THE COMPANY

- Manufacturing plant & head office located in Langley, BC
- Founded in 2008

PRIMARY MARKETS

• BC, Yukon, Washington, Oregon, California

COMPANY PURPOSE

• To provide simple and cost-effective solutions to stringent energy code requirements



THE BUILDING ENCLOSURE

Components, intended functions & how they work together



- THE BUILDING ENCLOSURE
- WHY IS THERE COMBUSTIBLE STUFF IN BUILDING ENCLOSURES?

- COMPOSITES
- ENERGY CODES AND CONSERVATION



METAL GIRTS, COMBUSTIBLE MEMBRANE



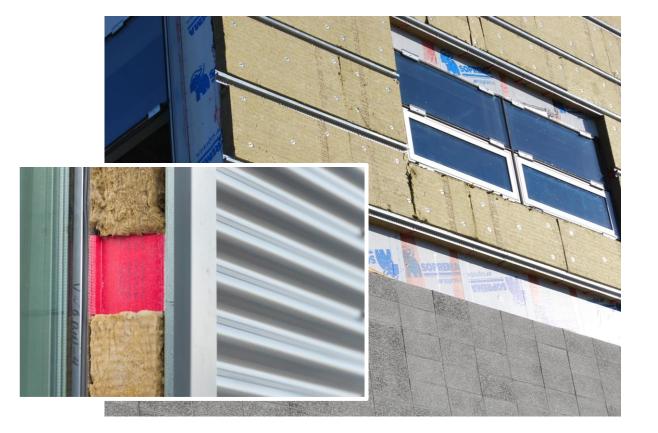
THE BUILDING ENCLOSURE

WHY IS THERE COMBUSTIBLE STUFF IN BUILDING ENCLOSURES?



SMALL BUT IMPORTANT CHANGES

THESE COMPONENTS, SUCH AS MEMBRANES, ARE NEEDED; NOW COMPOSITES ARE TOO



SMALL BUT IMPORTANT CHANGES

COMPOSITES WILL PLAY A HUGE ROLE IN MORE ENERGY CONSERVING BUILDINGS







LET'S BACK UP & START WITH WHY

THE PROBLEM WITH BUILDINGS

Understanding the impact of buildings on our energy grid and environment

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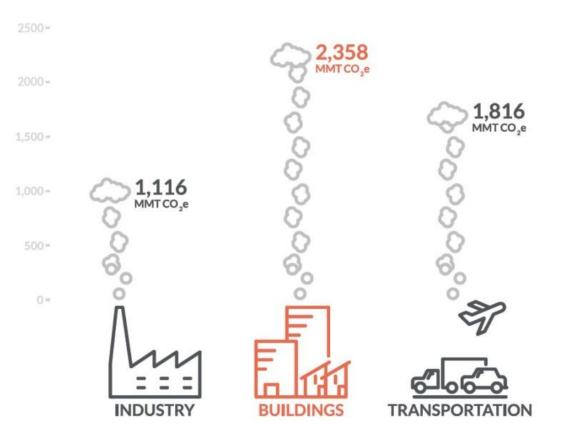
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BUILDINGS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 44.5% OF US CO_2 EMISSIONS.



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

SCOPE OF OUR PROBLEM IN THIS INDUSTRY

WHY ARE OUR BUILDINGS CONSUMING SO MUCH ENERGY?



WHAT R THE NUMBERS?



ENERGY CODES NEED COMPONENTS



PATHWAY TO 2032: PART 9 (HOMES)



CLADDING ATTACHMENT MATTERS MOST



IN WINDOWS – FRAME MATERIALS MATTER

85% IN	IPROVEMENT
REDUCED HEAT L	OSS THROUGH WINDOWS
	ED U-VALUES FROM WINDOW FABRICATORS

SCOPE OF OUR PROBLEM IN THIS INDUSTRY

NEED TO ADDRESS BOTH WALLS AND WINDOWS, BUT FIRST...



FIRE SAFETY

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FIRE PROTECTION – THE CLADDING BIG PICTURE

WE NEED TO AVOID THIS...





Noncombustible Construction COMBUSTIBILITY: EXTERIOR WALLS & WINDOWS

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Control Fuel/Combustion Process

- Combustibility meet one of the following:
 - noncombustible (CAN-ULC-S114)
 - limited combustible (Cone calorimeter ULC-S315)
 - to exempt certain combustible materials from the application of Sentence 3.1.5.1.(1) if certain conditions are met, on the basis that the materials are deemed to insignificantly contribute to the growth and spread of fire
 - layer of materials and cumulative emissions
 - comply with one of the exemptions



Noncombustible – Functional Statement Control Fuel/Combustion Process

- To limit the severity and effects of fire or explosions (F02)
 - clarify what constitutes noncombustible construction
 - limit the probability that construction materials will contribute to the growth and spread of fire, which could lead to harm to persons or damage to building (OS1.2/OP1.2)
 - limit severity
 - prevent ignition
 - manage fire spread



Noncombustible Construction

PERMITTED COMBUSTIBLE COMPONENTS



Control Fuel

- To permit the use of certain combustible materials, on the basis that they are deemed to insignificantly contribute to fire growth and spread
 - Minor combustible components [3.1.5.1]
 - Roofing [3.1.5.3]
 - Combustible glazing and skylights [3.1.5.4]
 - Cladding [3.1.5.5]

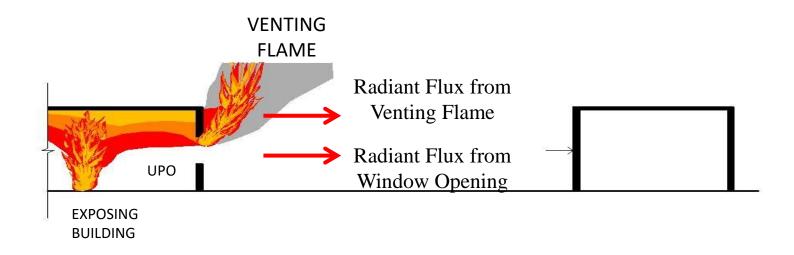


Non-Combustible Construction

EXTERIOR CLADDING

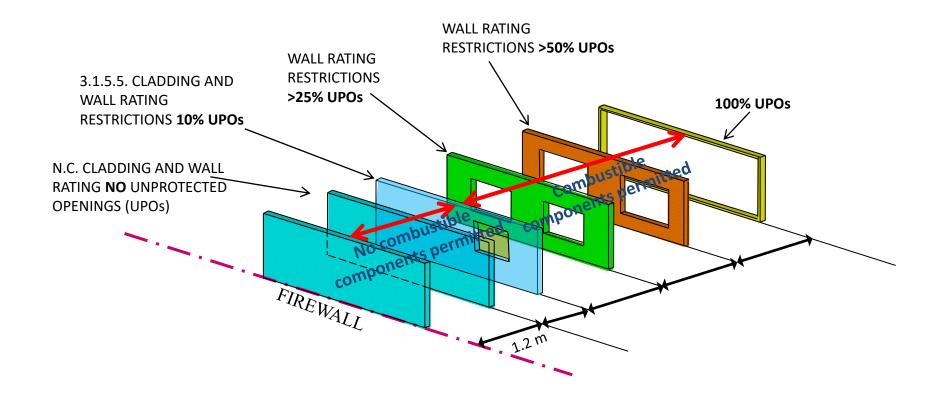


Code Concept of Building Exposure and Justification for S134 Test

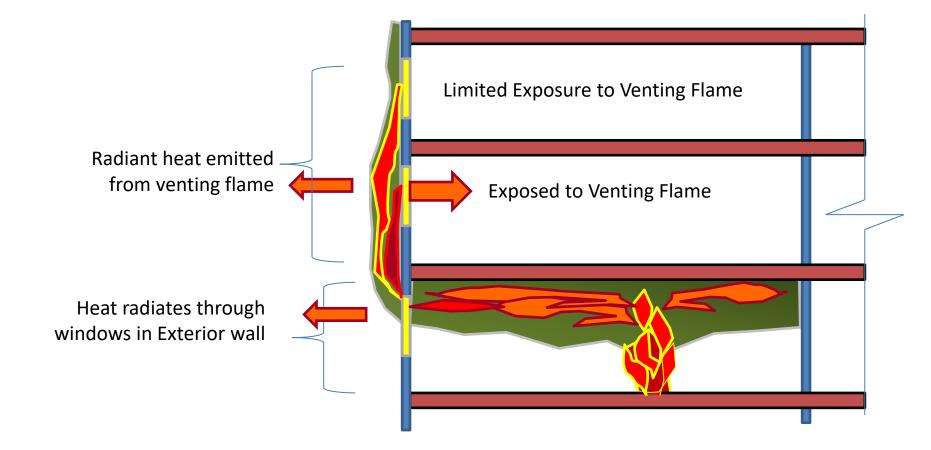




Spatial Separation Protects Other Buildings



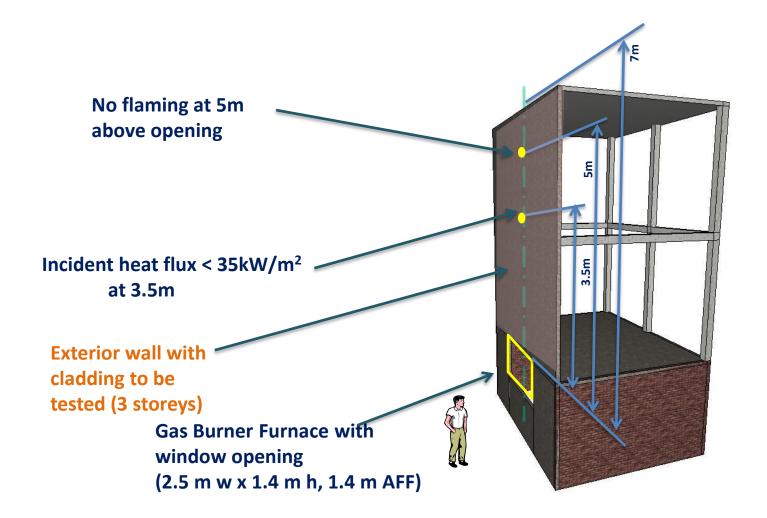




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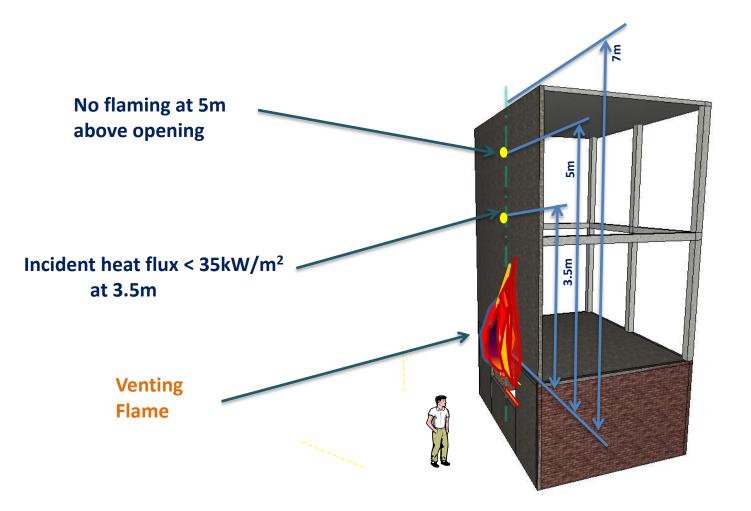
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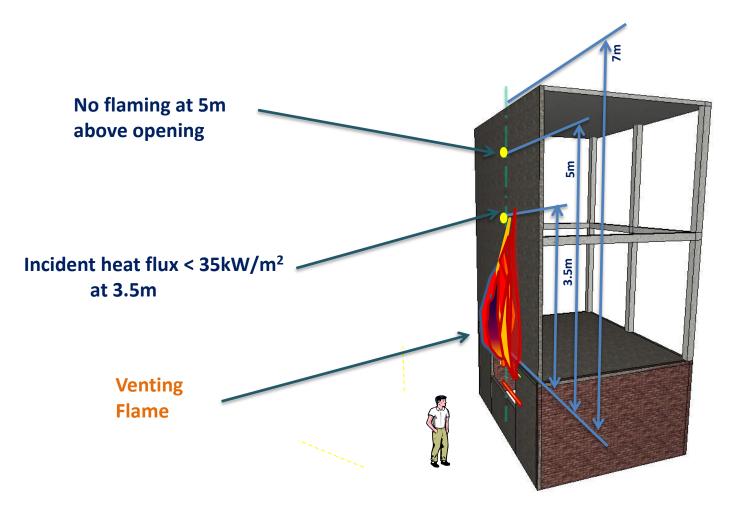
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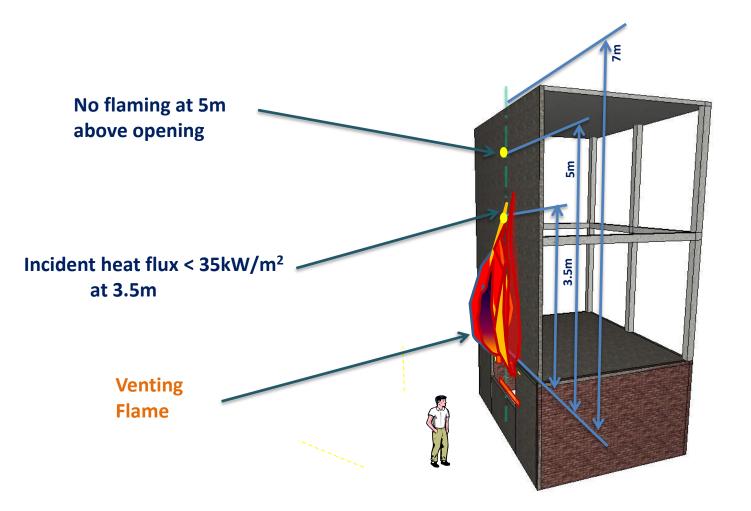
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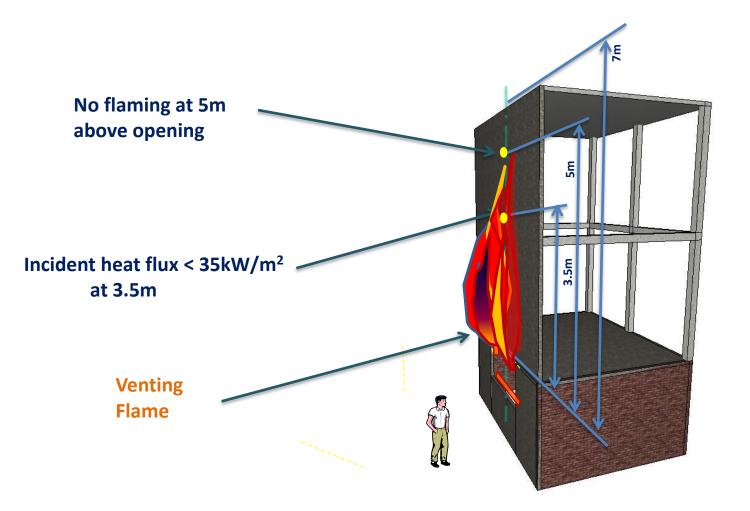




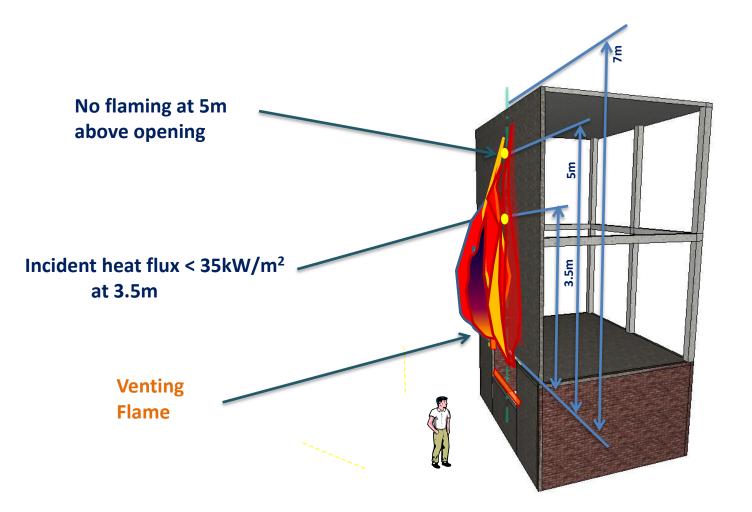










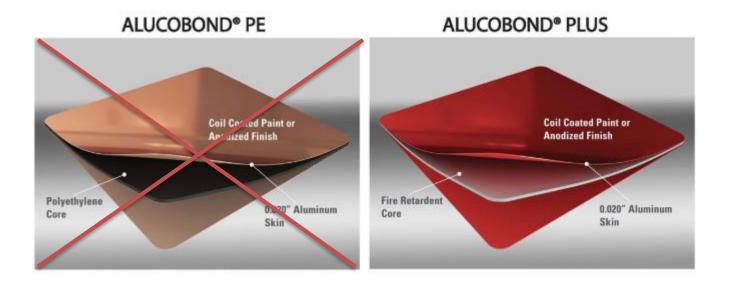




FIRE PROTECTION & LIFE SAFETY SOLUTIONS

Common Products

- Aluminum composite panels
- Steel skinned panels with foam plastic core



GETTING UP CLOSE

A more detailed look at wall components



WHY A COMBUSTIBLE SPACER?



FIBERGLASS SPACER

- Adjustability happens outboard of the insulation
- Fiberglass spacer matches thickness of insulation
- Fiberglass spacer maintains thermal performance at tight spacing

METAL CLIP & RAIL SYSTEM

- Adjustable rails (L-angles) can penetrate insulation
- Thermal break is therefore only a portion of insulation depth
- Thermal performance relies on large spacing of clips

WHY A NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONNECTION?



Fiberglass profile

FIBERGLASS SPACER

- Screws are directly fastened through the entire clip:
 - Screws reduce thermal performance slightly
 - Screws allow for non-combustible connection
- Tensile connection from screws; fiberglass resists shear and compression

FULLY COMPOSITE SYSTEMS

- Best thermal performance
- "Combustible" structural connection
- Generally lower strength
 - Thinner webs mean lower strength
 - Pull-out may be an issue, depending on product design

A HISTORY OF CLIP DESIGN

The past through the present



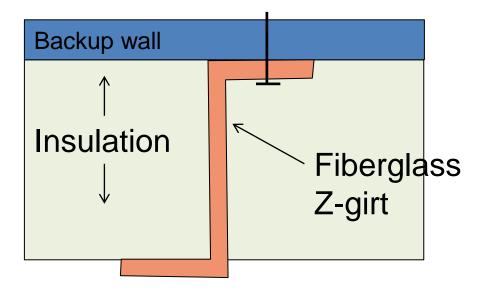


OK, SO WE HAVE A CONDUCTIVITY PROBLEM...



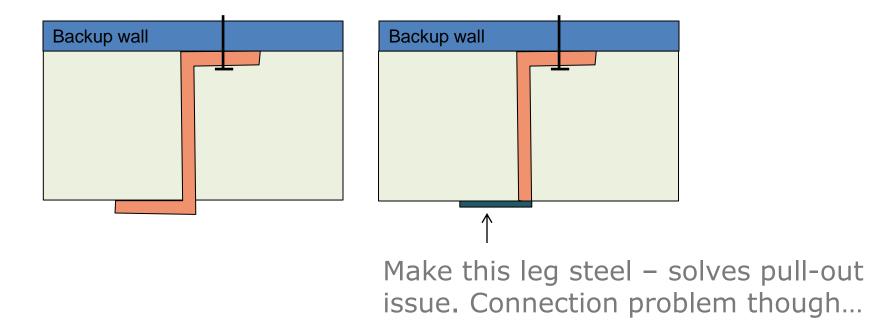
Lets use a material with very low conductivity – like fiberglass.





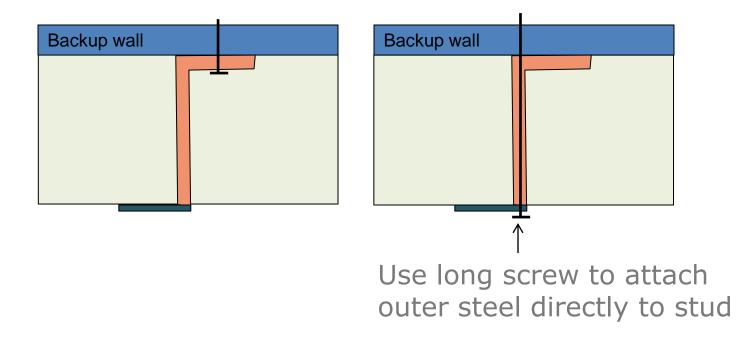


PROBLEM: SCREW PULL OUT



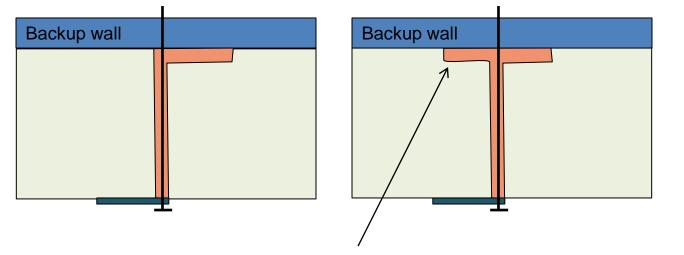


PROBLEM: COMBUSTIBILITY





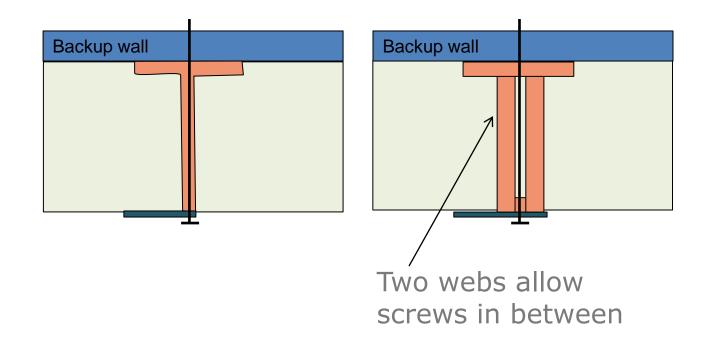
PROBLEM: ROTATION AT INNER LEG



Make inner leg on both sides

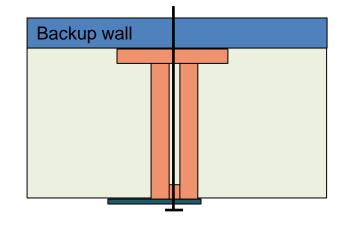


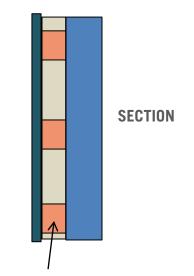
PROBLEM: INTERFERENCE BETWEEN SCREWS & WEB





PROBLEMS: COST OF CONTINUOUS MEMBER TOO HIGH THERMAL PERFORMANCE COULD BE BETTER

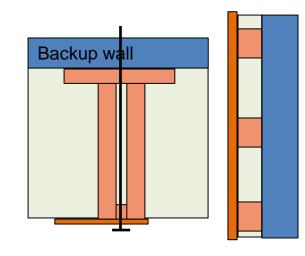


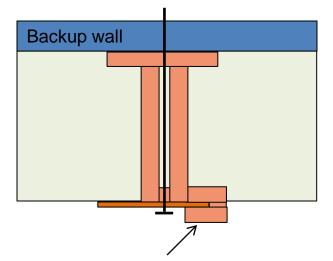


Make pieces intermittent



PROBLEMS: INCONVENIENT INSTALLATION (TOO MANY PIECES)

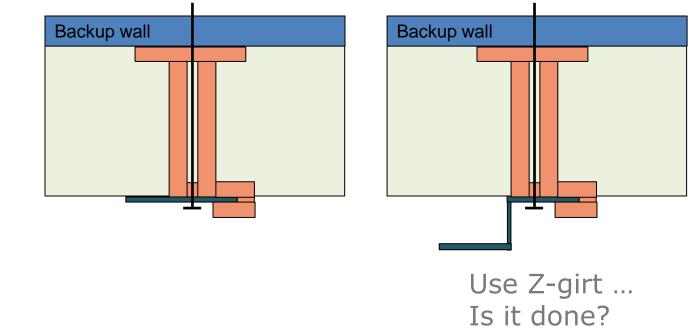




Provide retainer clip to clip pieces onto continuous steel



PROBLEMS: NEED EXTERIOR DRAINAGE CAVITY NEED STEEL TO BE MORE RIGID FOR CLADDING ATTACHMENT



THE CASCADIA CLIP

- Essentially a "thermal washer"
- Universal solution for almost **any cladding** (up to around 30 psf)
- For non-combustible construction



TESTING & EVALUATION

A manufacturer's tale of bringing innovation to the market

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ANALYSIS AND TESTING – FIRE PERFORMANCE

ENGINEERING ANALYSIS – FIRE PERFORMANCE:

Spacer is acceptable for use in:

A WALL REQUIRED TO BE BUILT OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING PERMITTED COMBUSTIBLE CLADDINGS (METAL COMPOSITE MATERIALS) ALSO, IN COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION (OBVIOUSLY)

Maintains the two code (and common sense) objectives, which are:

CANNOT ALTER INTENDED FIRE PERFORMANCE OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE WALL CLADDING MUST STAY-IN-PLACE EVEN IF THE COMPONENT IF DAMAGED

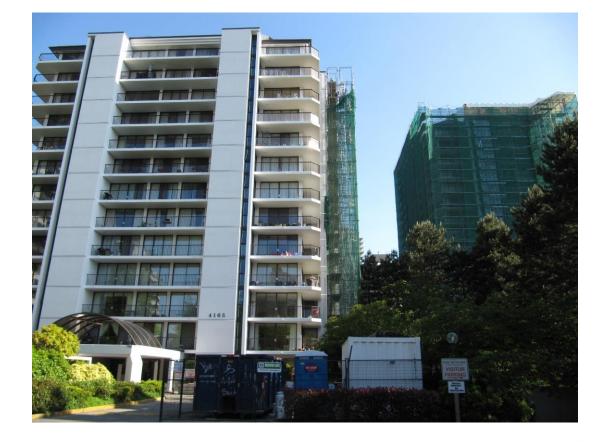
No.1 is clear by analysis, and can be further supported by testing

No.2 is clear by observation – direct fastening

CANADIAN CODE EVALUATION / COMPLIANCE

BURNABY

- Code appeal process
- BC Building and Safety Standards Branch published approval



CANADIAN CODE EVALUATION





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MINOR COMBUSTIBLE COMPONENT

Building Code Appeal Board

c/o Building and Safety Standards Branch PO Box 9844 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9T2

WORKS WITH ANY CLADDING TYPE







"IT'S A WASHER" OH YEAH... GREAT!

CODE COMPLIANCE: IAPMO-UES REPORT

THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION OF THE CASCADIA CLIP

APPROVES CLIP FOR USE IN IBC TYPES I, II, III, IV, AND V CONSTRUCTION

ICC-ES EQUIVALENT

LOOKS AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF DESIGN

ONLY CLIP SYSTEM WITH A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED THIRD PARTY CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT





NFPA 285 TEST FIRE PROPAGATION IN EXTERIOR WALL FULL-ASSEMBLY TEST

FIRE PERFORMANCE - TESTING







FIRE PERFORMANCE – NFPA 285 RESULTS

SOLID PASS WITH MCM PANELS





FIRE PERFORMANCE – NFPA 285 RESULTS

SOLID PASS WITH MCM PANELS





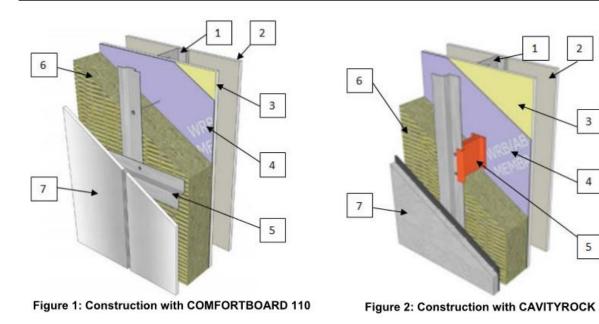
FOR FIRE PERFORMANCE

CONCLUSION: THE CLIP DOES... NOTHING AND THEREFORE CHANGES NOTHING.



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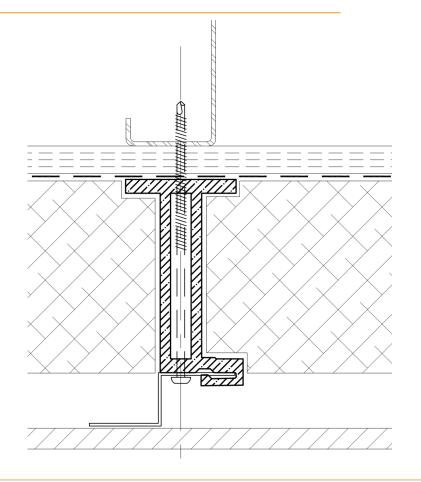
ROXUL Inc. Design No. RI/MFF 30-01 Mineral Wool Insulation CAVITYROCK and COMFORTBOARD 110 NFPA 285 – Meets Conditions of Acceptance





Valued Quality. Delivered.

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Noncombustible Construction

COMBUSTIBLE WINDOW FRAMES & SASHES



Combustible Window Frames and Sashes [3.1.5.4.(5)]

5) Combustible window sashes and frames are permitted in a building required to be of noncombustible construction provided

a) each window in an exterior wall face is an individual unit separated by noncombustible wall construction from every other opening in the wall,

b) windows in exterior walls in contiguous storeys are separated by not less than 1 m of noncombustible construction, and

c) the aggregate area of openings in an exterior wall face of a fire compartment is not more than 40% of the area of the wall face.

LMDG Comment: No restriction on building height or sprinkler protection...?



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Problems with [3.1.5.4.(5)]

- Individual unit separation..... no parameters provided except non-combustible construction,
- Vertical separation (1 m) to limit exposure to window frame above by non-combustible construction
- the area of opening is restricted to 40%, intent is unclear
 - no reference to suppression (building height, sprinklered, etc.)
 - no reference to combustibility of material (flames spread rating, performance criteria)
 - no reference to thermal barrier
 - no refer to spread to adjacent building



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Why 40%? response from NRC:

Your question:

Why is the aggregate areas of openings in an exterior wall face of a fire compartment restricted to not more than 40% of the area of the wall face, as opposed to 50% or 60%?

Codes Canada response:

Based on our archived information, there is no available rationale behind the selection of the 40% stated in Clause 3.1.5.4.(5)(c) of Division B of the National Building Code (NBC).

The 40% referenced in Clause 3.1.5.4.(5)(c) of Division B was introduced in the NBC 1965. The wording of the provision has been modified since NBC 1965, however, the 40% limitation has been retained.

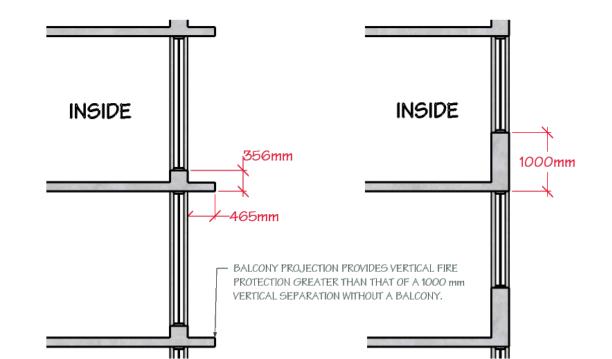
The original proposed revision modifying the provisions of the NBC 1960 was based on 30% of the area of the wall face. It is speculated that the original value of 30% was based in part on a traditional "punch hole" exterior wall treatment where 25% of the exterior wall has openings. However, after discussion by the Standing Committee on Use and Egress regarding this provision, the percentage of openings was increased to 40%. Unfortunately, information on the discussion is not available.



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1 m vertical Separation Examples that do not meet 3.1.5.4.(5)

PROPOSED FIBERGLASS WINDOW FRAMES vs TYPICAL CODE CONFORMING COMBUSTIBLE WINDOW FRAMES





FIRE PROTECTION & LIFE SAFETY SOLUTIONS

Intent and Objective

- F02 to limit the severity and effects of fire or explosions
- OP1.2/OS1.2 limit probability that as a result of the use of combustible window frames:
 - the building will be exposed to unacceptable risk of damage due to fire,
 - a person will be exposed to unacceptable risk of injury due to fire, and
 - what risks? due to spread of fire via frame or collapse of frame causing damage or injury.
- Opportunity to address via alternative solution

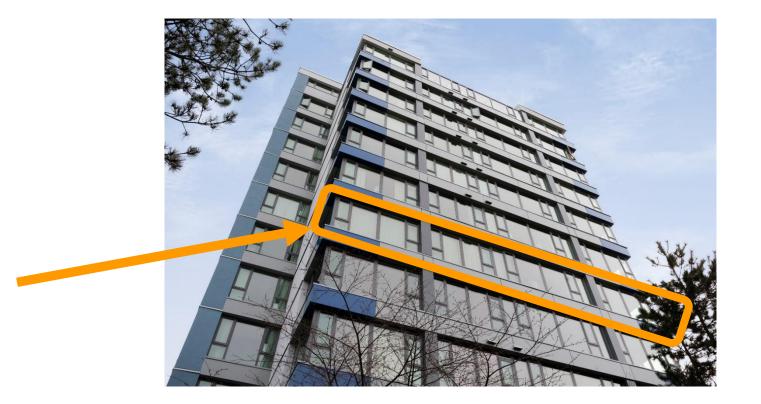
COMBUSTIBLE WINDOWS IN NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION

THE CODE ISSUE

BUILDING CODE SENTENCE 3.1.5.4.(5) (FROM BCBC, VBBL, AND NBC) LIMITS THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE WINDOWS IN BUILDINGS THAT ARE <u>REQUIRED TO</u> <u>BE BUILT OF NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION</u>; IT CONTAINS THREE REQUIREMENTS:

- each window in an exterior wall face is an individual unit separated by noncombustible wall construction from every other opening in the wall,
- windows in exterior walls in contiguous storeys are separated by not less than 1 m of noncombustible construction, and
- the aggregate area of openings in an exterior wall face of a fire compartment is not more than 40% of the area of the wall face.





WHERE ELSE?



THIS IS A SITUATION THAT DOES NOT EXIST IN OTHER ADVANCED WESTERN COUNTRIES.

NON-METAL WINDOWS ARE COMMON IN TALL BUILDINGS DUE TO ECONOMY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

CANADA



BUT, WHAT ABOUT...



WHY IS THIS CLAUSE SO RESTRICTIVE?

CLASSIFICATION OF WINDOW FRAMING MATERIALS ON THE BASIS OF "COMBUSTIBILITY" IS PROBLEMATIC.

IT DOES NOT DISTINGUISH :

- Does a material ignite readily?
- Does fire spread or diminish?
- Does it represent a lot of fuel vs. a little bit.







NO OTHER WESTERN JURISDICTION CLASSIFIES THE FIRE PERFORMANCE OF WINDOW FRAMING MATERIALS ON CRITERIA AS NARROW AS CAN/ULC-S114.

WHAT ABOUT THERMAL BREAKS IN ALUMINUM?

FOR SEVERAL DECADES, CODE REQUIRES THERMAL BREAKS IN METAL WINDOWS

ALL THERMAL BREAK MATERIALS ARE COMBUSTIBLE

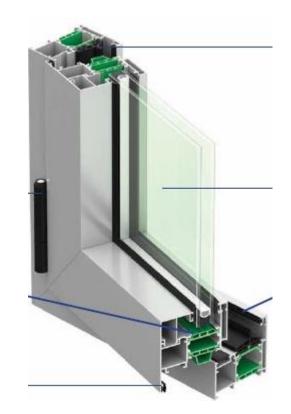
• All incapable of passing CAN/ULC-S114

ON THE BASIS OF THIS CODE-REQUIRED TEST, ALL WINDOW FRAMING SYSTEMS IN USE TODAY ARE COMBUSTIBLE.



CAN YOU SPOT THE CODE-COMPLIANT WINDOW?







IS THIS A REAL PROBLEM?

Sophisticated products need a more sophisticated evaluation criteria

The most energy efficient fenestration products in Canada today are wholly framed of PVC and Fiberglass

Causes diminishing effectiveness for energy conservation programs

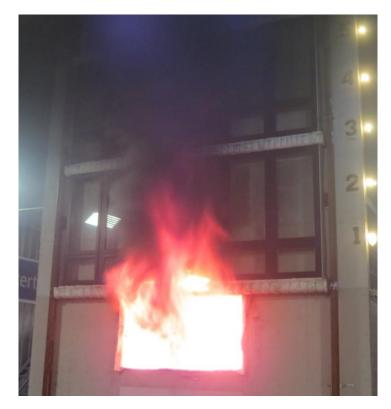
Need to modernize the code



EXPLORING A CODE CHANGE

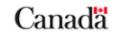
NATIONAL RESEARCH CANADA HAS PARTNERED WITH 10 WINDOW MANUFACTURERS TO STUDY COMBUSTIBLE WINDOWS.

- Lots of fire testing
- Including S134... three storey high
- Successful, positive results





National Research Council Canada recherches Canada



No specimen burning; just the test fuel.





S134 TESTING - FIBERGLASS



FIBERGLASS & ALUMINUM

BOTH PASSED BOTH SAFE





WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?



Total Quality. Assured.

Issue Date: November 2, 2017

Michael Bousfield Cascadia Windows Ltd. #101 – 5350B 27th Street Langley, BC V4W 0C1 Overall Results (Performance Criteria #1 and #2)

CAN/ULC-S134 RESULTS	MEASURED	MAXIMUM ALLOWED	MET PERFORMANCE
			CRITERIA?
Peak heat flux	26.15	35 kW/m ²	Yes
(one minute avg.)			
Maximum flame spread	3.5 m	5.0 m	Yes
(height above opening)			

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

IN CANADA: LMDG COMFORTABLE PREPARING ALTERNATE SOLUTION REPORTS FOR WINDOW WALL TYPE CONFIGURATIONS OF THE CASCADIA PRODUCT, BASED ON THIS TEST

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Planning and Development Services 515 West 10th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Z 4A8		Project have been tested to meet the nt No. 1 to this letter): pread more than 5 m above the opening
Attention: Building Policy Branch		t be more than 35 kW/m ² measured a
Dear Sir/Madam: RE: GENERIC ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION: COM HEATHER PLACE—BP-2017-00511 (BU 4657 733 WEST 14TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B	79)	e VBBL requirements for combustible rticle 3.1.5.5. and pose no greater rish proposed to permit the use of Cascadia e solution basis.
It is desired to utilize fibreglass (combustible) window of the exterior walls at MVHC Heather Place (Project) to Vancouver, BC. While the building permit was in By-law 2014 (VBBL), it is proposed to provide a generi window frames based on the provisions of the National While the VBBL permits up to 40% of an exterior was separated by noncombustible construction that are separ storeys, the NBC will allow combustible window frames	be located at 733 West 14th Avenue in ssued under the Vancouver Building alternative solution for the combustible Building Code of Canada 2020 (NBC), all to have combustible window frames ated by not less than 1 m in contiguous	igning in the space provided below and formation that you require at this time do not hesitate to contact our office.
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TIMELINE – ROAD TO THE NEW NORMAL

BEFORE THE RESEARCH AND TESTING

ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS

Varying success, depending on jurisdiction give-and-take approach on technical items

AFTER THE S134 TEST

ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS BECOME STANDARDIZED FOR SOME SUPPLIERS Should be more widely/easily accepted

WE ARE HERE NOW:

THE CODE-CHANGE IS NOW ACCEPTED FOR

THE UPCOMING 2020 NBC

ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS (AS) REFERENCE FUTURE CODE CONFORMANCE AND SUCCESSFUL TEST Documents have become "cookie-cutter"

AFTER NBC 2020 ADOPTION IN PROVINCES

CANADA CATCHES UP TO THE REST OF THE WORLD

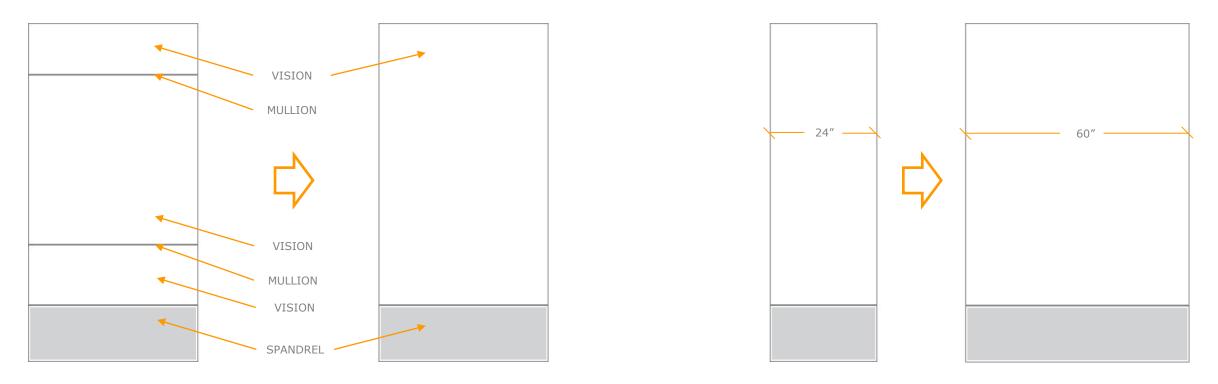
THE NEW NORMAL

3.1.5.4.(5) *COMBUSTIBLE* WINDOW SASHES AND FRAMES ARE PERMITTED IN A *BUILDING* REQUIRED TO BE OF *NONCOMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION* PROVIDED THEY ARE VERTICALLY NON-CONTIGUOUS BETWEEN STORIES.





Cost savings options when designing window configurations?



What color options exist for fiberglass windows?

- Unlimited custom color options
- 10 standard colors
- AAMA 625 performance
- Dual color frames available
- Non-toxic, waterborne paint manufactured in North America

STANDARD WINDOW COLORS Update 2020



What's the relative cost compared to aluminum & vinyl windows?







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ABOUT CASCADIA WINDOWS & DOORS



FIBERGLASS PUNCH WINDOWS & DOORS



OUR PRODUCTS



FIBERGLASS STRIP WINDOWS





FIBERGLASS Storefront Glazing

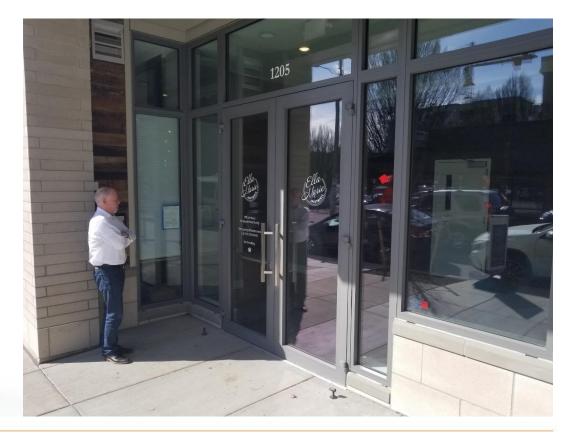






FIBERGLASS Storefront Doors







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FIBERGLASS WINDOW WALL

OUR PRODUCTS



FIBERGLASS THERMAL SPACER – CASCADIA CLIP®



KEY TAKE-AWAYS

GREAT FIBERGLASS WINDOWS CAN MAKE BIG BUILDINGS LESS EXPENSIVE TO BUILD

YOU CAN USE FIBERGLASS WINDOWS ON BIG BUILDINGS

FIBERGLASS WINDOWS CAN DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE A BUILDING'S THERMAL PERFORMANCE, AND REDUCE ENERGY NEEDS

CASCADIA'S PRICING AND LEAD TIMES HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER







