



## California Residential Code Section R327 Conformance Checklist

Per CRC R327.1.4 *"The local building official shall, prior to construction, provide the owner or applicant a certification that the building as proposed to be built complies with... all WUI materials and construction methods for wildfire exposure."* Please incorporate the following code requirements into the construction documents and demonstrate proposed materials comply with these requirements. All materials shall bear identification showing the fire performance rating thereof. That identification shall be issued by ICC-ES or a testing facility recognized by the State Fire Marshall having a service for inspection of materials at the factory.

### **SECTION R327.3 STANDARDS OF QUALITY**

**R327.3.1 General.** Building material, systems, assemblies and methods of construction used in this chapter shall be in accordance with Section R327.3.

**R327.3.2 Qualification by testing.** Material and material assemblies tested in accordance with the requirements of Section R327.3 shall be accepted for use when the results and conditions of those tests are met. Product evaluation testing of material and material assemblies shall be approved or listed by the State Fire Marshal, or identified in a current report issued by an approved agency.

**R327.3.3 Approved agency.** Product evaluation testing shall be performed by an approved agency as defined in Section 1702 of the California Building Code. The scope of accreditation for the approved agency shall include building product compliance with code.

**R327.3.4 Labeling.** Material and material assemblies tested in accordance with the requirements of section R327.3 shall bear an identification label showing the fire test results. That identification label shall be issued by a *testing and/or inspecting agency approved by the State Fire Marshal.* The identification label shall include:

1. *Identification mark of the approved testing and/or inspecting agency.*
2. *Contact and identification information of the manufacturer*
3. *Model number or identification of the product or material*
4. *Pre-test weathering specified in this chapter*
5. *Compliance standard as described under Section R327.3.7*

**R327.3.5 Weathering and surface treatment protection.**

**R327.3.5.1 General.** Material and material assemblies tested in accordance with the requirements of Section R327.3 shall maintain their fire test performance under conditions of use when installed in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

**R327.3.5.2 Weathering.** Fire-retardant-treated wood and fire-retardant-treated wood shingles and shakes shall meet the fire test performance requirements of this chapter after being subjected to the weathering conditions contained in the following standards, as applicable to the materials and the conditions of use.

**R327.3.5.2.1 Fire-retardant-treated wood.** Fire-retardant-treated wood shall be tested in accordance with ASTM D 2898, “Standard Practice for Accelerated Weathering of Fire-Retardant Treated Wood for Fire Testing (Method A)” and the requirements of Section 2303.2 of the California Building Code.

**R327.3.5.2.2 Fire-retardant-treated wood shingles and shakes.** Fire-retardant-treated wood shingles and shakes shall be approved and listed by the State Fire Marshal in accordance with Section 208(c), Title 19 California Code of Regulations.

**R327.3.5.3 Surface treatment protection.** The use of paints, coatings, stains or other surface treatments are not an approved method of protection as required in this section.

**R327.3.6 Alternates for materials, design, tests and methods of construction.** The enforcing agency is permitted to modify the provisions of this chapter for site-specific conditions in accordance with Section 1.11.2.4. When required by the enforcing agency for the purposes of granting modifications, a fire protection plan shall be submitted in accordance with the California Fire Code, Chapter 49.

**R327.3.7 Standards of quality.** The State Fire Marshal standards for exterior wildfire exposure protection listed below and as referenced in this chapter are located in the California Reference Standards Code, Part 12 and Chapter 44 of this code.

**SFM Standard 12-7A-1,** Exterior Wall Siding and Sheathing. A fire resistance test standard consisting of a 150 kW intensity direct flame exposure for a 10 minute duration.

**SFM Standard 12-7A-2,** Exterior Windows. A fire resistance test standard consisting of a 150 kW intensity direct flame exposure for an 8 minute duration.

**SFM Standard 12-7A-3,** Horizontal Projection Under-side. A fire resistance test standard consisting of a 300 kW intensity direct flame exposure for a 10 minute duration.

**SFM Standard 12-7A-4,** Decking. A two-part test consisting of a heat release rate (Part A) deck assembly combustion test with an under deck exposure of 80 kW intensity direct flame for a 3 minute duration, and a (Part B) sustained deck assembly combustion test consisting of a deck upper surface burning ember exposure with a 12 mph wind for 40 minutes using a

2.2lb (1 kg) burning “Class A” size 12 inch x 12 inch x 2.25inch (300 mm x 300 mm x 57mm) roof test brand.

**SFM Standard 12-7A-4A**, Decking Alternate Method A. A heat release rate deck assembly combustion test with an under deck exposure of 80 kW intensity direct flame for a 3 minute duration,

**SFM Standard 12-7A-5**, Ignition-resistant Material. A generic building material surface burning flame spread test standard consisting of an extended 30 minute ASTM E 84 or UL 723 test method as is used for Fire-Retardant-Treated wood.

## **SECTION R327.4 IGNITION RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION**

**R327.4.1 General.** The materials prescribed herein for ignition resistance shall conform to the requirements of this chapter.

**R327.4.2 Ignition-resistant material.** Ignition-resistant material shall be determined in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-5 “Ignition-Resistant Material” or in accordance with this section.

**R327.4.3 Alternative methods for determining ignition-resistant material.** Any one of the following shall be accepted as meeting the definition of ignition-resistant material:

1. Noncombustible material. Material that complies with the definition for noncombustible materials in Section R202.
2. Fire-retardant-treated wood. Fire-retardant-treated wood identified for exterior use that complies with the requirements of Section 2303.2 of the California Building Code.
3. Fire-retardant-treated wood shingles and shakes. Fire-retardant-treated wood shingles and shakes, as defined in Section 1505.6 of the California Building Code and listed by State Fire Marshal for use as “Class B” roof covering, shall be accepted as an ignition 111 resistant wall covering material when installed over solid sheathing.

## **SECTION R327.5 ROOFING**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**R327.5.1 General.** Roofs shall comply with the requirements of Sections R327 and R902. Roofs shall have a roofing assembly installed in accordance with its listing and the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**R327.5.2 Roof coverings.** Where the roof profile allows a space between the roof covering and roof decking, the spaces shall be constructed to prevent the intrusion of flames and embers, be firestopped with approved materials or have one layer of minimum 72 pound (32.4 kg) mineral-

surfaced nonperforated cap sheet complying with ASTM D 3909 installed over the combustible decking.

**R327.5.3 Roof valleys.** Where valley flashing is installed, the flashing shall be not less than 0.019-inch (0.48 mm) No. 26 gage galvanized sheet corrosion-resistant metal installed over not less than one layer of minimum 72-pound (32.4 kg) mineral-surfaced nonperforated cap sheet complying with ASTM D 3909, at least 36-inch-wide (914 mm) running the full length of the valley.

**R327.5.4 Roof gutters.** Roof gutters shall be provided with the means to prevent the accumulation of leaves and debris in the gutter.

## **SECTION R327.6 VENTS**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**R327.6.1 General.** Where provided, ventilation openings for enclosed attics, enclosed eave soffit spaces, enclosed rafter spaces formed where ceilings are applied directly to the underside of roof rafters, and underfloor ventilation shall be in accordance with Section 1203 of the California Building Code and Sections R327.6.1 through R327.6.3 of this section to resist building ignition from the intrusion of burning embers and flame through the ventilation openings.

**R327.6.2 Requirements.** Ventilation openings for enclosed attics, enclosed eave soffit spaces, enclosed rafter spaces formed where ceilings are applied directly to the underside of roof rafters, and underfloor ventilation openings shall be fully covered with metal wire mesh, vents, other materials or other devices that meet the following requirements:

1. The dimensions of the openings therein shall be a minimum of 1/16th inch (1.6 mm) and shall not exceed 1/8th inch (3.2mm).
2. The materials used shall be noncombustible.

Exception: Vents located under the roof covering, along the ridge of roofs, with the exposed surface of the vent covered by noncombustible wire mesh, may be of combustible materials.

3. The materials used shall be corrosion resistant.

### **R327.6.3 Ventilation openings on the underside of eaves and cornices:**

Vents shall not be installed on the underside of eaves and cornices.

Exceptions:

1. The enforcing agency may accept or approve special eave and cornice vents that resist the intrusion of flame and burning embers.
2. Vents complying with the requirements of Section R327.6.2 may be installed on the underside of eaves and cornices in accordance with either one of the following conditions:
  1. The attic space being ventilated is fully protected by an automatic sprinkler system installed in accordance with Section 903.3.1.1 of the California Building Code or,
  2. The exterior wall covering and exposed underside of the eave are of noncombustible material, or ignition-resistant materials as determined in accordance with SFM Standard 12-7A-5 Ignition-Resistant Material and the vent is located more than 12 feet from the ground or walking surface of a deck, porch, patio, or similar surface.

## **SECTION R327.7 EXTERIOR COVERING**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**R327.7.1 Scope.** The provisions of this section shall govern the materials and construction methods used to resist building ignition and/or safeguard against the intrusion of flames resulting from small ember and short-term direct flame contact exposure.

**R327.7.2 General.** The following exterior covering materials and/or assemblies shall comply with this section:

1. Exterior wall covering material
2. Exterior wall assembly
3. Exterior exposed underside of roof eave overhangs
4. Exterior exposed underside of roof eave soffits
5. Exposed underside of exterior porch ceilings
6. Exterior exposed underside of floor projections
7. Exterior underfloor areas

Exceptions:

1. Exterior wall architectural trim, embellishments, fascias, and gutters
2. Roof or wall top cornice projections and similar assemblies
3. Roof assembly projections over gable end walls
4. Solid wood rafter tails and solid wood blocking installed between rafters having minimum dimension 2 inch (50.8 mm) nominal
5. Deck walking surfaces shall comply with Section R327.9 only

**R327.7.3. Exterior walls.** The exterior wall covering or wall assembly shall comply with one of the following requirements:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. Heavy-timber exterior wall assembly
4. Log wall construction assembly
5. Wall assemblies that meet the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures for a 10-minute direct flame contact exposure test set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-1.

**Exceptions:** Any of the following shall be deemed to meet the assembly performance criteria and intent of this section:

1. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind the exterior covering or cladding on the exterior side of the framing.
2. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly designed for exterior fire exposure including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual.

**R327.7.3.1 Extent of exterior wall covering.** Exterior wall coverings shall extend from the top of the foundation to the roof, and terminate at 2 inch (50.8 mm) nominal solid wood blocking between rafters at all roof overhangs, or in the case of enclosed eaves, terminate at the enclosure.

**R327.7.4 Open roof eaves.** The exposed roof deck on the underside of unenclosed roof eaves shall consist of one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material

3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind an exterior covering on the underside exterior of the roof deck
4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the roof deck designed for exterior fire exposure including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual

**Exceptions:** The following materials do not require protection:

1. Solid wood rafter tails on the exposed underside of open roof eaves having a minimum nominal dimension of 2 inch (50.8 mm)
2. Solid wood blocking installed between rafter tails on the exposed underside of open roof eaves having a minimum nominal dimension of 2 inch (50.8 mm)
3. Gable end overhangs and roof assembly projections beyond an exterior wall other than at the lower end of the rafter tails
4. Fascia and other architectural trim boards

**R327.7.5 Enclosed roof eaves and roof eave soffits.** The exposed underside of enclosed roof eaves having either a boxed-in roof eave soffit with a horizontal underside, or sloping rafter tails with an exterior covering applied to the underside of the rafter tails, shall be protected by one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind an exterior covering on the underside of the rafter tails or soffit
4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the rafter tails or soffit including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
5. Boxed-in roof eave soffit assemblies with a horizontal underside that meet the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-3

**Exceptions:** The following materials do not require protection:

1. Gable end overhangs and roof assembly projections beyond an exterior wall other than at the lower end of the rafter tails

2. Fascia and other architectural trim boards

**R327.7.6 Exterior porch ceilings.** The exposed underside of exterior porch ceilings shall be protected by one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind the exterior covering on the underside of the ceiling
4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the ceiling assembly including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
5. Porch ceiling assemblies with a horizontal underside that meet the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-3

**Exception:** Architectural trim boards.

**R327.7.7 Floor projections.** The exposed underside of a cantilevered floor projection where a floor assembly extends over an exterior wall shall be protected by one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind an exterior covering on the underside of the floor projection
4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the floor projection including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
5. The underside of a floor projection assembly that meets the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-3

**Exception:** Architectural trim boards.

**R327.7.8. Underfloor protection.** The underfloor area of elevated or overhanging buildings shall be enclosed to grade in accordance with the requirements of this chapter or the underside of the exposed underfloor shall consist of one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind an exterior covering on the underside of the floor projection

4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the floor including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
5. The underside of a floor assembly that meets the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-3

**Exception:** Heavy-timber structural columns and beams do not require protection.

**R327.7.9 Underside of appendages.** When required by the enforcing agency, the underside of overhanging appendages shall be enclosed to grade in accordance with the requirements of this chapter or the underside of the exposed underfloor shall consist of one of the following:

1. Noncombustible material
2. Ignition-resistant material
3. One layer of 5/8-inch Type X gypsum sheathing applied behind an exterior covering on the underside of the floor projection
4. The exterior portion of a 1-hour fire resistive exterior wall assembly applied to the underside of the floor including assemblies using the gypsum panel and sheathing products listed in the Gypsum Association Fire Resistance Design Manual
5. The underside of a floor assembly that meets the performance criteria in accordance with the test procedures set forth in SFM Standard 12-7A-3

**Exception:** Heavy-timber structural columns and beams do not require protection.

## **SECTION R327.8 EXTERIOR WINDOWS AND DOORS**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

R327.8.1 General.

**R327.8.2 Exterior glazing.** The following exterior glazing materials and/or assemblies shall comply with this section:

1. Exterior windows
2. Exterior glazed doors
3. Glazed openings within exterior doors
4. Glazed openings within exterior garage doors
5. Exterior structural glass veneer

**R327.8.2.1 Exterior windows and exterior glazed door assembly requirements.** Exterior windows and exterior glazed door assemblies shall comply with one of the following requirements:

1. Be constructed of multipane glazing with a minimum of one tempered pane meeting the requirements of Section 2406 Safety Glazing, or
2. Be constructed of glass block units, or
3. Have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 20 minutes when tested according to NFPA 257, or
5. Be tested to meet the performance requirements of SFM Standard 12-7A-2.

**R327.8.2.2 Structural glass veneer.** The wall assembly behind structural glass veneer shall comply with Section R327.7.3

**R327.8.3 Exterior doors.** Exterior doors shall comply with one of the following:

1. The exterior surface or cladding shall be of noncombustible or ignition-resistant material, or
2. Shall be constructed of solid core wood that comply with the following requirements:
  1. Stiles and rails shall not be less than 1 3/8 inches thick
  2. Raised panels shall not be less than 1 1/4 inches thick, except for the exterior perimeter of the raised panel that may taper to a tongue not less than 3/8 inch thick.
3. Shall have a fire-resistance rating of not less than 20 minutes when tested according to NFPA 252.
4. Shall be tested to meet the performance requirements of SFM standard 12-7A-1.

**R327.8.3.1 Exterior door glazing.** Glazing in exterior doors shall comply with Section R327.8.2.1.

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## **SECTION R327.9 DECKING**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL \_\_\_\_\_**

**R327.9.1 General.** The walking surface material of decks, porches, balconies and stairs shall comply with the requirements of this section.

**R327.9.2 Where required.** The walking surface material of decks, porches, balconies and stairs shall comply with the requirements of this section when any portion of such surface is within 10 feet (3048 mm) of the building.

**R327.9.3 Decking surfaces.** The walking surface material of decks, porches, balconies and stairs shall be constructed with one of the following materials:

1. Ignition-resistant material that complies with the performance requirements of both SFM Standard 12-7A-4 and SFM Standard 12-7A-5
2. Exterior fire retardant treated wood
3. Noncombustible material
4. Any material that complies with the performance requirements of SFM Standard 12-7A-4A when attached exterior wall covering is also either noncombustible or ignition-resistant material

**Exception:** Wall material may be of any material that otherwise complies with this chapter when the decking surface material complies with the performance requirements ASTM E 84 with a Class B flame spread rating.

## **SECTION R327.10 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES**

**COMPLIANCE SHOWN ON SHEET(S) \_\_\_\_\_ DETAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**R327.10.1 General.** Accessory and miscellaneous structures, other than buildings covered by Section R327.1.3. which pose a significant exterior exposure hazard to applicable buildings during wildfires shall be constructed to conform to the ignition resistance requirements of this section.

**R327.10.2 Applicability.** The provisions of this section shall apply to trellises, arbors, patio covers, carports, gazebos and similar structures of an accessory or miscellaneous character.

Exceptions:

1. Decks shall comply with the requirements of Section R327.9
2. Awnings and canopies shall comply with the requirements of Section 3105 of the California Building Code.

**R327.10.3 Where required.** Accessory structures shall comply with the requirements of this section.

**R327.10.3.1** Attached accessory structures shall comply with the requirements of this section.

**R327.10.3.2** When required by the enforcing agency, detached accessory structures within 50 feet of an applicable building shall comply with the requirements of this section.

**R327.10.4. Requirements.** When required by the enforcing agency accessory structures shall be constructed of noncombustible or ignition-resistant materials.