Fire Codes & Fire-Separation Management - Existing Buildings

Design
Installation
Inspection
Maintenance &
Management

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FCIA – Firestop Contractors International Association

- FCIA Members
 - Firestop Contractors
 - Firestop Manufacturers
 - Firestop Consultants
 - Firestop Distributors, Reps, Friends
- 3rd Party Contractor Programs FM 4991, ULC Qualified
- 3rd Party Inspection Company Accreditation, IAS AC291; FM/UL/IFC Exams
- ASTM E2174/E2393 Inspection Standards
- FREE PDF Firestop MOP Specifiers @ AE Firms, AHJ's
- FREE Life Safety Digest PDF FOR ALL
- Tools for Specifiers 07-84-00



"TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION"

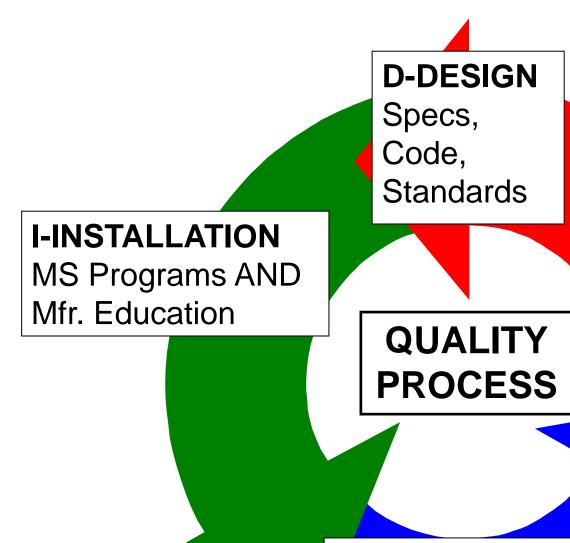
- Effective Compartmentation
 - Fire Barriers, Fire Walls/Floors, Smoke Barriers
 - Firestopping, Fire Dampers, Swinging and Rolling Fire Doors, Fire Rated Glazing
- Detection & Alarm Systems
- Sprinkler Suppression Systems
- Education & Egress
 - Building Owners & Managers, Building Occupants and Firefighters











BARRIER MANAGEMENT Fire Codes

Fire Codes NFPA 101, 1, IFC Barrier Management

I – INSPECTION

IBC Ch. 17 NFPA 80 NFPA 1

"DIIM"

- Properly Designed and Specified Firestopping
 - FCIA 07-84-00 Specification RSW, CCS
- Tested and Listed Systems ULC-S101, S115, S112, S104, ASTM E2307, E2837, E3037 Smoke (L), Water (W), Movement (M)
- Professional *Installation* FCIA Member, ULC Qualified Contractors, FM 4991 Approved Contractors
- Properly Inspected to....ASTM E2174 / E2393 Protocol by IAS AC 291 Accredited Inspection Agencies, Inspectors with ULC, IFC, FM Firestop Exam Success
- Maintained & Managed Annually by FCIA Members National Fire Code of Canada http://www.constructioncanada.net/firestopping-and-effectivecompartmentation/, NFPA 1, NFPA 101, IFC

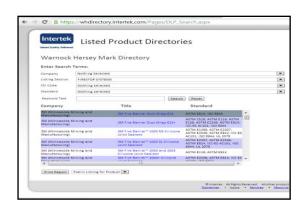
Firestopping for Continuity Products Become Systems

- Firestop Systems Directories
 - UL
 - Intertek
 - FM Approvals



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





Building & Fire Code Requirements

- Canadian Codes
 - New and Existing Buildings National Building Code of Canada – Division B: Articles 3.1.7 – 3.1.10
 - National Fire Code of Canada Section 2.2 Fire Separations
- International Codes
 - New and Existing Buildings International Building Code –
 Chapter 7
 - International Fire Code Chapter 7

Building & Fire Code Requirements

- NFPA Codes
 - •NFPA 5000 / 101 Chapter 8
 - NFPA 1 Fire Code Chapter 12
- UAE Fire and Life Safety Code Chapter 1, Section 21
- Many other Country Codes...

• Minimum Requirements – Construction & Maintenance

- Division A: Article 1.4.1.2
 - Fire separation means a construction assembly that acts as a barrier against the spread of fire. See Appendix A.
 - A fire separation may or may not have a fire-resistance rating.

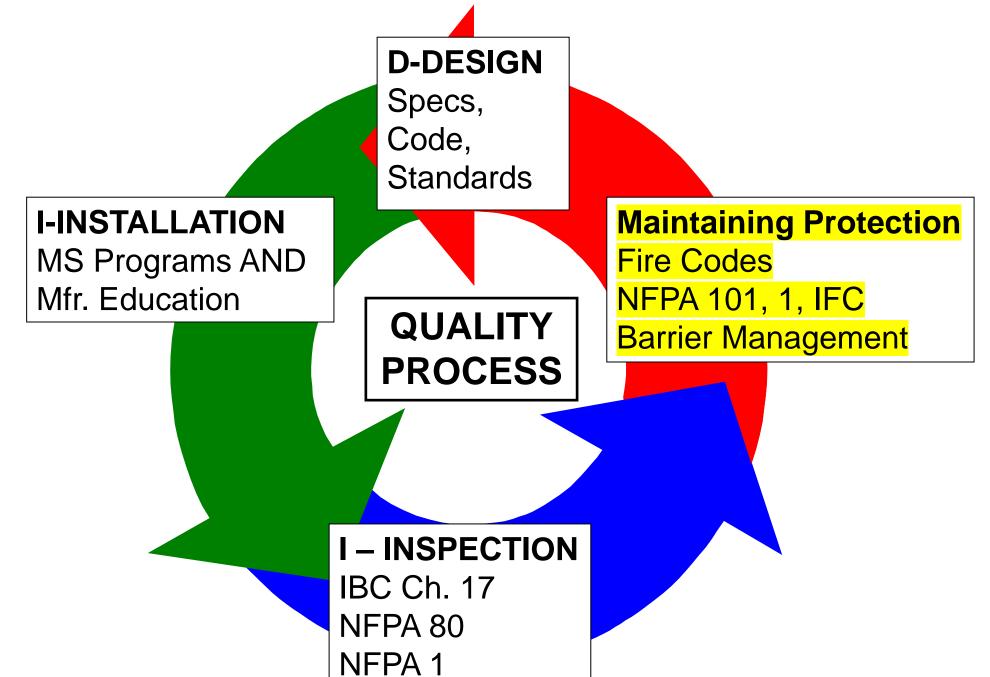
- Division A: Article 1.4.1.2
 - Fire resistance rating means the time in minutes or hours that a material or assemblies of materials will withstand the passage of flame and the transmission of heat when exposed to fire under specified conditions of test and performance criteria, or as determined by extension or interpretation of information derived therefrom as prescribed in this Code. See Appendix D.
 - CAN/UL-S101 Standard Methods of Fire Endurance Tests of Building Construction Materials

Division B: Article 3.1.7.1

• 3.1.7.1. Determination of Ratings

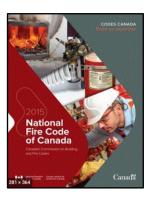
- 1.Except as permitted by Sentence (2) and Articles 3.1.7.2. and 3.6.3.5., the rating of a material, assembly of materials or a structural member that is required to have a *fire-resistance rating*, shall be determined on the basis of the results of tests conducted in conformance with CAN/ULC-S101, "Fire Endurance Tests of Building Construction and Materials."
- 2.A material, assembly of materials or a structural member is permitted to be assigned a *fire-resistance rating* on the basis of Appendix D.

- Products Become Systems Test Standards
 - Fire & Smoke Barriers Fire Separations
 - •CAN/ULC-S101, ASTM E119, UL 263
 - Firestopping
 - •CAN/ULC-S115, ASTM E814 / UL 1479, UL 2079, E1966, E2307, E2837, ...test methods..."
 - Swinging/Rolling Fire Doors CAN/ULC-S104, S105 Frames, S113 for 20 minute wood doors, UL 10B/C, UL 1784....
 - Fire Rated Glazing CAN/ULC-S106, S101, UL 9, ASTM E119, UL 263
 - Fire/Smoke Dampers CAN/ULC-S112, S112.1, S115, UL 555, UL 555S
- SYSTEM Testing = Suitability Statement

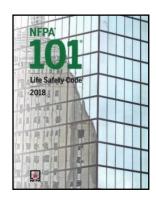


Fire Codes Require Maintenance

- National Fire Code of Canada
- International Fire Code
- NFPA 101
- NFPA 1
 - Minimum Requirements Stated
 - Frequency
 - What really happens?









A GC that gets It!



C. Zussman - Pepper Photo

A Few Years Later?



K. Heckler Photo

Existing Building – Look OK?



J. Sharp Photo

Protected?



D. Falconer Photo

Really?



J. Chiangi Photo

The New Generation



J. Chiangi Photo











These Pictures are why we proposed @ NBCC.... But were DISAPPROVED. Really?

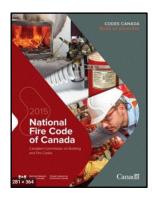
- Fire Resistance "Inventory" DISAPPROVED
- Annual Visual Inspection DISAPPROVED
 - Fire Separations
 - Firestops, Fire Doors, Fire Dampers, Firestop Systems...for building maintenance
- Existing Buildings
 - Repair Damage to Fire Separations Damage?
 - Require Documentation of Fire Separations, etc.

What NFC & Other Regulations Say about Existing Buildings...

- What should Building Owners DO?
- Make Building Owners aware of a risk!
- How they/you handle is up to you...

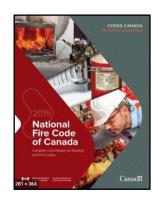
Division B – Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety

- Fire Separation & Features of Protection
- Gypsum Wallboard, Concrete Block, Concrete, Other Assemblies
- Fire Dampers
- Fire Rated Swinging & Rolling Doors
- Fire Rated Glazing
- Firestopping

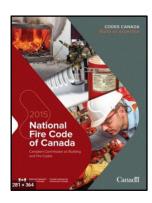


Division A: Article 1.4.1.2

• Closure means a device or assembly for closing an opening through a fire separation or an exterior wall, such as a door, a shutter, wired glass or glass block, and includes all components such as hardware, closing devices, frames and anchors.

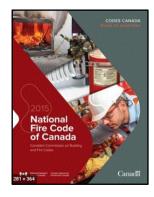


- Division B Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety
 - 2.2.1.2. Damage to Fire Separations
 - 1. Where *fire separations* are damaged so as to affect their integrity, they shall be repaired so that the integrity of the *fire separation* is maintained...



Division B – Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety

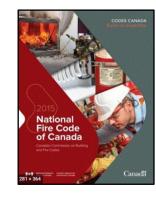
- 2.2.2.1. Openings in Fire Separations
 - 1. Openings in *fire separations* shall be protected with *closures* in conformance with the NBC.
 - 2. Where *closures* in *fire separations* are replaced, the replacements shall be in conformance with the NBC.



Division B – Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety

• 2.2.2.2. – Damage to Closures

1. Where *closures* are damaged so as to affect the integrity of their *fire-protection* rating, they shall be repaired so that their integrity is maintained in accordance with Article 2.2.2.1.

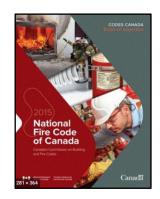


Division B – Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety

• 2.2.2.4. – Inspection and Maintenance

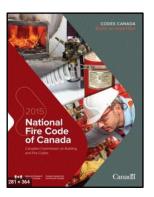
- 1. Defects that interfere with the operation of *closures* in *fire separations* ... shall be corrected....
- 2.... doors in *fire separations* ... equipped with self-closing devices shall be operated ... at intervals in greater than 24 hrs....
- 3. Doors in *fire separations* shall be operated at intervals not greater than one month
- 4. Closures in fire separations shall not be obstructed...
- 5. Fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination smoke/fire dampers and fire stop flaps shall be a) inspected at intervals not greater than 12 months and b) be tested in accordance with NFPA 80.

- Division B Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety
 - Unfortunately, there is nothing in the NFC directly addressing the maintenance of firestop and joint systems. However, the intent of Article 2.2.1.2 would suggest any "damage" shall be repaired. If a firestop or joint system is damaged, would it not affect the integrity of the *fire separation*? Yes, it absolutely would!!!
 - 2.2.1.2. Damage to Fire Separations
 - 1. Where *fire separations* are damaged so as to affect their integrity, they shall be repaired so that the integrity of the *fire separation* is maintained.
 - FCIA Manual of Practice Appendix, Maintenance
 - •FCIA recommends Barrier Management for Effective Compartmentation and Structural Protection



National Fire Code of Canada

- Division B Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety
- Fire Separation Integrity Maintained How Often?
 - Yearly?
 - Weekly?
 - Monthly?
 - Maintain Integrity
 - Not Specific Means ALWAYS...
- Fire Separation Repaired with what?
 - Original Construction Code?
 - Current Technology?
 - Mud and Tape? Non Firestop Foam?
 - Systems...or to as originally permitted?



2018 International Fire Code Maintenance

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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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.



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.

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.



SECTION 703PENETRATIONS

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.



SECTION 703PENETRATIONS

- 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"...

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IFC

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.



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.

IFC

- SECTION 705
 - DOOR AND WINDOW OPENINGS
- SECTION 706
 - DUCT & AIR TRANSFER OPENINGS
- SECTION 707
 - CONCEALED SPACES
- STRUCTURAL PROTECTION ADDED for 2021...



2018 International Fire Code Fire-Resistance Inventory Explained

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

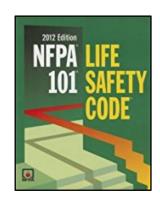


National Fire Protection Association NFPA 101 – 2012

- 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.

National Fire Protection Association NFPA 101 – 2012

- •4.6.12.2 No existing life safety feature <u>shall be removed</u> or <u>reduced</u> where such feature is a requirement for new construction. [101:4.6.12.2]
- •4.6.12.3* Existing life safety features obvious to the public, if not required by the Code, <u>shall be either</u> maintained or removed. [101:4.6.12.3]



National Fire Protection Association NFPA 101 – 2012

- •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 <u>shall be tested</u>, 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.

National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1 - 2018

- •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.

NFPA 1

National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1 – 2018

- •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.

2018

National Fire Protection Association NFPA 1 – 2018

- •12.3.3.1 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.
- •12.3.3.2 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.



UAE Fire and Life Safety Code of Practice Maintenance & Management

Chapter 1, SECTION 21 Firestopping

- 21.15.2 The required fire-resistance rating of installed firestop systems shall be *visually inspected by the owner or owner's inspection agency annually*. Damaged, altered or breached firestop systems shall be properly repaired, restored or replaced to comply with applicable codes as per the guidelines of Civil Defense.
- 21.15.3 Any new openings made therein for the passage of through penetrants, shall be protected with approved firestop system to comply with applicable codes as per the guidelines of Civil Defense.

National Fire Code of Canada

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Division B – Part 2, Building and Occupant Fire Safety

2.2.1.2 – **Damage to Fire Separations** – Where *fire separations* are damaged so as to affect their integrity, they shall be repaired so that the integrity of the *fire separation* is maintained...



M–Barrier Management Systems – What should AHJ's/Building Owner look for?

- Visual Building Inspection = Survey
- STARTS WITH TESTED AND LISTED SYSTEMS & MANUFACTURERS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
- Does it look like the Tested and Listed System?
 - Annular Space
 - Penetrating Item Types, Coverings
 - # Penetrating Items, Types
 - Visible Breaches, unless listing allows
 - Joint Width
 - Penetrations in Joints & Not in System/Listing...
 - Other Breaches...
- Competent Personnel

Building & Fire Code Requirements Does the Assembly Match the System?

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

M-Barrier Management Systems

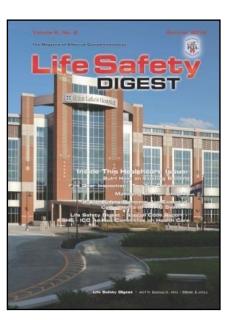
- Barrier Management Starts at New Construction Specification...
 - •07-84-00 Firestopping
 - Single Spec Penetrations, Joints, Perimeter Fire Protection
 - •01-78-39 Project Record Documents





M-Barrier Management Systems Starts @ NEW CONSTRUCTION

- NEW Buildings 07-84-00 Specs
 - Single Spec Penetrations, Joints, Perimeter Fire Protection
 - FREE @ www.FCIA.org
- Part I Focus on
 - Systems
 - Product Physical Properties
 - Manufacturers
 - "Single Manufacturer to the greatest extent possible" EJ's
- Part II Contractor & Inspection Agency Qualifications
- Part III Execution; ASTM E2174 / E2393 Inspection



Built Right = Maintain Right WHEN SPECIFIED AT NEW CONSTRUCTION

- Reference in 01-40-00 Quality Requirements
 - Special Inspections
- 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

M-Barrier Management Systems Building Owner's Policy Topics

- Advise Clients Create a Budget to Meet Code Requirements
- Inventory What Info?
 - Life Safety Drawings
 - Manufacturers Instructions
 - Tested and Listed Systems (Listings)
- Manage Contractors, Workforce
 - In House (Rules)
 - Outside Contractor (Rules)
- Monitor Process
- As Built/As Maintained Documentation for Records

Barrier Management Policy Contents

- Annual Line Item Budget
- Rules of Engagement in Contracts
 - Internal Contracts
 - External Contracts
- Pre-Construction Meetings
- Barrier Warnings Markings
 - Barrier/Firestop
- Violation Consequences
- Ongoing Management
- Staff Occupant Education



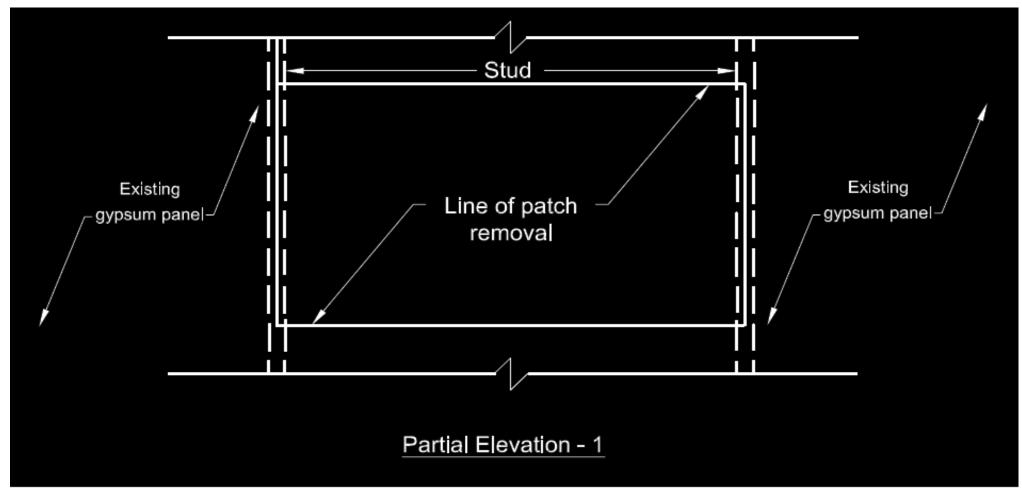
M-Barrier Management Systems

- Barrier Inventory Elements & Policy....
 - Life Safety Drawings, MII, Systems
 - Existing Conditions Documented
 - Ongoing Survey Records
 - Deficiency Reports
 - Systems Documentation Control, Retrieval
- ALL FIRE PROTECTION FEATURES

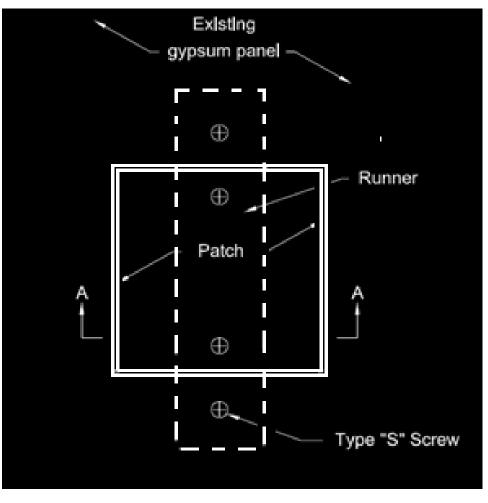
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Barrier Repair Examples

Gypsum Board Repair Large Holes

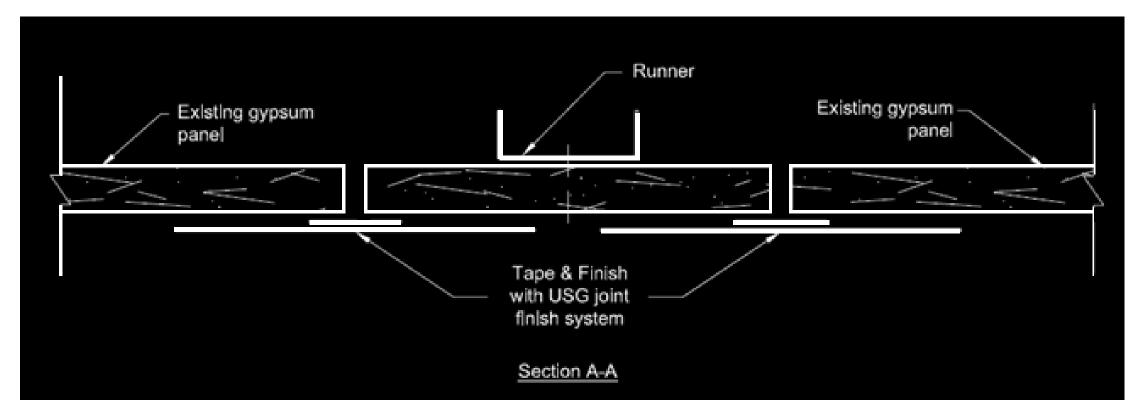


Gypsum Board Repairs - Small



USG Image

Gypsum Board Repairs - Small



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Firestop Repairs

- Repairs...
 - Instruction requirements by manufacturer...
 - Listed systems
 - Patching
 - •Systems....
 - Adhesion
 - Movement
 - •F, T,L,W Ratings
-As recommended by MFR



Affinity Firestop Photo

M-Barrier Management Systems

- Visual Building Survey/Inspection....
 - Tested and Listed Systems (Listings)
 - Manufacturers installation instructions

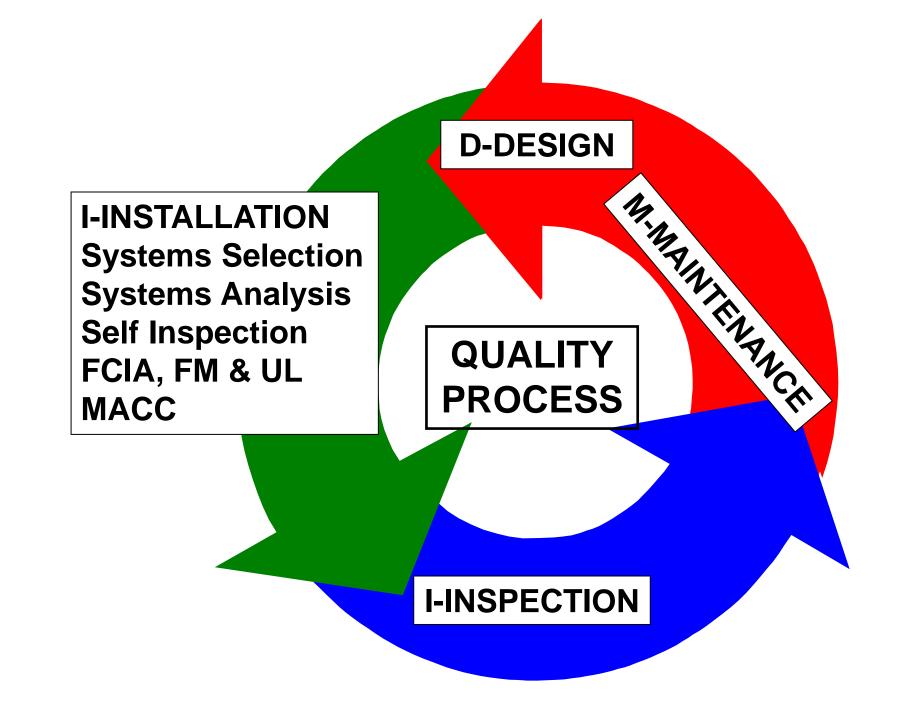
Firestopping for Continuity I – Listed Systems



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
- Wraps, Duct Wraps





Installation – Who?

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

Conclusion –

Without Single Firestop Installation Contractor....

Fire & life safety risks



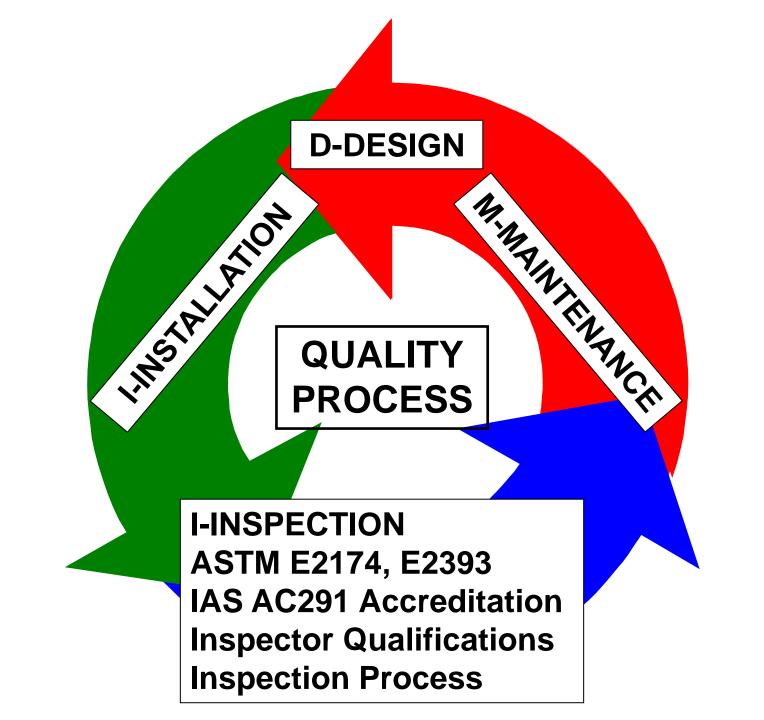




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UL-ULC / FM 4991Contractor Company Benefits

- Quantified Differentiation ...
 - Focus on the Company & Individual
 - Investment in Company Procedures
 - Investment in People Education
 - Investment in FCIA Manual of Practice
 - Project Successful Proven Contractor
 - Education, Training, Accountability
 - = Reduced Risk Life, Property, Business



Why Inspection? Firestop Installation Methods

- Each Construction Discipline MEP, etc.
 - "He/She who pokes hole, fills hole"
- Multiple Contracts
 - Firestop Contractors, Trades
- Single Source Firestop Contractor
 - FCIA Member in Good Standing
 - UL/ULC Qualified, or FM 4991

Firestop Inspection Standards & Professional Contractor = Success

• ASTM E2174 / ASTM E2393 Standard Practice "Inspection Process"











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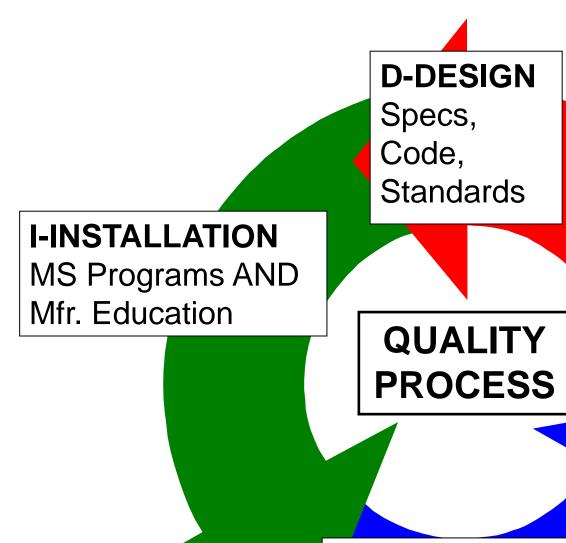
Inspection in Codes ASTM E2174 / ASTM E2393

- NFPA 101 / 5000 Chapter 8 Annex
- 2012 International Building Code
 - •CH 17 Special Inspections (FCIA Proposals)
 - •Buildings 75' & higher above Fire Department Access
 - Occupancy Type III, IV, Chapter 16 Table 1604.5
 - •Residential > 250 Occupants 2021 (FCIA Proposal)
- Abu Dhabi International Building Code
- NOT in NBC or NFC YET

FCIA DIIM & Firestopping

Proper 'DIIM' Means Reliable Systems...

- Properly Designed A/E Consultant
 - Tested and Listed Systems, FCIA Member Mfr's., Compartments per IBC, NFPA Codes, SUBMITTALS.... Specified (CCS,CDT, RSW)
- Properly *Installed*
 - FCIA Member, FM 4991, or UL Qualified Contractors
- Properly Inspected
 - ASTM E2174 & ASTM E2393, by IAS Qualified Inspectors at IAS AC
 291 Accredited Inspection Firms
- Properly Maintained & Managed
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Effective Compartmentation IS a SYSTEM











Questions??





Thanks for Attending!!!

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