

# FCIA Webinar Series

## Firestopping DIIM

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# FCIA – Firestop Contractors International Association

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- **Fire Exits??**
- **Housekeeping....Phones, Hands off Keyboard!**
- **Thanks to FCIA Members**
  - Firestop Contractors
  - Manufacturers, Consultants
  - Firestop Distributors, Reps, Friends
- **FREE PDF MOP/ Word Doc Spec - Specifiers @ AE, Independents, AHJ's with Jurisdictions, More**

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- **FREE Life Safety Digest**
- **UL/ULC, FM 4991 Contractor Programs, IAS AC 291 Inspection Agency Accreditation Program, Individual Knowledge**
- **ASTM Inspection Standards**
- **Tools @ FCIA.org** for Specifiers, AHJ's, Building Owners, Firestop Contractors & Inspection Agencies
- **Watch FCIA.org for Webinar Announcements!**



# FCIA Actions - 2021

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- Conferences - HYBRID
  - FCIA FIC @ San Diego – Nov. 2-5
- Webinars & Symposiums
- Code Development & Standards Discussions
- Committee Action
- International Discussions
- ***NEW Education for Careers in Firestopping!!***
  - ***FCIA's FCAEP – Check it out!***

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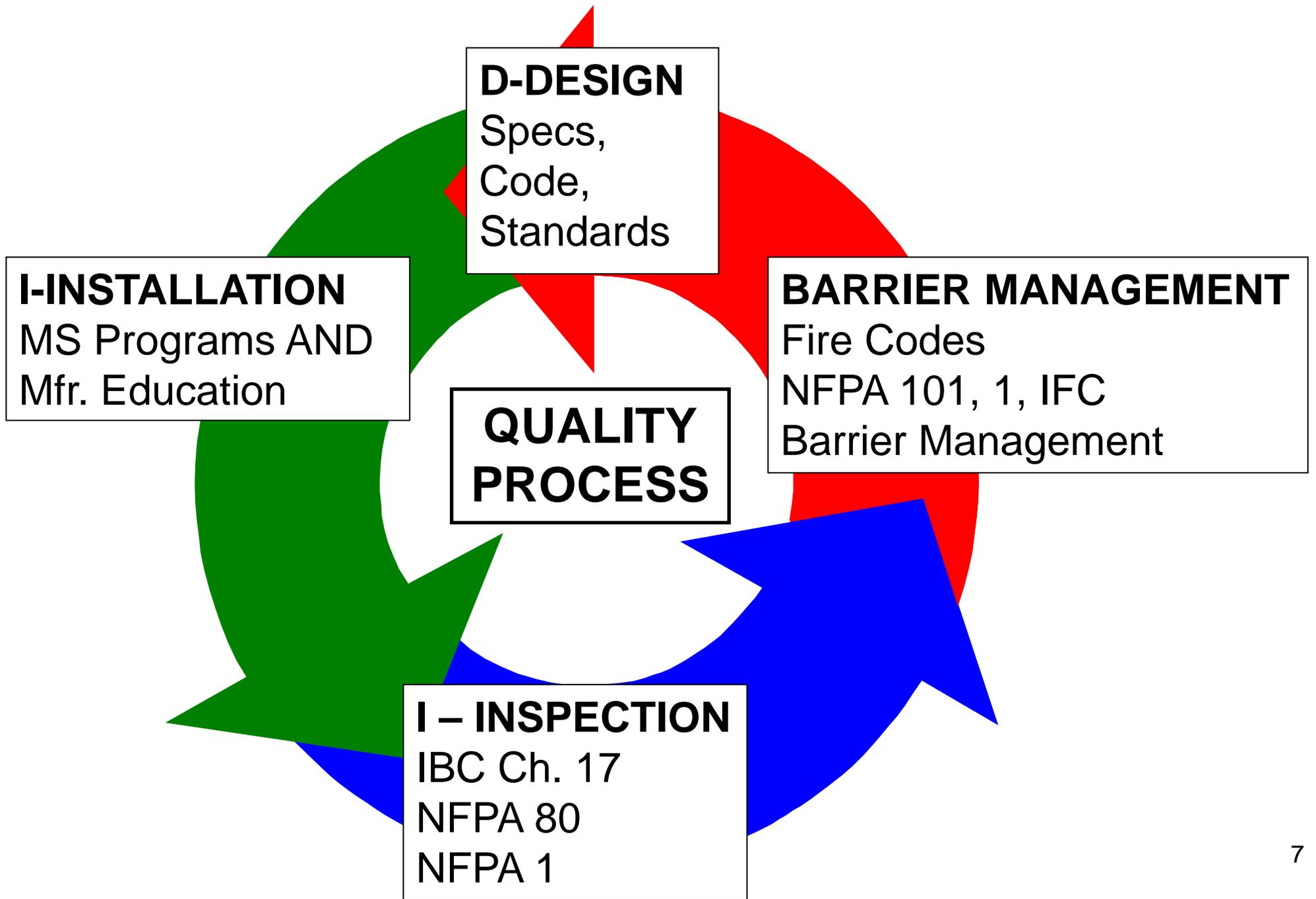


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# Outline

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- FCIA – DIIM – Firestopping
  - Design – Specs, Codes, Testing, Products
  - Installation –
    - FM 4991, UL/ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Programs
  - Inspection –
    - ASTM E2174 / E2393 Inspection Standards
    - IAS AC 291, Inspector Qualifications
  - Maintain Protection – Fire Codes; Barrier Management
  - Firestopping for Safety –
    - Repairs??



# “DIIM” – Design, Install, Inspect, Maintain

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- Fire Resistance & Smoke Resistant Firestopping
  - Properly *Designed* Building Codes
    - FCIA - 07-84-00 – Specification – **CCS**
    - **Tested and Listed Systems** –
    - ASTM E814, UL 1479, ASTM E1966, UL 2079, E2307, E2837, E3037
    - **Movement, (M) Smoke (L), Water (W)**
  - Professional *Installation* –
    - FCIA Member, ULC Qualified Contractors, FM 4991 Approved
  - Properly *Inspected* –
    - ASTM E2174 / E2393, by IAS AC 291 Agencies, ULC, IFC, FM Exams
  - **Protection Maintained** – Annually – by FCIA Members

# Barrier Continuity SYSTEMS

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- **Products Become Systems – Test Standards**
  - **Fire & Smoke Barriers – Fire Separations**
    - ASTM E119, UL 263
  - **Firestopping –**
    - UL 1479, ASTM E814, UL 2079, E1966, E2307, E2837, E3037...test methods...”
  - **Swinging/Rolling Fire Doors – UL 10B & UL 10C....NFPA 252**
  - **Fire Rated Glazing – UL 9, NFPA 257, UL 263, ASTM E119**
  - **Fire/Smoke Dampers – UL 555, UL 555S, UL 555C**
- **SYSTEM Testing = Suitability Statement**



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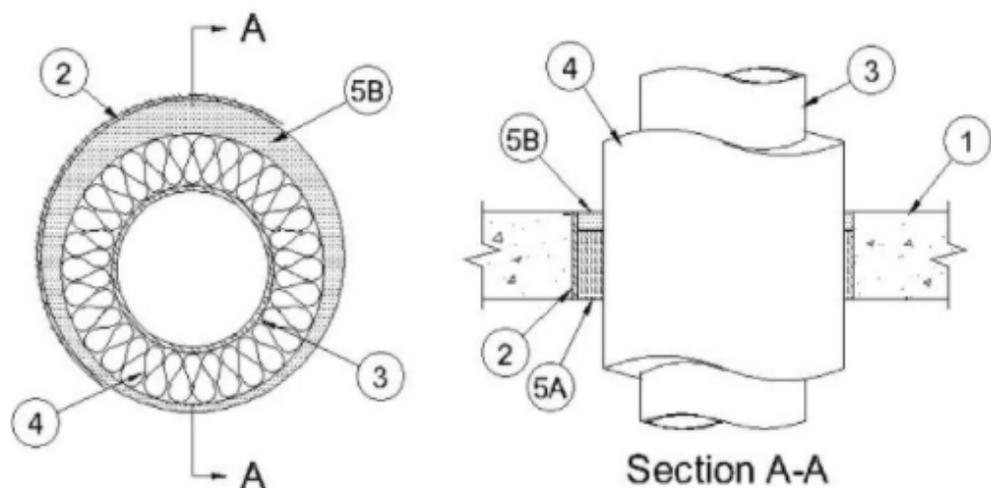


**Possible UL  
System Nos.:  
C-AJ-5138,  
C-AJ-5209,  
W-J-5091,  
Etc.**

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**F Ratings — 1 and 2 Hr (See Item 3)**

**T Ratings — 0, 3/4 and 1 Hr (See Item 4)**



1. **Floor or Wall Assembly** — Min 2-1/2 in. (64 mm) thick reinforced lightweight or normal weight (100-150 pcf or 1600 - 2400 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) concrete floors or min 3 in. (76 mm) thick reinforced lightweight or normal weight concrete walls. Wall may also be constructed of any UL Classified **Concrete Blocks\***. Max diam of opening 9 in. (229 mm).

See **Concrete Blocks** (CAZT) category in the Fire Resistance Directory for names of manufacturers.

2. **Steel Sleeve** — (Optional) - Nom 9 in. (229 mm) diam (or smaller) Schedule 10 (or heavier) steel sleeve cast or grouted into floor or wall assembly. Steel sleeve may be installed flush or may project max 2 in. (51mm) beyond the floor or wall surfaces. As an alternate, nom 9 in. (229 mm) diam (or smaller) sleeve fabricated from nom 0.019 in. (0.48 mm) thick galv steel cast or grouted into floor or wall assembly flush with floor or wall surfaces.

3. **Through Penetrants** — One metallic pipe to be installed concentrically or eccentrically within opening. Penetrant to be rigidly supported on both sides of floor or wall assembly. The following types and sizes of metallic pipes may be used:

A. **Steel Pipe** — Nom 4 in. (102 mm) diam (or smaller) Schedule 10 (or heavier) steel pipe.

B. **Iron Pipe** — Nom 4 in. (102 mm) diam (or smaller) cast or ductile iron pipe.

C. **Copper Tubing** — Nom 2 in. (51 mm) diam (or smaller) Type L (or heavier) copper tubing.

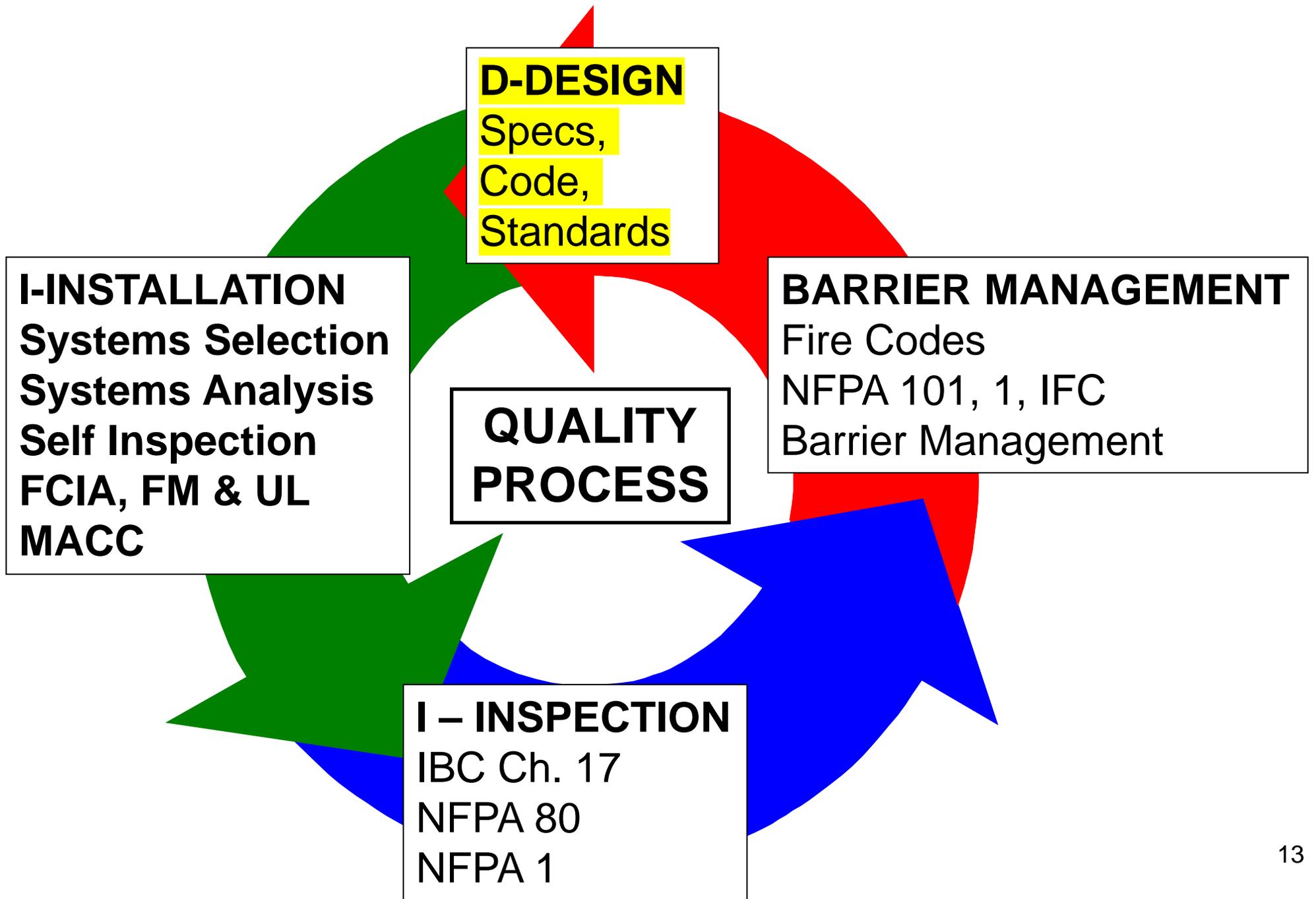
D. **Copper Pipe** — Nom 2 in. (51 mm) diam (or smaller) Regular (or heavier) copper pipe.

**F Rating is 2 Hr for Penetrants A and B. F Rating is 1 Hr for Penetrants C and D.**

4. **Pipe Covering\*** — Nom 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) thick (or less) hollow cylindrical heavy density glass fiber units jacketed on the outside with an all service jacket. Longitudinal joints sealed with metal fasteners or factory-applied self-sealing lap tape. Transverse joints secured with metal fasteners or with butt tape supplied with product. Annular space between the pipe covering and periphery of opening or sleeve shall be min 1/2 in. to max 1 in. (13 mm to 25 mm).

See **Pipe and Equipment Covering - Materials** - (BRGU) category in the Building Materials Directory for names of manufacturers. Any pipe covering material meeting the above specifications and bearing the UL Classification Marking with a Flame Spread Index of 25 or less and a smoke Developed Index of 50 or less may be used.

**T Rating is 3/4 Hr for nom 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) thick pipe covering for penetrants A and B. T Rating is 1 Hr for nom 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) thick pipe covering for Penetrants C and D. T Rating is 0 Hr for all Penetrants when pipe coverings less than nom 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) thick.**

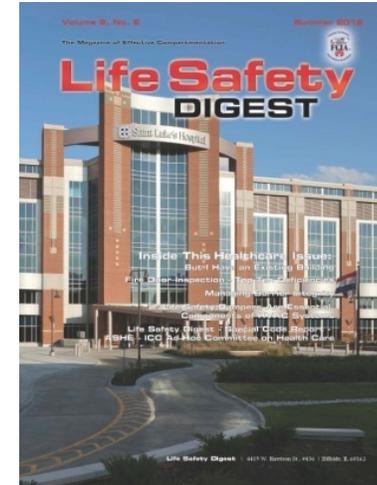


# Specs – Keys to Safety

## New & Existing Buildings - Maintain Protection

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- **NEW Buildings – 07-84-00 Specs**
  - [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org)
- **Part I – Products...but**
  - **Systems**
  - **Product Properties**
  - **Manufacturers**
- **“Single Manufacturer to the greatest extent possible” – EJ/EFRRRA’s**



# Specs – Key Parts Relating to Installation

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- **NEW Buildings – 07-84-00 Specs**
  - **www.FCIA.org**
- **Part II– Contractor/Installer Qualifications**
  - **FCIA Member in Good Standing, AND**
  - **FM 4991, Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors, OR**
  - **UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program**
  - **AND**
  - **Manufacturer Accredited, Approved, Trained**

# Specs – Key Parts Relating to Inspection

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- **NEW Buildings – 07-84-00 Specs**
  - [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org)
- **Part II – Qualifications – Special Inspection**
  - **Special Inspection Agency –**
    - **IAS AC 291 Accredited Special Inspection Agencies**
  - **Special Inspector Qualifications**
    - **FM Firestop Exam**
    - **UL Firestop Exam**
      - **AND**
    - **IFC Exam**

# Specs – Key Parts Relating to Execution

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- **NEW Buildings – 07-84-00 Specs**
- **Part III – Execution**
  - **Special Inspection**
    - **ASTM E2174 – Penetrations**
    - **ASTM E2393 – Joints**

# Specs – Don't Forget Division 1 Documentation **for Building Life Cycle**

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- **Reference 01-78-00 Closeout Submittals**
  - **01 78 29 Final Site Survey**
  - **01 78 33 Bonds**
  - **01 78 36 Warranties**
  - **01 78 39 Project Record Documents**
  - **01 78 43 Spare Parts**
  - **01 78 46 Extra Stock Materials**
  - **01 78 53 Sustainable Design Closeout Documentation**

# Building & Fire Code Requirements

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- International Codes –
  - New and Existing Buildings International Building Code – Chapter 7
  - International Fire Code – Chapter 7
- NFPA 5000 – 101 – Chapter 8
- National Building Code of Canada
- UAE Fire and Life Safety Code Other Worldwide Codes
- ***Minimum requirements - Construction & Maintaining Protection***

# Building & Fire Code Requirements

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- Fire-Resistance Rated Barriers – Defined Terms
  - *Exterior Walls*
  - *Fire Walls*
  - *Fire Barriers*
  - *Fire Partitions (Not in NFPA)*
  - *Smoke Barriers*
  - *Smoke Partitions*
  - *Archaic Assemblies*

# Existing Buildings

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- **Archaic Assemblies**
  - **Clay Tile Block**
  - **Gypsum Block**
  - **Plaster**
  - **Clay Tile/Concrete**
  - **Unidentified Assemblies**
- **Tested ... Calculated ... Prescriptive**

# Smoke Barriers & Firestopping

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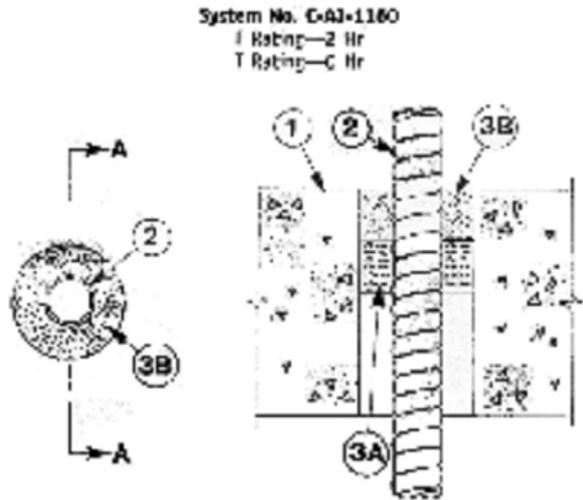
- Smoke Barriers differ from Smoke Partitions?
  - **Smoke Barrier** –
    - **IBC** – Hourly Rated, Quantified Firestop “L” Rating
      - < 5 cfm/sf (IBC 2006)
      - < 50 cfm, 100 sf of Wall Area (IBC 2009)
    - **NFPA** – ... ‘restricting the passage of smoke’...
      - Hourly Rated, Quantified Firestop L Rating Chapter 8
      - NO quantified “L” Rating ... Healthcare Chapter
      - Continuous, Barrier to Barrier, ... through concealed spaces
      - Not always fire-resistance-rated
  - **Smoke Partition** –
    - **IBC** – Continuous barrier, not fire rated... ‘retard’
    - **NFPA** – Continuous membrane that is designed to form a barrier to *limit the transfer of smoke*....

# Continuity

## Effective Compartmentation Features



# Firestopping for Continuity I – Classified Systems

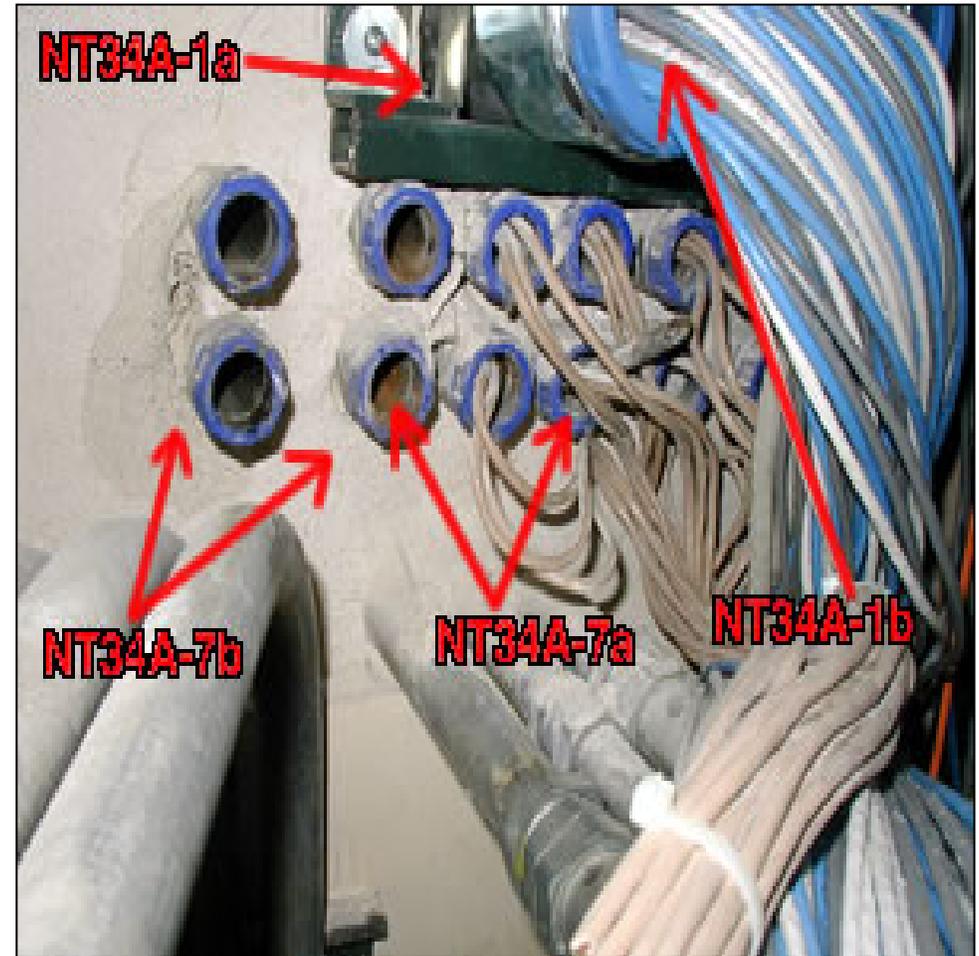


SECTION A-A

1. Floor or Wall Assembly—Min. 4-1/2 in. thick lightweight or normal weight (1100 to 150 pcf) concrete. Will may also be constructed of any A Classified Concrete Blocks\*. Size of rim or through opening in floor or wall assembly to be 1/2 in. to 1-1/2 in. larger than diam of flexible metal conduit (Item 2) installed in through opening. Max diam of opening is 6 in. See Concrete Block (CA2) category in the Fire Resistance Directory for names of manufacturers.
2. Through Penetrating Product\*\*—Max 4 in. diam (or smaller) size, or max 3/4 in. diam (or smaller) diameter flexible metal conduit. Max one flexible metal conduit to be installed rear center of circular through opening in floor or wall assembly. Flexible metal conduit to be rigidly supported on both sides of floor or wall assembly.
3. Packing Material—Nom 1 in. thickness of ceramic (aluminum silicate) fiber blanket or mineral wool batt insulation firmly pressed into opening on a permanent form. Packing material to be recessed min. 1 in. from top surface of floor or from both surfaces of wall.
4. FILL Void or Cavity Material\*\*—Gauze—Applied to fill the annular space around the flexible metal conduit. In floors, a min 2 in. depth of fill material to be installed flush with top surface of floor. In walls, a min 1 in. depth of fill material to be installed flush with wall surface on both sides of wall assembly.

Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.—TF 27406

\*Rating the UL Classified Packing  
©Rating the UL Listing Mark



# Firestopping for Continuity

## Products become **SYSTEMS** Based on Testing

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- **‘Field Erected Construction...Tested to...’**
  - Standards –UL 1479, ASTM E814, UL 2079, ASTM E1966, ASTM E2837, ASTM E2307, FM 4990
  - F Rating – Flame
  - T Rating – Temperature
  - L Rating – Smoke
  - W Rating – Water
  - M Rating – Movement



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# Conditions of Acceptance

## F Rating

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- Passage of Flame
- Hose Stream

# Conditions of Acceptance

## T Rating

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- Passage of Flame
- 325°F (180°C) Temperature Rise
- Hose Stream

# L Rating (Optional)

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- Air Leakage Rate at Ambient Temperature
- Air Leakage Rate at 400°F (204°C)

# W Rating (Optional)

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- Optional program, applicable to incidental water
- 3 Ft. WC (0.91 M WC) Pressure Head / 72 Hr Exposure
- Firestop subjected to water exposure, followed by standard fire and hose stream tests
- Firestop systems assigned a W Rating

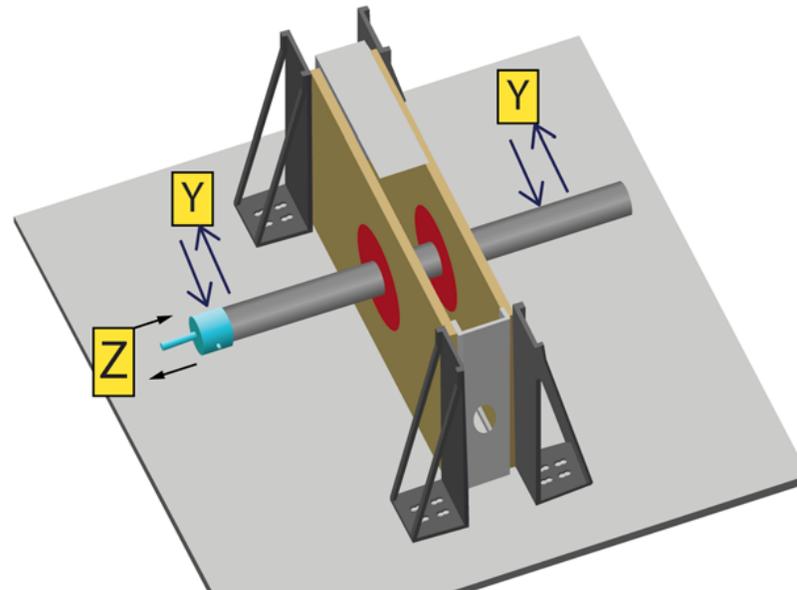
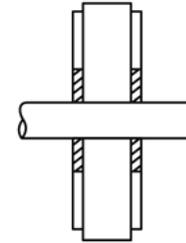
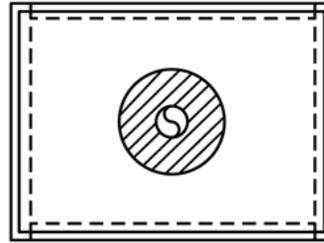
# M Rating (Optional)

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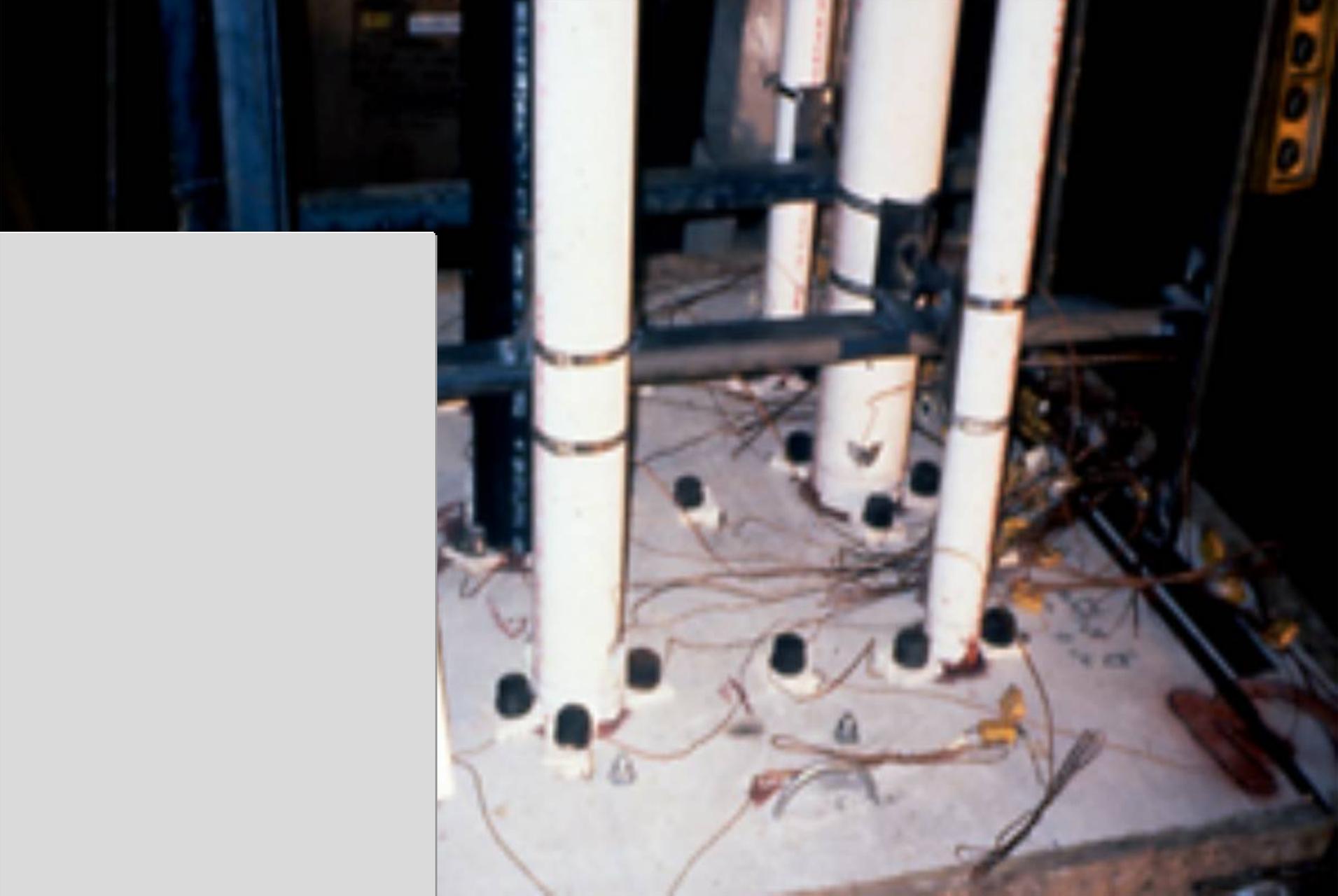
- Applicable to movement of penetrating item/Assembly
- Penetrating item move perpendicular and/or in plane of barrier - ASTM E3037
- After movement, fire and hose stream test
- Firestop systems - M Rating
  - Rating within plane based on percentage of annular space
  - Rating perpendicular to barrier based on dimension

# M Rating (Optional – ASTM Image)

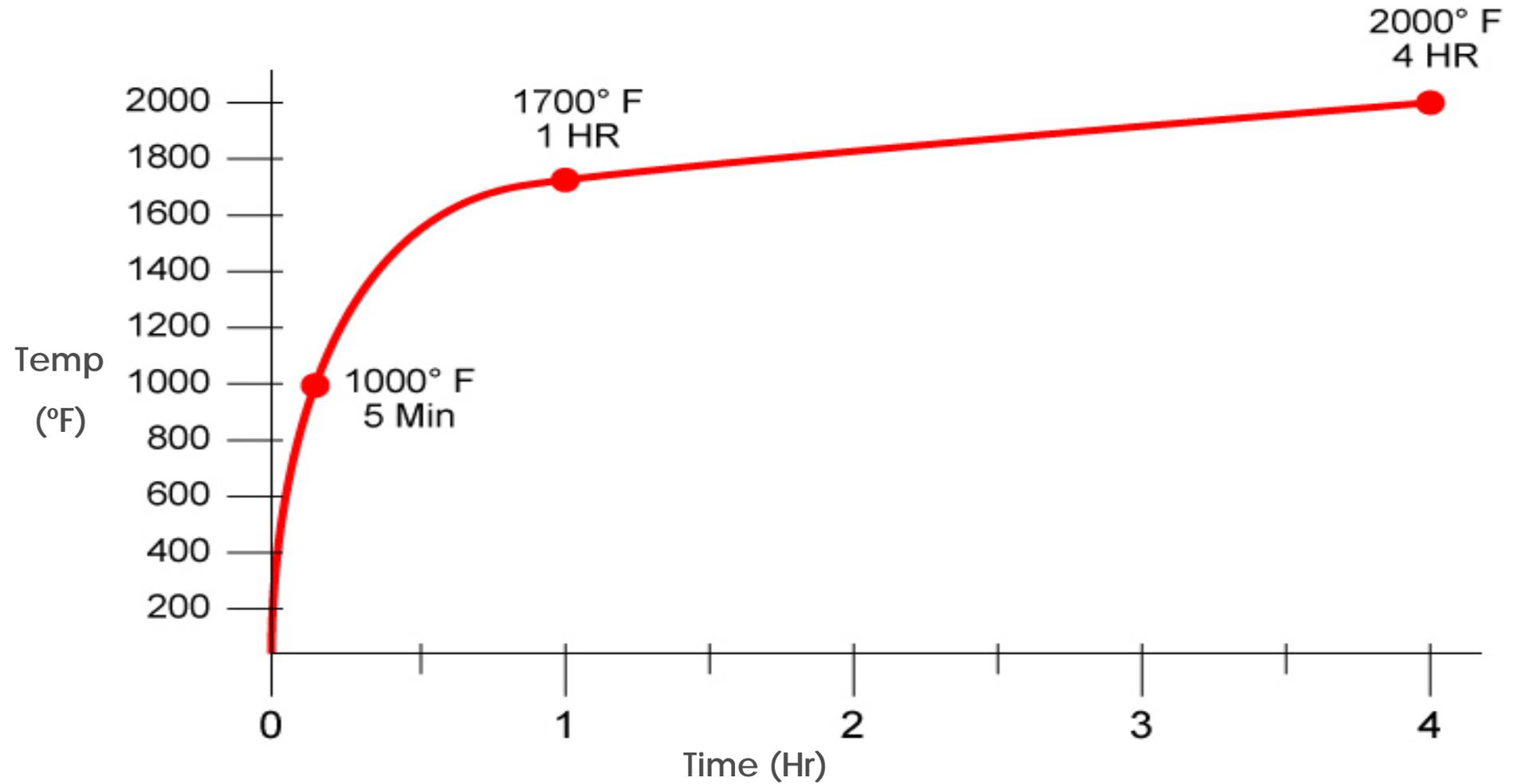
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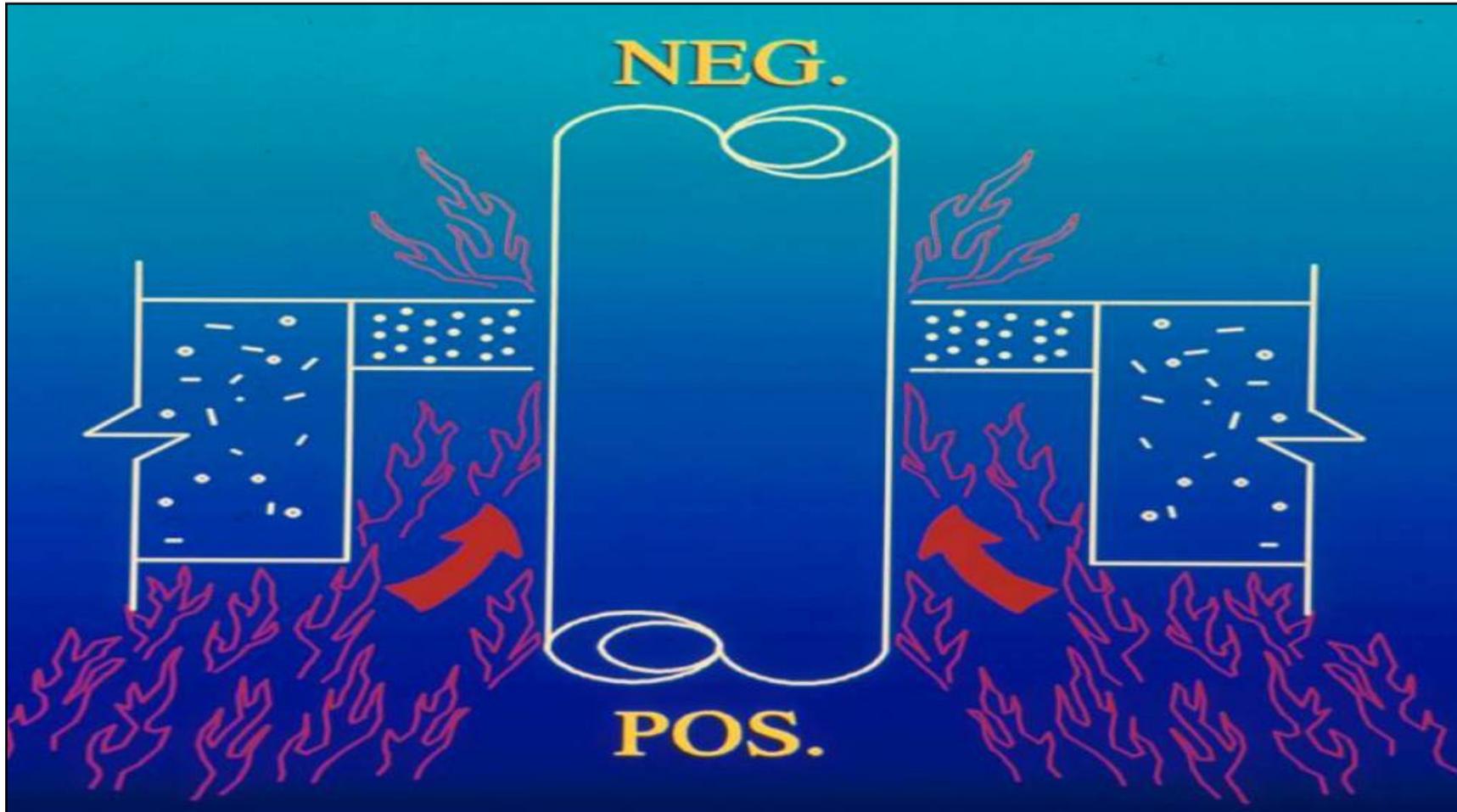
# Pre-Test View – Top, Concrete Assy.



# Time-Temperature Curve



# Positive Furnace Pressure





**Post-Test View – Under Assembly**

# Hose Stream Test

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# Building & Fire

## Worldwide Code Requirements

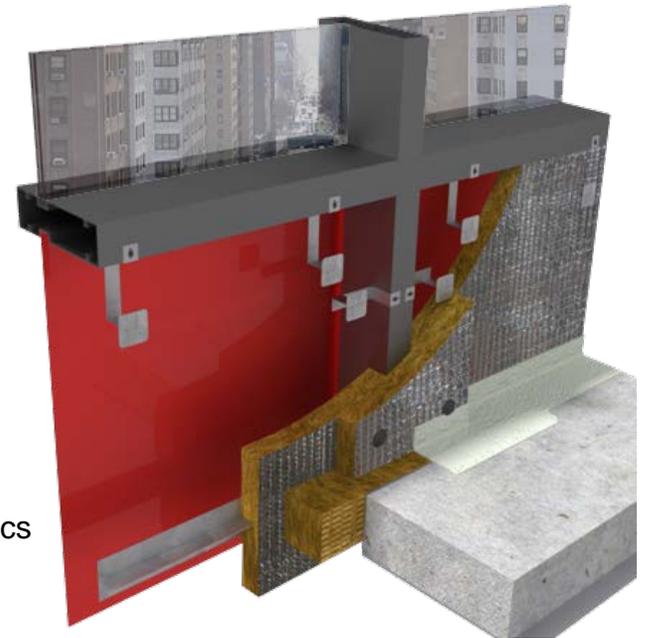
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- *Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Explosion, Germ, etc.*
  - Standards?
    - C – Which Chemicals? Check with manufacturer
    - B – Which Agents? Check with manufacturer
    - R – Nuclear Power Plant Standards? Check with manufacturer.
    - E – Blast Strength? Check with manufacturer
    - G – Germ – Check with manufacturer & industrial hygienist
  - How to Regulate for Unexpected Events?
  - Due Diligence - Review Required by code?

# IBC & Curtain Walls

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- **ASTM E2307**
- **Prevent Fire Spread – Interior Safing Slot**
  - Interior Flame
  - Exterior Flame Plume from Window
  - Time & Temperature
  - Tested Systems....
- **Leapfrog Testing - ASTM E2874**



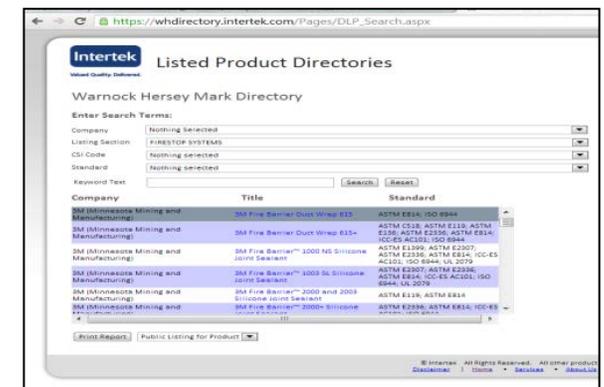
OCF/Thermafiber Graphics

# Barrier Continuity Products become SYSTEMS

- Fire Rated Systems Directories –
  - FM Approvals
  - Intertek
  - UL/ULC Product iQ Online Directory



*Systems Selection & Analysis...Not as easy as it looks...*



# Engineering Judgments/EFRRRA

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- Field or other Variances to Tested and Listed Systems?
  - No System Exists, period....
- Why???
  - Lack of Planning
  - Unique Conditions



J. Sharp – ProFirestop Photo



C. Zussman – Pepper Photo

# Engineering Judgments/EFRRA

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- Variances to Systems at Site? – Now What...
  - **First Action in Process**
    - Find another system – Same Manufacturer
    - Find another system – Different Manufacturer
    - If no system exists in either case....
  - **Second Action –**
    - *Engineering Judgment* – “EJ”
    - *Equivalent Fire Resistance Rated Assembly* – “EFRRA”
  - ***Based on engineering, IFC Protocol***

# Engineering Judgments/EFRRA

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International Firestop Council – Manufacturers – [www.firestop.org](http://www.firestop.org)

## *IFC Guidelines for Evaluating Engineering Judgment Guidelines*

**‘Construction industry professionals, building officials, fire officials, firestop contractors and other stakeholders need appropriate guidelines for evaluating and using such judgments.’**

As such, IFC developed *Recommended IFC Guidelines for Evaluating Firestop Systems in Engineering Judgments*.

# Engineering Judgments/EFRRA

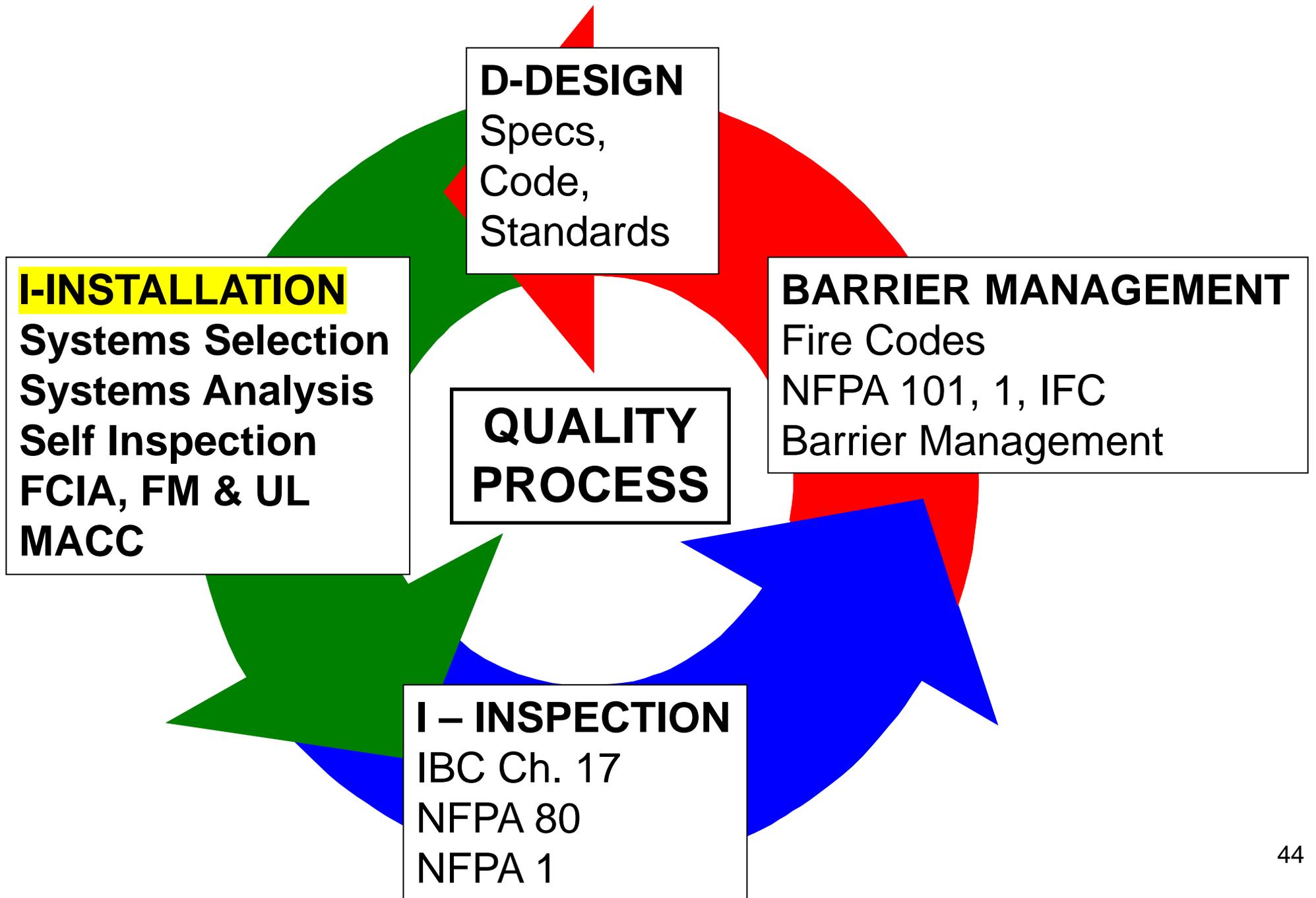
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## IFC EJ Guidelines for the Evaluation ...

### Engineering Judgments for firestop systems should:

- Not a substitute for existing designs
- Emphasizes importance of tested designs
- Should be issued only by those who know the components
- Based on sound engineering practices and knowledge of performance of the designs
- Based on interpolation of previous testing
- Issued only for a specific jobsite
- Presented in clear detail





# How do Contractors Select/Analyze Systems & Inspection Agencies Analyze?

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- Wall or Floor Construction Type, Rating
- Wall or Floor Thickness
- Penetrating Item, Coverings
- Size, Type, Thickness
- Annular Space, Joint, Breach Sizes
- Packing/Damming/Backing Materials
- Fill Material(s)

**= *Rated Firestop System***

***Manufacturers Instructions, Tested and Listed Designs***



STI Graphic

# FIRESTOP SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Firestop Sealant & MW installed to Tested and Listed  
System Limits = **Firestop System**

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Pack

1



Apply Sealant

2



Tool/Smooth

3

Walls - BOTH SIDES

# Joints and Voids Head-of-Wall

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Firestop Solutions Photo

# Joints and Voids I-Beam to Fluted Deck

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Firestop Solutions Photo

# Sleeved Pipes

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# Fire/Smoke Dampers & Firestops

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- Dampers - UL 555, 555S
  - Listings – **Systems**
  - Installed to manufacturer's written instructions
  - Systems – Angles...no sealants required
- Firestop sealants – UL 1479, ASTM E814
  - Improper hole sizing or poor installation...

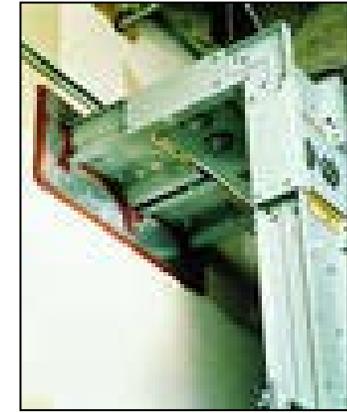
Consult the Damper  
Manufacturer & the  
Authority Having  
Jurisdiction

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# Firestopping for Continuity – Firestop Products

- Sealants
  - Silicone, Latex, Intumescent
- Wrap Strips
  - “Thick, Thin, Wide, Less Wide”
- Putties
- Pillows
- Composite Sheets
- Bricks / Plugs
- Pre Fabricated Kits
- Mortar
- Spray Products
- Tapes



# Review of UL Firestop and Joint Systems on UL Product iQ

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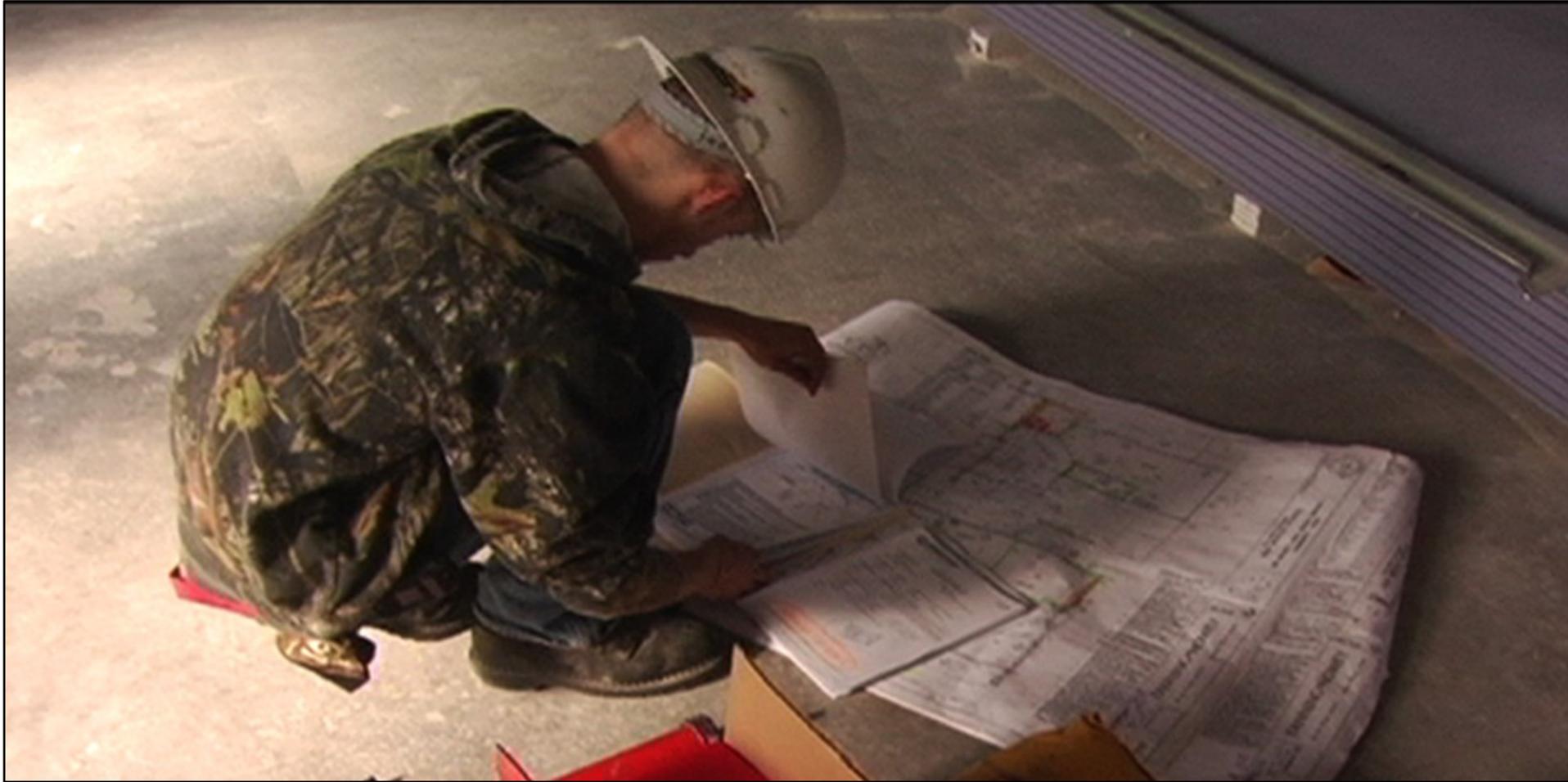
- Review:

- U410 W-L-2154
- C-AJ-1155 W-L-5001
- C-AJ-3314 BW-S-0002
- C-AJ-4036 FF-D-1001
- C-AJ-8001 HW-D-0221
- W-L-1137 CW-D-1046
- W-L-2030

# Barrier Continuity

## I – Installation – Listed Systems

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# 3 Firestop Installation Methods

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- **Each Trade**
  - “He/She who pokes hole, fills hole”
- **Multiple Contracts**
  - Firestop Contractors, Trades
- **Single Source Firestop Contractor**
  - *FCIA Member in Good Standing*
  - *FM 4991, UL, ULC Qualified*

# Installation – Who?

- Firestopping wrong, missing
- Systems Documentation?
- As Built Documentation??

***Conclusion –  
Without Single Firestop Installation  
Contractor....***

***Fire & life safety risks***



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# Why Contractor Qualifications?

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- **Firestopping** Ratings - F, T, L, W, M
- **Zero Tolerances?**
  - Annular Space Sizes, Gap Sizes
- **Product Properties**
  - Movement
  - Compatibility
  - Storage, Application, Curing Temps
- **SYSTEMS DOCUMENTATION**

# Spec Contractor Qualifications

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- **FM 4991 – Standard for the Approval of Firestop Contractors**
- **UL Qualified Firestop Contractors**
- **Other Industries???**
- ***FM 4991 / UL-ULC CONTRACTORS UNDERSTAND SYSTEMS, INVENTORY – DOCUMENTATION***



# Why Contractor Qualifications?

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- **Built right the first time...**
- **Documentation = Inventory**
- **Fire-Resistance SYSTEMS Selection**
- **SYSTEMS Analysis & As Builts**
  - F, T, L, W, M Rated Systems
  - Tolerances - Annular Space Sizes, Angles
  - Gap Sizes - Undercuts - Framing
  - Anchors - Spacing – Hardware
  - Closers - Activation Sensors, more...

# FM 4991 & ULC QFC

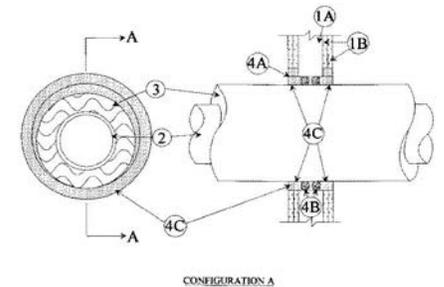
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- **ULC Firestop Exam @ 80% min.**
- **Management System (MS) Written**
- **MS Procedures implemented**
- **Audit**
  - Contractor Office – Records & Documents
  - Jobsite – Observation, possible destructive
- **DRI – Appointed by Contractor, CEU's**
- **Listed @ [www.FCIA.org](http://www.FCIA.org) & [www.UL.com](http://www.UL.com)**

# Management System & Audit – UL, FM 4991

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- Facility Tour
- Review MS Manual
- Construction Document Requirements and Review
  - **Systems Selection & Analysis**
- Procurement
- Storage, Handling, Preservation and Delivery
- Labeling
- Installation, Application and Field Quality Assurance Procedures
  - **Systems Installation, Self Inspection/Survey**



# ***Management System & Audit – UL, FM 4991***

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- **Inspection, Testing and Calibration**
  - **Tape Measures**
- **Control of Nonconforming Product**
- **Training and Qualification of Staff**
  - **DRI's, Workforce**
- **Corrective/Preventive Action**
- **Quality System Monitoring and Improvement**
- **Documentation and Record Keeping**
  - **7 years**

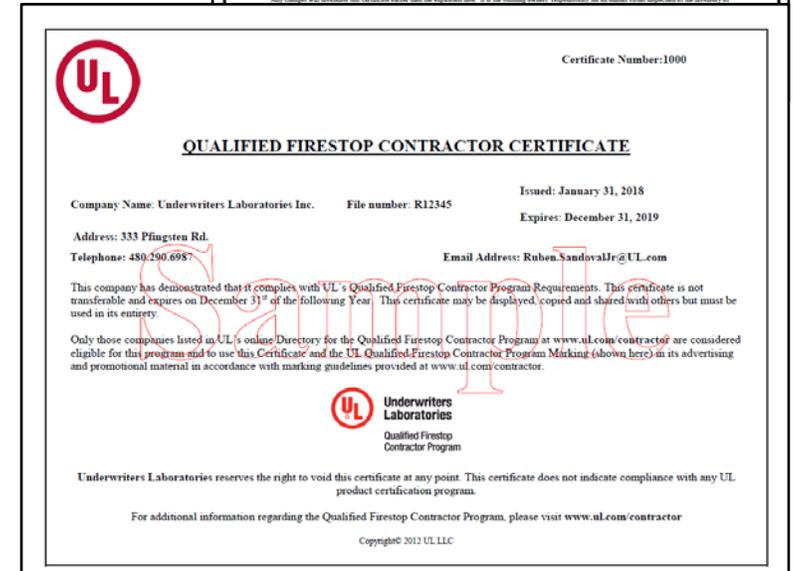
# Master Audit Certificate of Compliance Program

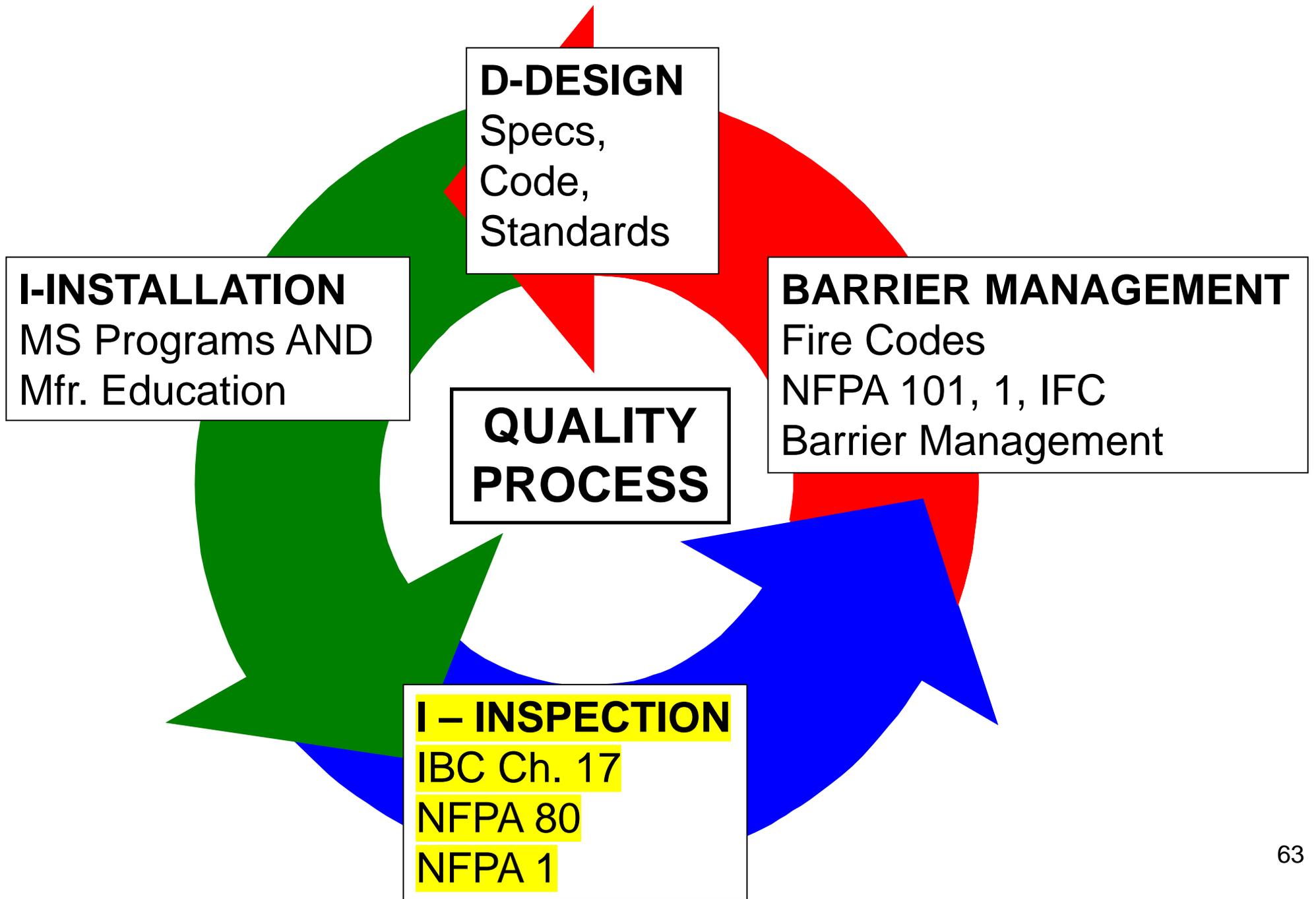
A **Jobsite Specific Management System Audit** – Our audit provides verified processes were followed to properly installed firestop systems.

A **Renewable Jobsite Specific Certificate** – After completion of a successful audit, we issue a jobsite specific certificate that is renewable for the building owner.

Improved Firestop Systems Documentation – The MACC certificate in conjunction with the firestop systems documentation, **builds the fire-resistance inventory required by the 2018 International Fire Code** for fire and smoke protection features.

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# Firestop & Inspection

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- ASTM E2174 / ASTM E2393 – *“Inspection Process”*



# I – Inspection – Options

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- **Contractor Self Inspection**
  - Verify Management System validity
  - Not 2%, 10%
  - Required for FM & UL, ULC Contractors
- **Manufacturer Inspection**
  - Does not exist ... Survey, maybe
- **ASTM E2174 & ASTM E2393**
  - Independent 3<sup>rd</sup> Party
  - Destructive, Non Destructive
  - Specified Frequency

# I – Inspection – Scope

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- **ASTM E2174 & ASTM E2393**
  - Firestopping
- Other Scopes—Possibilities for IA's
  - Walls, Horizontal Assemblies
  - Fire Dampers
  - Fire Rated Glazing
  - Fire Doors

# National Fire Protection Association

## NFPA 1 – 2018

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- 12.3.2.1 ... Penetrations ... shall be inspected in accordance with **ASTM E2174 ...**
- 12.3.2.2 ... Joint systems ... shall be inspected in accordance with **ASTM E2393 ...**
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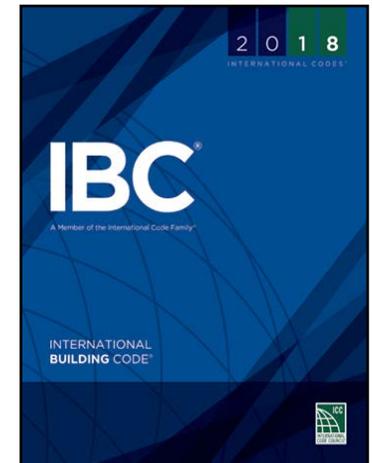
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# I – Inspection – IBC Code Requirements

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- **Required, International Building Code – Chapter 17**



# Firestop Inspection in Codes

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- NFPA 1 - Ch. 12
- NFPA 101 / 5000 - Chapter 8 – Annex
- 2012 – 2018 International Building Code
- IBC Ch. 17 - Special Inspections
  - **Buildings 75' & higher above Fire Department Access**
  - **Occupancy Type III, IV, Chapter 16 Table 1604.5**
- Abu Dhabi International Building Code

# I – Inspection – IBC Code Requirements - Definitions

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Definitions – Chapter 17, IBC

**[A] APPROVED AGENCY.** An **established and recognized agency** regularly engaged in conducting tests or furnishing inspection services, when such agency has been *approved*. [IBC 202 Definitions]

**[A] APPROVED.** Acceptable to the *building official* or authority having jurisdiction. [IBC 202 Definitions]

# I – Inspection – IBC Code Requirements - Definitions

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**SPECIAL INSPECTOR.** A qualified person **employed or retained by an approved agency** and *approved* by the *building official* as having the competence necessary to inspect a particular type of construction requiring *special inspection*. [IBC 202. Definitions]

# I – Inspection – IBC Code Requirements

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**1705.16 Fire-resistant penetrations and joints.** In high-rise buildings or in buildings assigned to Risk Category III or IV in accordance with Section 1604.5, special inspections for through-penetrations, membrane penetration firestops, fire resistant joint systems, and perimeter fire barrier systems that are tested and listed in accordance with Sections 714.3.1.2, 714.4.1.2, 715.3 and 715.4 shall be in accordance with Section 1705.16.1 or 1705.16.2. [IBC 1705.16]

# I – Inspection – Code Requirements

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**1705.16.1 Penetration firestops.** Inspections of penetration firestop systems that are tested and listed in accordance with Sections 714.3.1.2 and 714.4.1.2 **shall be conducted by an approved inspection agency in accordance with ASTM E2174.**

**1705.16.2 Fire-resistant joint systems.** Inspection of fire resistant joint systems that are tested and listed in accordance with Sections 715.3 and 715.4 **shall be conducted by an approved inspection agency in accordance with ASTM E2393.**

[IBC 1705.17.1 & .2]

# Firestop Inspection in Codes

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- **Table 1604.5 – Risk III** – *Buildings and other structures that represent a substantial hazard to human life in the event of failure, include but are not limited to:*
  - **Public Assembly, Occupant Load > 300**
  - **Bldgs. Containing Elem., 2<sup>nd</sup>ary', day care, > 250**
  - I-2, > 50, no surgery, emergency
  - I-3
  - Occupancy load > 5,000
  - **Power-gen, H2O treatment**, wastewater treatment, public utilities, not in IV
  - Buildings not in IV, with toxic or explosives [IBC 1604.5]

# Firestop Inspection in Codes

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- **Table 1604.5 – Risk IV – Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities, including but not limited to:**
  - *Group I-2 occupancies having surgery or emergency treatment facilities.*
  - *Fire, rescue, ambulance/police stations, emergency vehicle garages.*
  - *Designated earthquake, hurricane or other **emergency shelters**.*
  - *Designated emergency prep, communications and operations centers and other **facilities required for emergency response**.*
  - *Power-generating stations and other public utility facilities required as emergency backup facilities for Risk Category IV structures.*
- [IBC 1604.5]

# Firestop Inspection in Codes

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- **Table 1604.5 – Risk IV – Buildings and other structures designated as essential facilities, including but not limited to:**
  - **Buildings and other structures containing quantities of highly toxic materials that:**
    - Exceed maximum allowable quantities per control area as given in Table 307.1(2) or per outdoor control area in accordance with the International Fire Code, and are sufficient to pose a threat to the public if released.
    - Aviation control towers, air traffic control centers and emergency aircraft hangars.
    - Buildings and other structures having critical national defense functions.
    - Water storage facilities and pump structures required to maintain water pressure for fire suppression.
    - [IBC 1604.5]

# Firestop Systems Inspection Introduction

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- “Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Fire Stops – Penetrations - Joints”
  - Standard Inspection Procedure
  - Special Inspection Agency Companies & Other Firms
  - Hired by & Report to Building Owner, Architect, Owners Rep, ...other than GC.
    - = Authorizing Authority

# Firestop Inspection Firm & Individual Qualifications – ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- Inspection Firm & Inspectors are:
  - **‘Independent of, and Divested from ’**
    - Installing firm, Distributor, Manufacturer, Competitor, Supplier...
  - **‘Not a Competitor**
    - ...of the Installer, contractor, manufacturer, or supplier ....
  - **Other than the contractor...**
  - **Submit notarized independence statements**

# Firestop Inspection Firm & Individual Qualifications – ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- Inspector Personnel meet at least one criteria.....
  - 2 years experience (Construction, Field), education, and credentials acceptable to AHJ
  - Accredited by AHJ
  - Meet ASTM E699
- **Inspection Agency Company Qualification –**
- **IAS AC 291 – w / Individual Competencies**



# Firestop Inspection Firm & Individual Qualifications – IAS AC 291

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- **Inspection Firm shall have staff..**
  - PASS UL or FM Firestop Exam, IFC Exam
  - 1 year Quality Assurance
  - Or...
  - PASS UL/FM Firestop Exam, IFC Firestop Exam, *and* PE, FPE, Registered Architect, or
  - PASS UL/FM Firestop Exam, IFC Firestop Exam, *and* Education by Certified Agency

# Firestop Inspection Firm and Individual Qualifications – IAS AC 291

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- **Specify IAS AC 291 –**
  - Quantified Qualifications
  - Helps AHJ with “Approved Agency”
  - Not in ASTM Standards, Code
- **Specify Individual Certifications**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party, Independent Exams verify Knowledge
    - FM Firestop Exam,
      - OR
    - UL Firestop Exam,
      - AND
    - IFC Exam



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# Professional Installations

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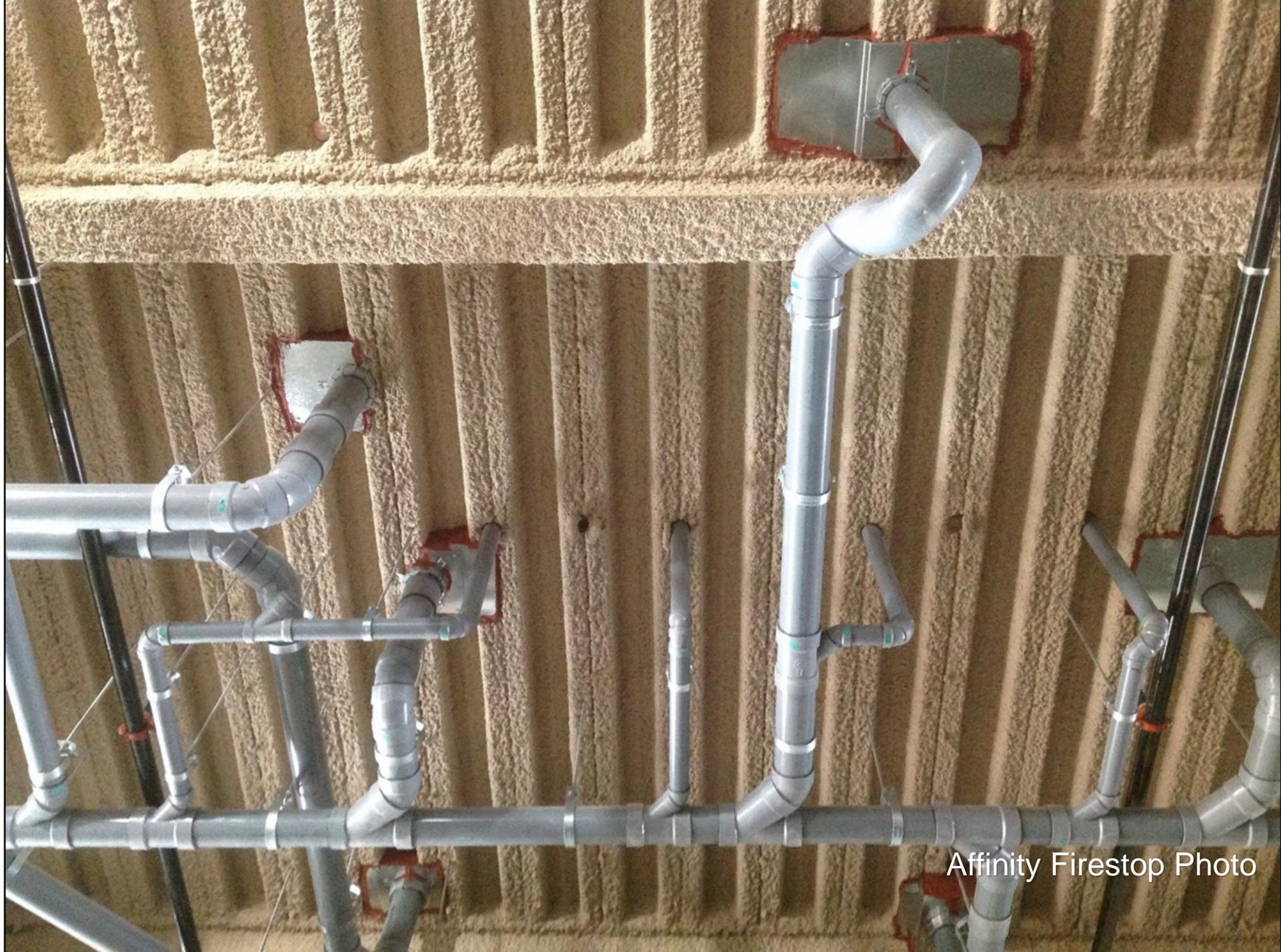
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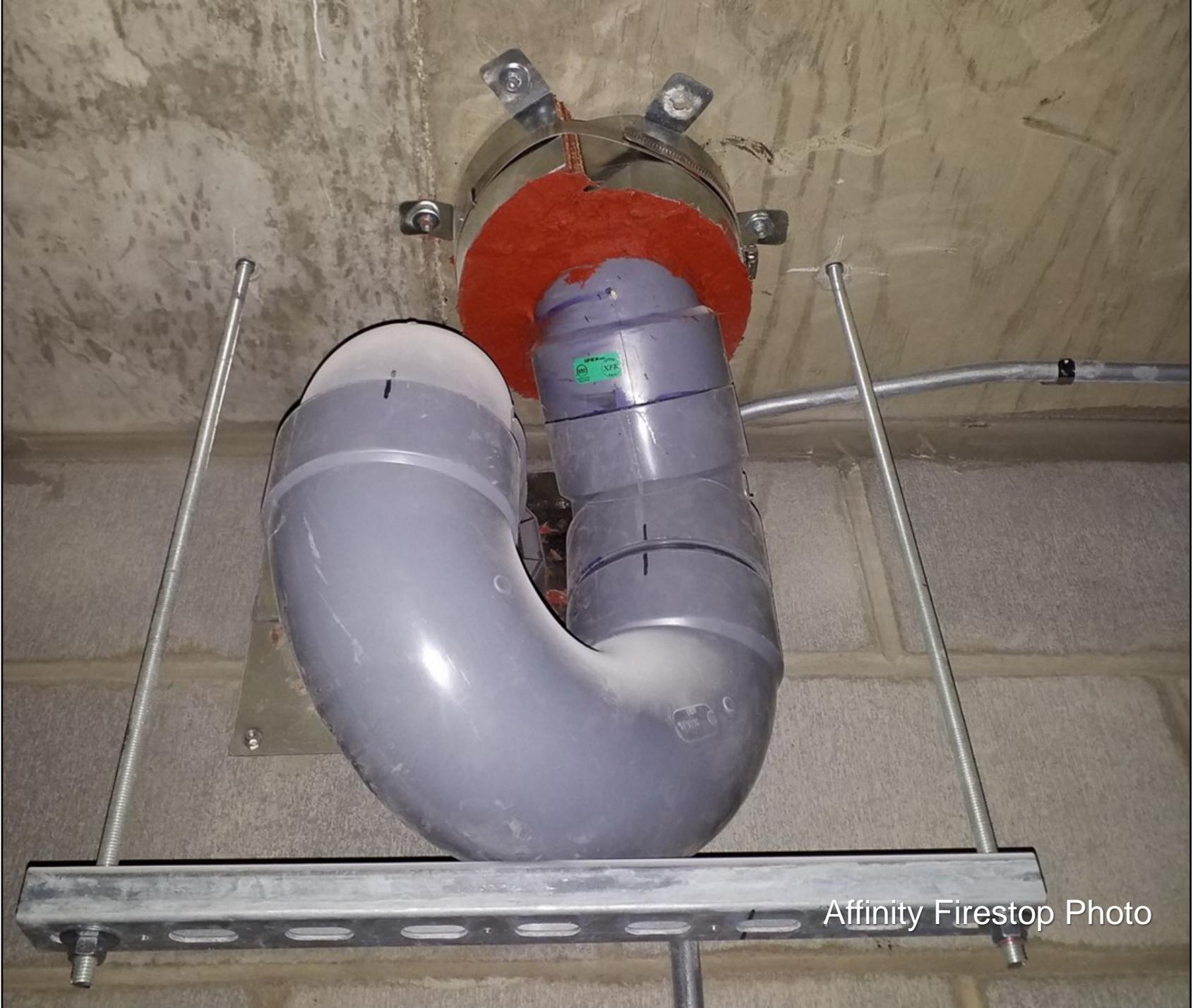
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# Firestop Inspection Process

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- **Inspection Agency & Inspector**
  - Independent
  - Hired after systems submitted, etc.
  - Hired by building owner and manager or representative
  - Scope of work directed by AA
  - AHJ approval



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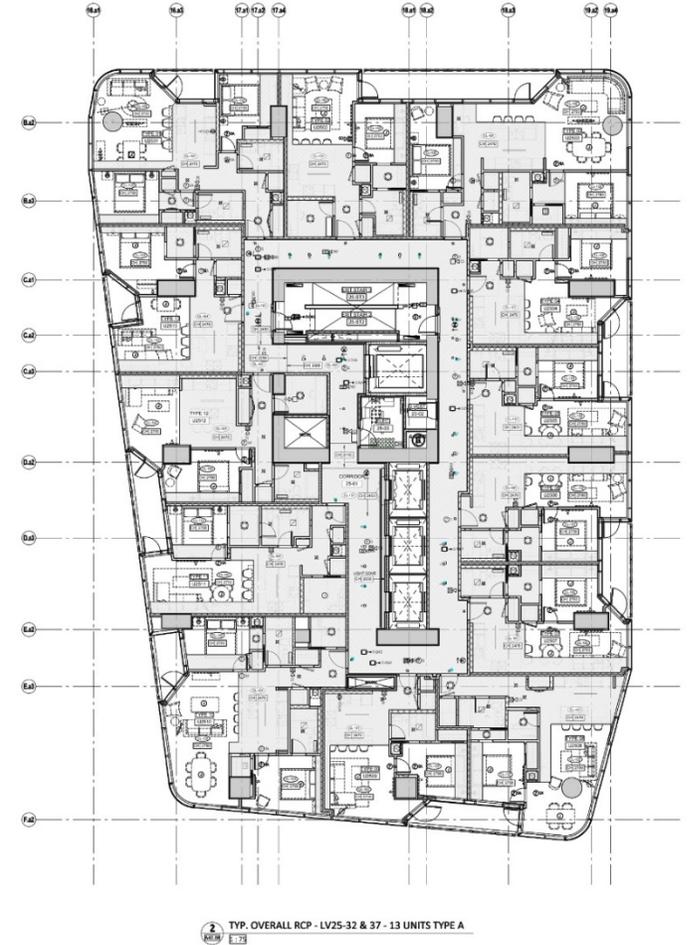
# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

- **Pre-Construction Meeting**

- Review Documents
- Identify Conflicts
- Review Materials Systems
  - **ASTM E814 or UL1479, FM 4990, ASTM E1966, UL 2079, ASTM E2307, ASTM E 2837, ASTM E 3037**

- ***SYSTEMS***



# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- **Inspection Documents**

- 07-84-00 Specifications and Drawings
- Manufacturer Product Data Sheets and Installation Instructions
- Safety Data Sheets
- Listed Systems and EJ's/EFRRAs



The image shows a warning label for a firestop system. It includes contact information for the contractor, a warning statement, and a table for recording re-penetration events.

| FIRESTOP CONTRACTOR<br>(204) 555-0101  |                               |  |
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| <b>WARNING</b><br>This is an approved Firestop System and shall NOT be disturbed except by Authorized Personnel. |                               |   |
| Wall Plate Penetration No.: W-2001-1   | Fire Rating Required: 1.0 F   |   |
| Floor Level: LEVEL 200   | Room No.: 201                 |   |
| Installer's Name: JOHN SMITH   | Product: FS-ONE               |   |
| Installation Date: APRIL 1, 2013   | System Design No.: S-AJ-1022a |   |
| Re-penetrated by:  |                               |   |
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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

- **Pre-Construction Meeting**
  - Mock Up Review
  - Observation or Destructive Review (Testing)
  - Inspection Type Methodology
    - Frequency of reviews
    - Description of reviews
    - Specification and drawings
- Meeting(s) are required
  - During and Post Inspection



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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- **Inspection Schedule**
  - Notifies Inspector
  - Inspections within 2 days
  - Inspector verifies installation
    - Is in accordance with Documents
    - Meets Manufacturers Installation Instructions

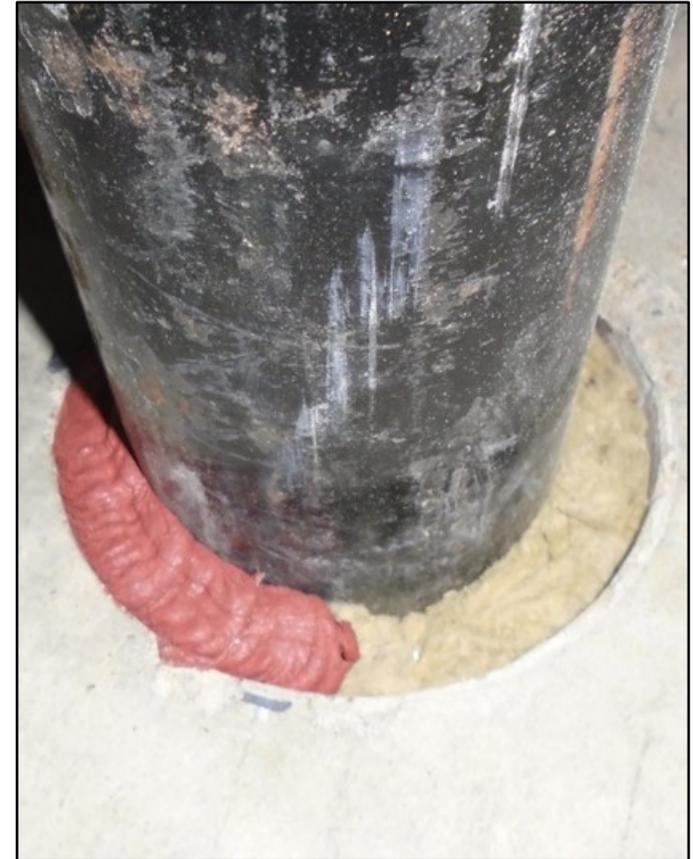


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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

- **Observation Reviews**
  - During construction
  - Witnessed randomly of the installed systems on each floor
  - **E2174 - 10%**, each **type** of Service Penetration Firestop System
    - **Type = By System, By Contractor**
  - **E2393 - 5% of Total Lineal Feet** for each **type** of Fire Resistance Rated Joint System
    - **Type = By System, By Contractor**



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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

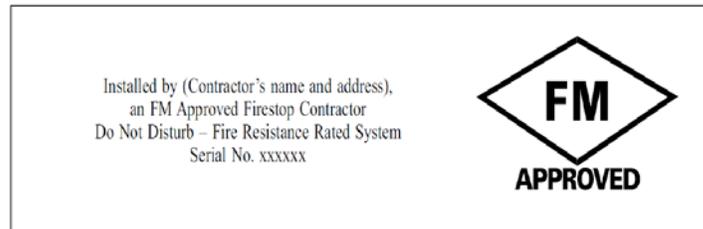
- Destructive Reviews (Testing)
  - Performed Post-Construction
  - **E2174** - Minimum 2%, no less than 1, each **type** per 930 m<sup>2</sup> (10,000 SF) of floor area
    - **Type = By System, By Contractor**
  - **E2393** - Minimum 1 / 152 LM (500 LF) of Joint Area, by **type**, mandatory; Exception mechanical joints
    - **Type = By System, By Contractor**



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# Firestop Special Inspection ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

- Inspection Documents
  - Identify System, Materials
- Identification Systems (Labels)
  - Firestop Contractor Installed
  - Speeds System Evaluation



# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- **Variances / Deviations**
- ASTM E2174 & ASTM E2393
  - FS Contractor is notified of any deficiencies within **one day**
- IBC 1704.2.4
  - Work is in conformance to the documents
  - Otherwise it is **immediately** brought to the attention of the FS Contractor
  - If not corrected, AHJ and AA will be informed to take action



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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- Both Methods
  - If any type does not comply
    - Repair
    - Replace
    - 1 additional inspection
  - If 10% variance per firestop type
    - Inspection stops
    - Installer inspects, repairs
    - Inspector re-inspects
- Document all Deficiencies



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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

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- Inspectors shall
  - **Not supervise or direct FS Contractors**
    - Systems Selection = Supervision
  - Commence reviews at the start of FS installation
  - Review installation based on manufacturers and system requirements



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# Firestop Inspection Process

## ASTM E2174 – ASTM E2393

- **Equipment –**
  - Tapes
  - Tablets w/Systems
  - Borescope to explore areas that are concealed or partially
  - **NOT MICROMETERS**



# Firestop Evaluation & Repairs

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- **Installation Evaluations basis...**
  - Manufacturers Installation instructions
  - Acceptable methods to review installed systems
  - Listed SYSTEM requirements for installations
  - ***IFC Document on Sealant Thickness Measurement, Shrinkage***



# Firestop Repairs

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- Instruction requirements by manufacturer
- Listed systems
- Patch/Infilling
  - Adhesion to Old Sealant
  - **F, T, L, M, W Ratings**
  - ***As recommended by MFR***

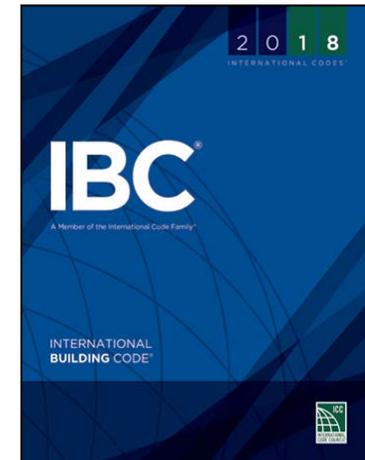


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# Firestop Inspection Forms & Variance Notices

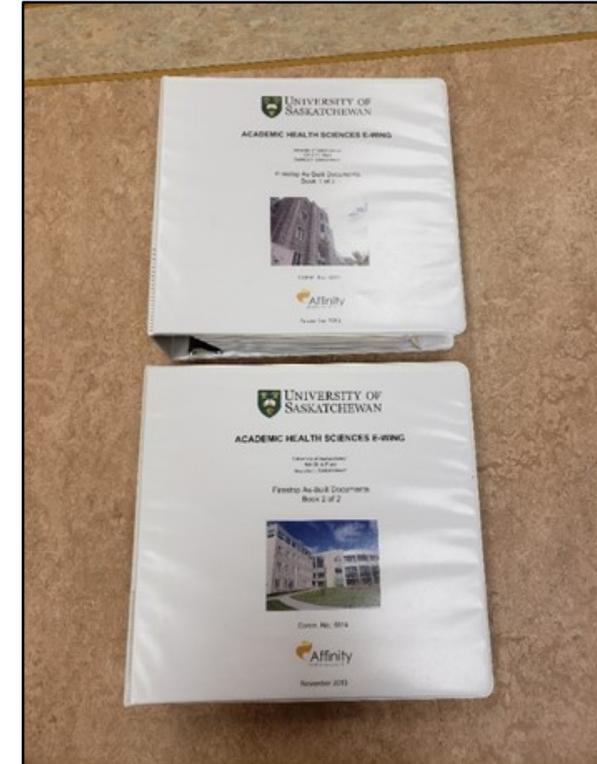
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- Minimum one FS system for each type;
- ***(By Type of System, By Contractor)***
- ASTM E2174 and ASTM E2393 require reports to be submitted to AA one day after review
- **IBC requires IMMEDIATE NOTICE**
- Numbered – Controlled
- Required – During/post construction methods



# Firestop Inspection Final Report ASTM E2174 - ASTM E2393

- Project name and location
- Project team contact info
- Firestops reviewed (inspected)
  - Type and quantity
  - Verification method
  - Percentage of total deficiencies
- All documents submitted to AA



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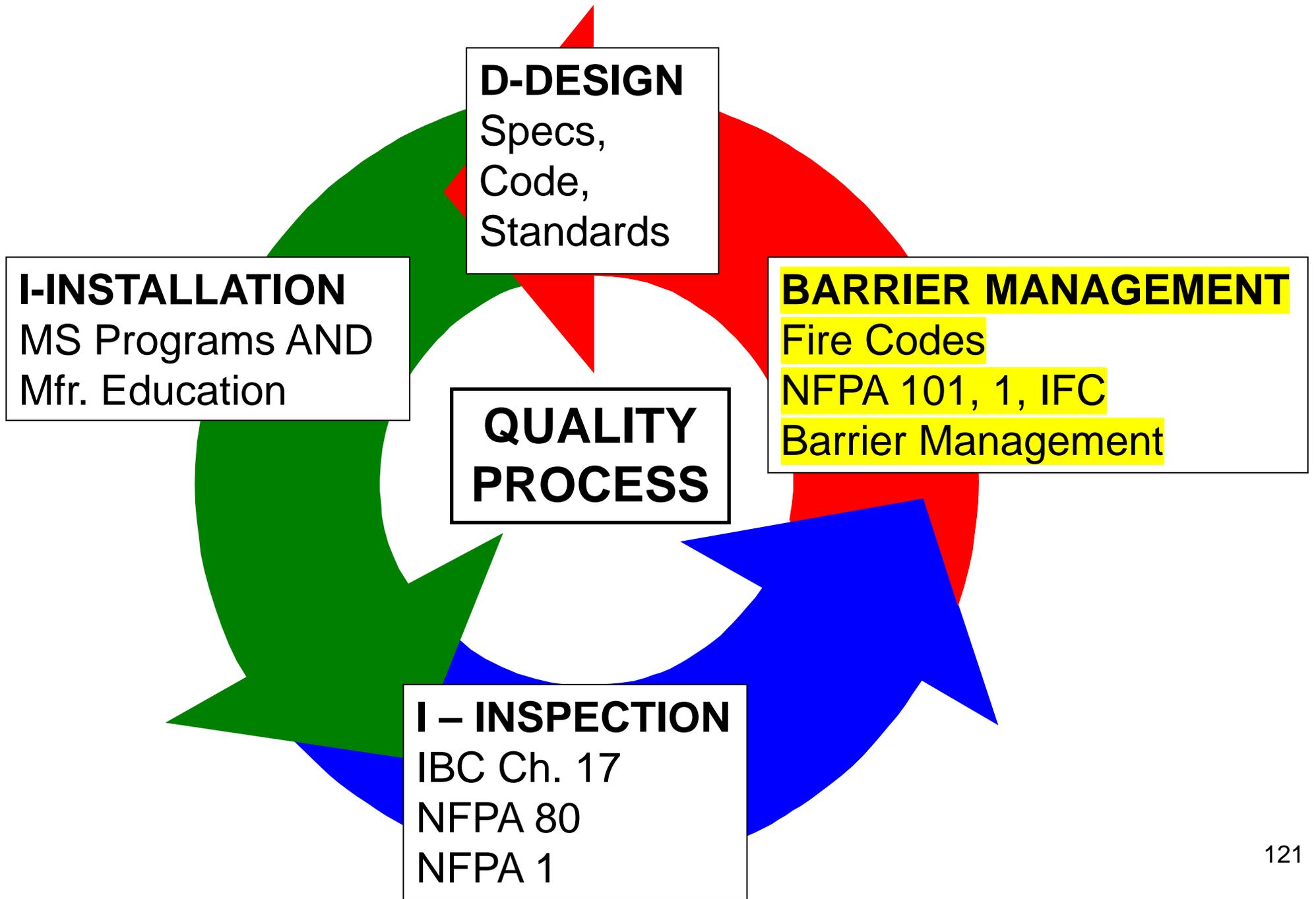
# Firestop Repairs

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- Repairs & Patching
  - Manufacturer Repair Instructions
    - Tested & Listed System Design
    - Adhesion
    - Movement
    - Air Leakage
    - Water Resistance Ratings
  - ***As recommended by MFR***



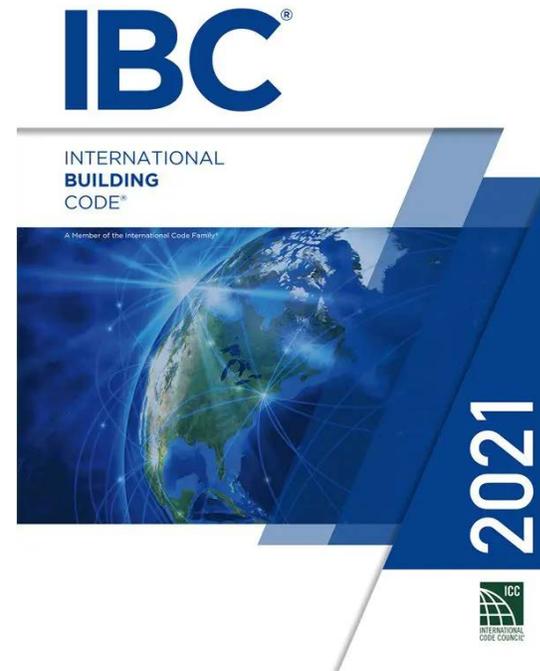
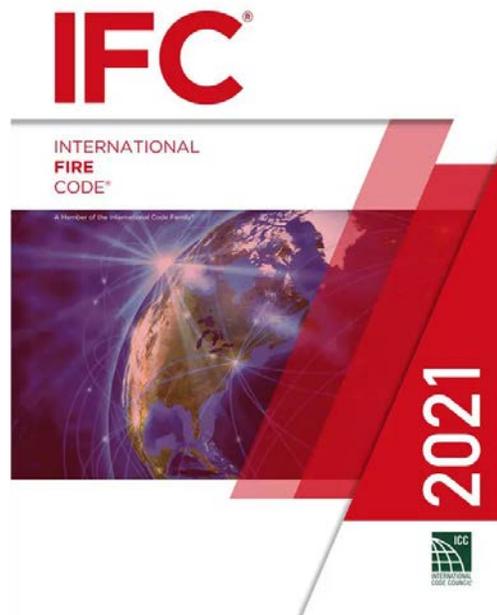
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# Existing Buildings? Did you know...

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- Fire, existing building codes have existed for decades
- Fire Codes dictate maintaining protection of structural fire-protection and fire-resistance-rated compartmentation



# Fire Resistance Barrier SYSTEMS

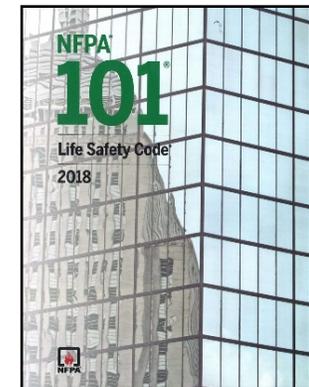
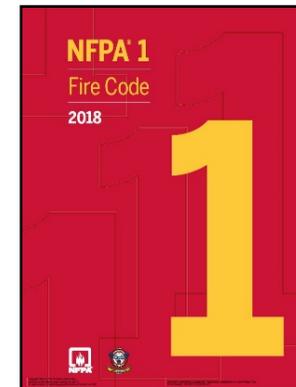
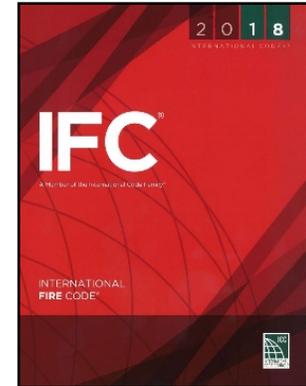
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- **Products Become Systems Through....**
- **Test Standard References**
  - **Structural Elements & Assemblies** – ASTM E119, UL 263
  - **Fire & Smoke Barriers** – ASTM E119, UL 263
  - **Firestopping** – ASTM E814 / UL 1479, ULC-S115, UL 2079, ASTM E1966, E2307, E2837, E3037, ...test method...”
  - **Fire/Smoke Dampers** – UL 555, UL 555S, UL 555C
  - **Swinging/Rolling Fire Doors** – UL 10B, 10C, NFPA 257
  - **Fire Rated Glazing** – UL 9, NFPA 252
- **SYSTEM Testing = Suitability statement for use of a product in a specific system/design application**

# Fire Codes Require Maintenance

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- NFPA 101
- NFPA 1
- International Fire Code
  - Minimum Requirements Stated
  - Frequency



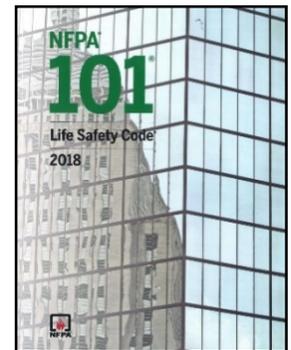
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## NFPA 101 – 2018

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- **SECTION 4.6.12 Maintenance, Inspection, and Testing.**

- **4.6.12.1** **Whenever or wherever any device**, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature **is required for compliance** with the provisions of this Code, **such device**, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or other feature **shall thereafter be continuously maintained** ... in accordance with applicable NFPA requirements or requirements developed as part of a performance-based design, or as directed by the AHJ.

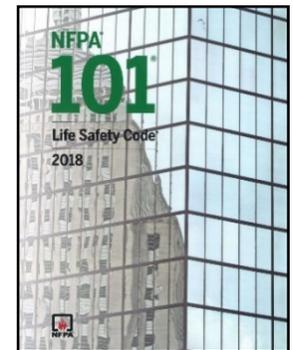


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## NFPA 101 – 2018

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- 4.6.12.2 **No existing life safety feature shall be removed or reduced** where such feature is a requirement for new construction.
- 4.6.12.3\* **Existing life safety features **obvious to the public**, if not required by the Code, shall be either maintained or removed.**
- 4.6.12.4 **Any device**, equipment, system, condition, arrangement, level of protection, fire-resistive construction, or any other feature **requiring periodic testing, inspection, or operation** to ensure its maintenance shall be tested, inspected, or operated as specified elsewhere in this Code or as directed by the AHJ.
- 4.6.12.5 **Maintenance, inspection, and testing shall be performed under the supervision of a responsible person who shall ensure** that testing, inspection, and maintenance are made at specified intervals in accordance with applicable NFPA standards or as directed by the AHJ.



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## NFPA 1 – 2018

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- **12.3.3\* Maintenance of Fire-Resistive Construction, Draft-Stop Partitions, and Roof Coverings.**
  - **12.3.3.1 Required fire-resistive construction**, including fire barriers, fire walls, exterior walls due to location on property, fire-resistive requirements based on type of construction, draftstop partitions, and roof coverings, *shall be maintained and shall be properly repaired, restored, or replaced where damaged, altered, breached, penetrated, removed, or improperly installed.*

FCIA Added Emphasis



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## NFPA 1 – 2018

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- 12.3.3.2** Where required, **fire-rated gypsum wallboard** walls or ceilings that are damaged to the extent that through openings exist, the damaged gypsum wallboard shall be **replaced or returned to the required level of fire-resistance using a listed repair system or using materials and methods equivalent to the original construction.**
- 12.3.3.3** Where readily accessible, required fire-resistance-rated assemblies in high-rise buildings shall be visually inspected for integrity at least once every 3 years.

FCIA Added Emphasis



# National Fire Protection Association

## NFPA 1 – 2018

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- 12.3.3.3.1** The **person responsible** for conducting the visual inspection shall demonstrate appropriate **technical knowledge and experience in fire-resistance-rated design and construction** acceptable to the AHJ.
- 12.3.3.3.2** A written report prepared by the person responsible for conducting the visual inspection shall be submitted to the AHJ documenting the results of the visual inspection.

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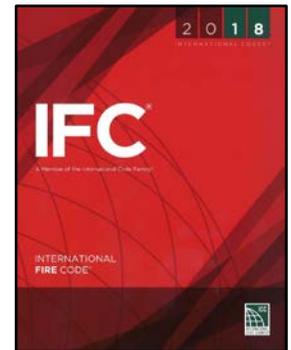
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## SECTION 701 GENERAL

- **701.1 Scope.** The provisions of this chapter shall govern the **inspection and maintenance of the materials, systems and assemblies used for structural fire-resistance, fire-resistance-rated construction separation of adjacent spaces and construction** installed to resist the passage of smoke to safeguard against the spread of fire and smoke within a building and the spread of fire to or from buildings. New buildings shall comply with the *IBC*.

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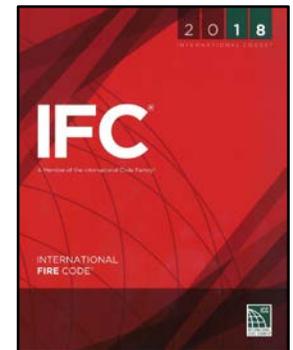
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## SECTION 701

### GENERAL

- **701.2 Fire-resistance-rated construction.** The *fire-resistance rating* of the following *fire-resistance-rated* construction shall be maintained:
  1. Structural members
  2. *Exterior walls*
  3. *Fire walls, fire barriers, fire partitions*
  4. *Horizontal assemblies*
  5. Shaft enclosures



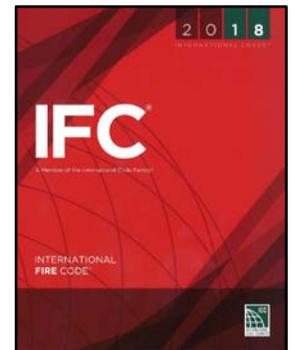
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## SECTION 701

### GENERAL

- **701.3 Smoke barriers.** The *fire-resistance rating* and smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke barriers shall be maintained.
- **701.4 Smoke partitions.** The smoke-resistant characteristics of smoke partitions shall be maintained.



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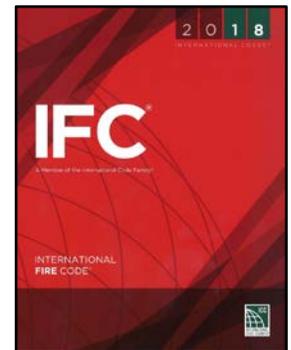
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## SECTION 701

### GENERAL

- **701.5 Maintaining protection.** Materials, systems and devices used to repair or protect breaches and openings in **fire-resistance-rated construction** and construction installed to resist the passage of **smoke** shall be maintained in accordance with Sections 703 through 707.

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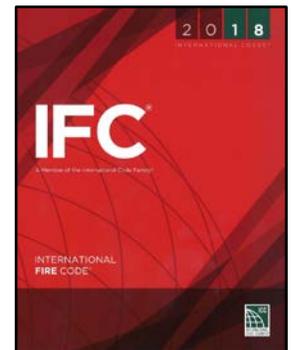
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## SECTION 701

### GENERAL

- **701.6 Owner's responsibility.** The **owner shall maintain an inventory** of all required fire-resistance-rated construction, construction installed to resist the passage of smoke and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707. **Such construction shall be visually inspected by the owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated.**
- **FCIA Initiative with Koffel Assoc. – 'Inventory'...**

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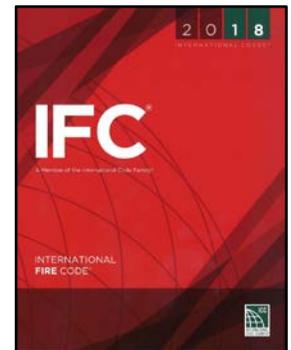
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## SECTION 701

### GENERAL

- **701.6 Owner's responsibility Cont. Records of inspections and repairs shall be maintained.** Where concealed, such elements shall not be required to be visually inspected by the *owner* unless the concealed space is accessible by the removal or movement of a panel, access door, ceiling tile or similar movable entry to the space.

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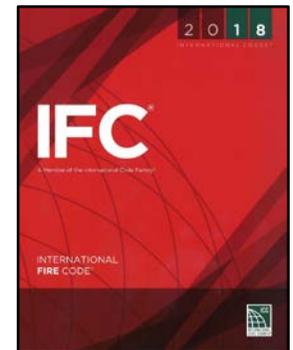
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## SECTION 703 PENETRATIONS

- **703.1 Maintaining protection.** Materials and firestop systems used to protect membrane and through penetrations in *fire-resistance-rated* construction and construction installed to resist the passage of smoke shall be maintained.

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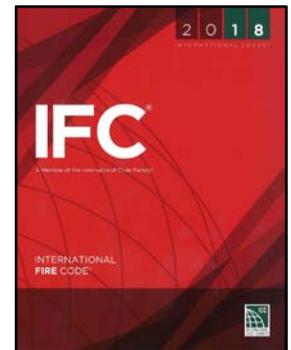
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## SECTION 703 PENETRATIONS

- **703.1 Maintaining protection cont.** The materials and firestop systems shall be **securely attached** to or bonded to the construction being penetrated **with no openings visible** through or into the cavity of the construction. **Where the system design number is known, the system shall be inspected to the listing criteria and manufacturer's installation instructions.**
- **FCIA Initiative...** "Where the system design number is known" ...

FCIA Added Emphasis



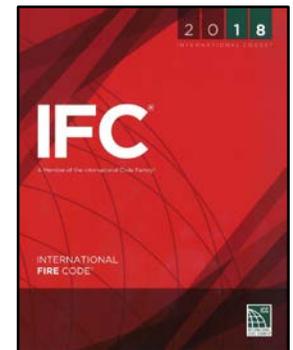
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## SECTION 704 JOINTS AND VOIDS

- **704.1 Maintaining protection.** Where required when the building was originally constructed, materials and systems used to protect joints and voids in the following locations shall be maintained. The materials and systems shall be securely attached to or bonded to the adjacent construction, without openings visible through the construction.

FCIA Added Emphasis



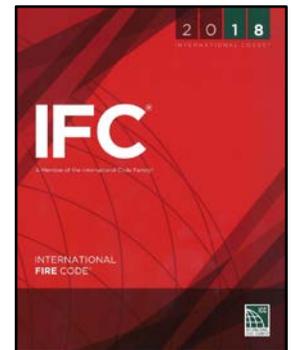
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## SECTION 704 JOINTS AND VOIDS

- **704.1 Maintaining protection cont.**
  - Subparagraphs 1 through 7 detail the types of joints and voids required to be maintained. This list corresponds to joints and voids which are required to be protected by the 2018 IBC.
- **Unprotected joints and voids do not need to be protected where such joints and voids were not required to be protected when the building was originally constructed.**

FCIA Added Emphasis

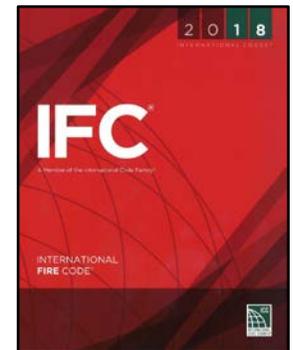


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## Owner's Responsibility

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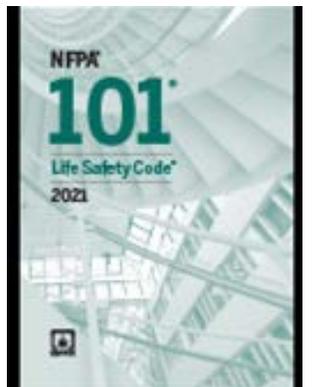
- **701.6 Owner's responsibility. The owner shall maintain an inventory of all required *fire-resistance-rated and smoke resistant* construction, and the construction included in Sections 703 through 707 and such construction shall be visually inspected by the *owner annually and properly repaired, restored or replaced where damaged, altered, breached or penetrated.***
- **FCIA Initiative with Koffel Associates**



# Existing Buildings? Educate

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- **NFPA 1, NFPA 101, IFC – Decades in place.**
- **New IFC “maintaining protection” requirements**
  - Inventory of fire-resistance-rated assemblies?
- **What’s inventory?**
  - Life Safety Drawings with Fire-Resistance Ratings
  - Tested and Listed Systems Designs
  - Manufacturers Instructions/Product Data Sheets
- **What’s risk –**
  - Fire and Smoke Spread means life, property, continuity of operations losses



# Where is Firestopping & Fire-Resistance Needed Most to Protect??

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- Hospitals, nursing homes
- Apartments, Condos
- Universities
- Warehousing
- Manufacturing – Paper, others
- More .....

# 2018 International Fire Code Fire-Resistance Inventory Explained

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- **Life Safety Drawings**
- Designs, Systems and Assemblies – **Listings**
- **Manufacturers Installation and Maintenance Instructions**
- How?
  - Paper & Files
  - Spreadsheets
  - Software

# M–Barrier Management Systems

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- **Visual Building Survey/Inspection....**
  - **Does the Firestop/Fire-Resistive Joint look like the assembly?**
    - Annular Space
    - Visible Breaches, unless listing allows
    - Joint Width
    - Penetrating Item Types, Coverings, #Quantity
    - Penetrations in Joints & Not in System/Listing...
    - Much more...
  - **Competent Personnel**

# Firestop (& Other Fire-Resistance Repairs)

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- Repairs
  - Instruction requirements by manufacturer
  - TESTED AND LISTED SYSTEMS
  - Patching
    - Systems....Ratings
    - Adhesion
    - Movement
    - T, L, W Ratings
    - ***As recommended by MFR, Listing***

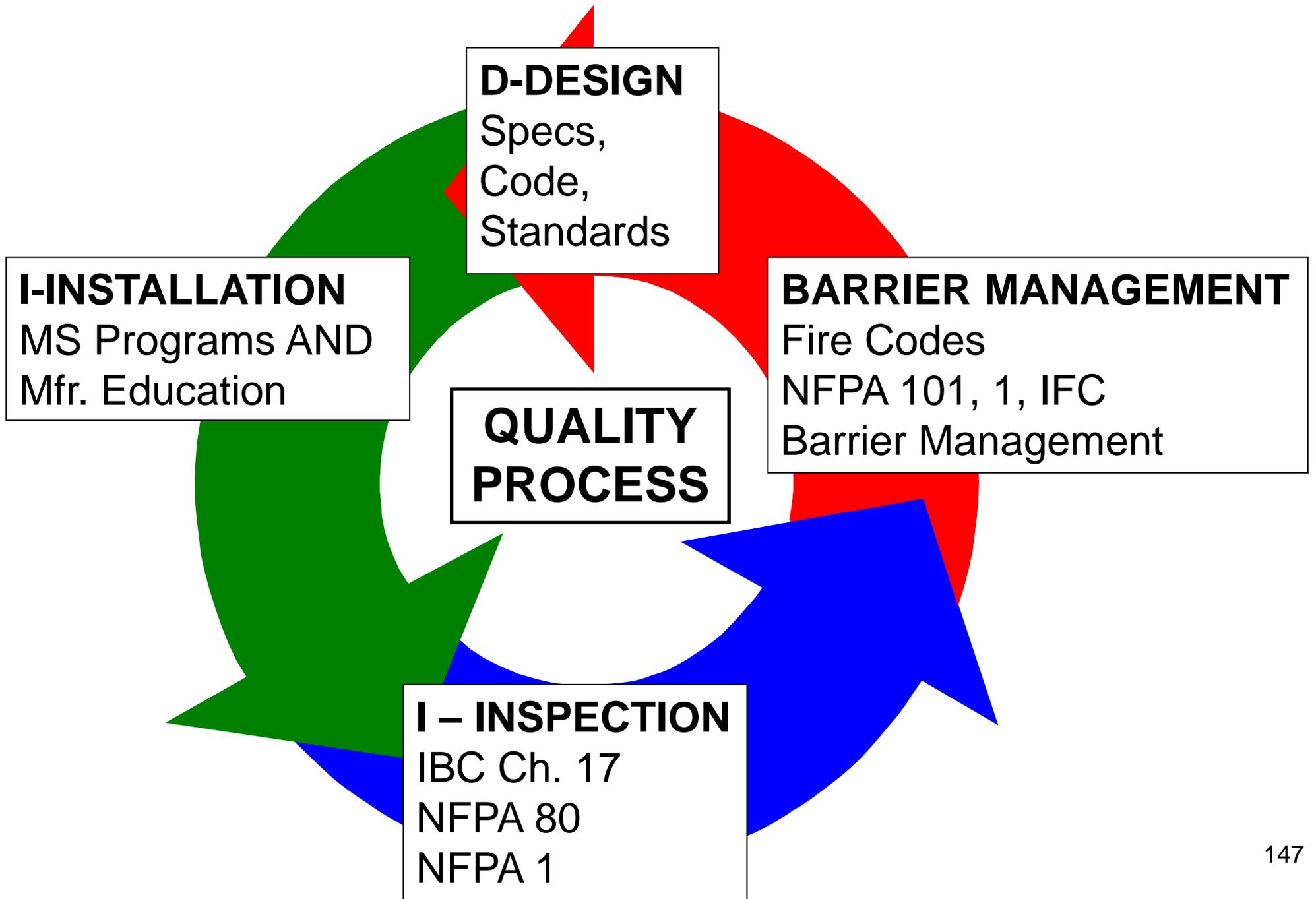


Affinity Firestop Photo

# **M–Barrier Management Systems Building Owner’s Policy Topics**

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- **Create a Budget to Meet Code Requirements**
- **Inventory – What Info?**
  - Life Safety Drawings
  - Manufacturers Instructions
  - Tested and Listed Systems (Listings)
- **Implement Fire Resistance Management**
  - In House Policy
  - Outside Contractor Policy
- **Monitor Process**
- **Annual Visual Inspection & Keep Records**
- **Show Fire Marshal....Insurance Company**



# Questions??



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