

## > The Case for Cross Laminated Timber: Part 2

Opportunities and  
Challenges for a New Class of  
Timber Product

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## Learning Objectives

1. Review answers to common questions regarding the design and construction of CLT structures, including those related to cost and designing for exposed conditions.
2. Evaluate the fire characteristics of CLT, including the benefits of charring, effects of lamination, flame spread and more.
3. Discuss current seismic approaches that can be used for CLT buildings as well as the future of seismic testing.
4. Consider the acoustic and moisture performance of CLT assemblies and how they inform the design of a project.



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## Outline

- CLT Design
  - Fire
  - Lateral
  - Acoustic
  - Building Enclosure
- Including.....
  - Information available in the CLT Handbook
  - Information from additional resources
  - Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

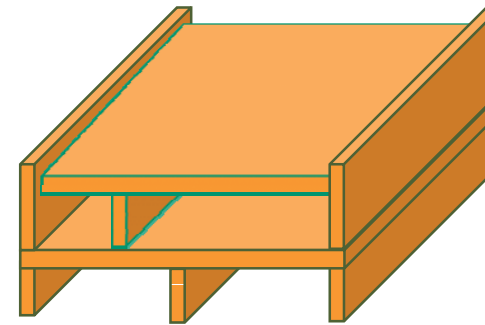
## Fire Design

- Fire Design
  - Building Types
  - Fire Resistance
  - Interior Finish
  - Connections



## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type V** are generally combustibles such as wood although V permits any material permitted by code



All structural elements can be combustible construction:

- Exterior walls
- Floor
- Roof
- Interior walls

## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type VB** is unprotected construction and requires no fire rating on any building elements.

TABLE 601  
FIRE-RESISTANCE RATING REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING ELEMENTS (hours)

BUILDING ELEMENT	TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V	
	A	B	A <sup>d</sup>	B	A <sup>d</sup>	B	HT	A <sup>d</sup>	B
Primary structural frame <sup>8</sup> (see Section 202)	3 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	1	0	1	0	HT	1	0
Bearing walls Exterior <sup>4,8</sup> Interior	3 3 <sup>a</sup>	2 2 <sup>a</sup>	1 1	0 0	2 1	2 0	2 1/HT	1 1	0 0
Nonbearing walls and partitions Exterior	See Table 602								
Nonbearing walls and partitions Interior <sup>8</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	See Section 602.4.6	0	0
Floor construction and secondary members (see Section 202)	2	2	1	0	1	0	HT	1	0
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## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

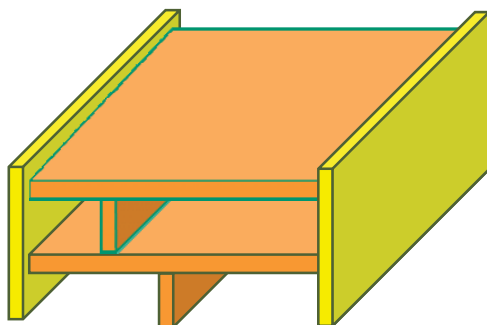
- **Type VA** is protected construction and requires a 1hr rating for all structural elements with some exceptions for roofs.

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## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type III** is noncombustible exterior and combustile interior. Fire-retardant-treated wood framing is permitted in the exterior walls.



Structural elements that can be CLT:

- Floor
- Roof
- Interior walls

## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

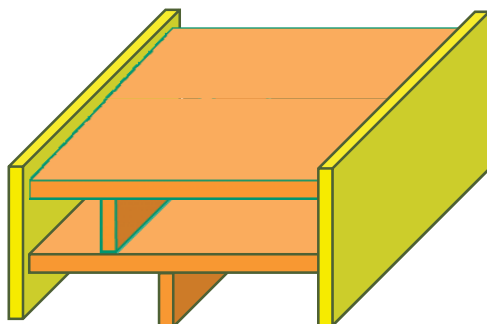
- **Type III** requires a 2hr fire rating at exterior walls for both protected and unprotected construction, 1hr rated most everywhere else for **IIIA** and no where else for **IIIB**.

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Bearing walls									
Exterior <sup>d,e</sup>	3	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	0
Interior	3 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	1	0	1	0	1/HT	1	0
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## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type IV** are generally combustile with the exception of the exterior walls and requires that there are no concealed spaces.

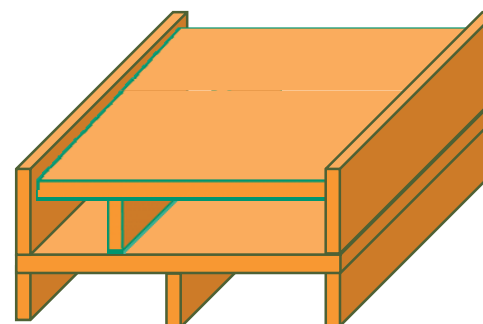


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- Floor
- Roof
- Interior walls

## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type IV** are generally combustile with the exception of the exterior walls that can be CLT or FRT when the rating is 2hr or less.



Structural elements that can be CLT **under 2015 IBC**:

- Floor
- Roof
- Interior walls
- Exterior walls

## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

- **Type IV** - Fire resistance requirements do NOT apply to HT Construction except at the Exterior Walls

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## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

TABLE 503  
ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS<sup>a,b</sup>  
Building height limitations shown in feet above grade plane. Story limitations shown as stories above grade plane.  
Building area limitations shown in square feet, as determined by the definition of "Area, building," per story

GROUP	HEIGHT (feet)	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION									
		TYPE I		TYPE II		TYPE III		TYPE IV	TYPE V		
		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B	
		UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40	
STORIES(S) AREA (A)											
A-1	BUSINESS					3 14,000	2 8,500	3 16,000	2 11,900	1 5,500	
A-2	Business Occupancy					3 14,000	2 9,500	3 16,000	2 11,900	1 6,000	
A-3	NFPA 13 Sprinklers IBC 903.3.1.1					3 14,000	2 9,500	3 16,000	2 11,900	1 6,000	
A-4	Modifications					3 14,000	2 9,500	3 16,000	2 11,900	1 6,000	
A-4	6 stories					3 14,000	2 9,500	3 16,000	2 11,900	1 6,000	
A-5	85 feet					UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	UL UL	
B	135,000 sq. ft./floor max					5 28,900	3 19,000	5 36,000	3 18,000	2 9,000	
E	405,000 sq. ft. total max.					3 23,800	2 14,500	3 25,500	1 18,500	1 9,500	
	No Fire walls										
F-1	S	11	4	2		3	2	4	2	1	
	A	UL	UL	25,000	15,900	19,000	12,000	33,500	14,000	8,500	
F-2	S	11	5	3		4	3	5	3	2	
	A	UL	UL	37,900	23,000	28,900	18,000	60,500	21,000	13,000	

## Fire and Life Safety – Building Types

TABLE 503—continued  
ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHTS AND AREAS<sup>a,b</sup>

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		A	B	A	B	A	B	HT	A	B	
		UL	160	65	55	65	55	65	50	40	
		STORIES(S) AREA (A)									
R			4		2		4		3	1	
			18,500		12,500		20,500		14,000	9,000	
R			4		4		4		3	2	
			24,000		16,000		20,500		12,000	7,000	
			4		4		4		3	2	
			24,000		16,000		20,500		12,000	7,000	
R			4		4		4		3	3	
			UL		UL		UL		UL	UL	
R			4		4		4		3	2	
			24,000		16,000		20,500		12,000	7,000	
S			3		2		4		3	1	
			26,000		17,500		25,500		14,000	9,000	
S			4		3		5		4	2	
			39,000		26,000		38,500		21,000	13,500	
U		S	UL	5	4	2	3	2	4	2	
		A	UL	35,500	19,000	8,500	14,000	8,500	18,000	9,000	
										5,500	

**RESIDENTIAL**

R-2 Occupancy

NFPA 13 Sprinklers IBC 903.3.1.1

Modifications

5 stories

85 feet

76,875 sq. ft./floor max

230,625 sq. ft. total max.

No Fire walls

## Fire and Life Safety - AMMR

[A] 104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *building official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, *fire resistance*, durability and safety.

## Fire and Life Safety – AMMR

[A] 104.11.2 Tests. Whenever there is insufficient evidence of compliance with the provisions of this code, or evidence that a material or method does not conform to the requirements of this code, or in order to substantiate claims for alternative materials or methods, the *building official* shall have the authority to require tests as evidence of compliance to be made at no expense to the jurisdiction. Test methods shall be as specified in this code or by other recognized test standards. In the absence of recognized and accepted test methods, the *building official* shall approve the testing procedures. Tests shall be performed by an *approved agency*. Reports of such tests shall be retained by the *building official* for the period required for retention of public records.

[A] 104.11.1 Research reports. Supporting data, where necessary to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in this code, shall consist of valid research reports from *approved sources*.

## Fire Resistance

Fire protection based on

- ASTM E119 test performed by AWC or test reports from FPInnovations, OR...
- Calculate fire resistance per NDS Ch. 16



## ASTM E119 Fire Endurance Test

- 5-Ply CLT (approx. 7" thick)
- 5/8" Type X GWB each side
- Sought 2 hour rating
- RESULTS: 3 hours 6 minutes



## Fire Resistance Testing

Full Scale E119 Testing was done to prove min 2hr resistance to allow CLT as an exception in Type IV construction.



# Fire Resistance Calculation

Full Scale E119 Testing was done to prove the calculation methods.

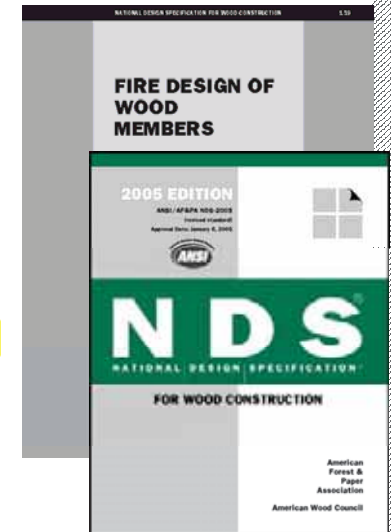
The advantage to a calculated method is versatility (not relying on a UL assembly to include your exact assembly).



# Fire Resistance

## SECTION 721 CALCULATED FIRE RESISTANCE

**721.1 General.** The provisions of this section contain procedures by which the *fire resistance* of specific materials or combinations of materials is established by calculations. These procedures apply only to the information contained in this section and shall not be otherwise used. The calculated *fire resistance* of concrete, concrete masonry and clay masonry assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with ACI 216.1/TMS 0216. The calculated *fire resistance* of steel assemblies shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 5 of ASCE 29. The calculated *fire resistance* of exposed wood members and wood decking shall be permitted in accordance with Chapter 16 of ANSI/AF&PA *National Design Specification for Wood Construction (NDS)*.

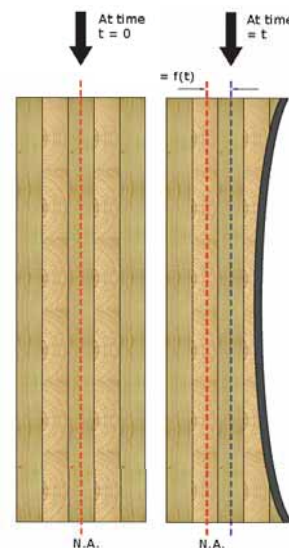


<http://www.awc.org/Code-Officials/2012-IBC-Challenges/Preliminary-CLT-Fire-Test-Report-FINAL-July2012.pdf>

# Fire Resistance

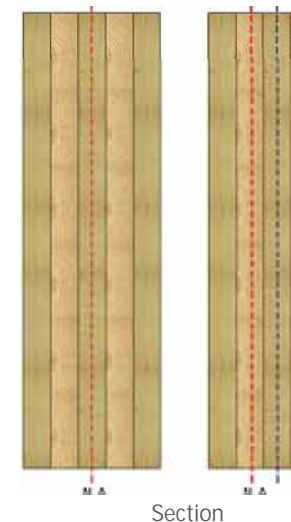
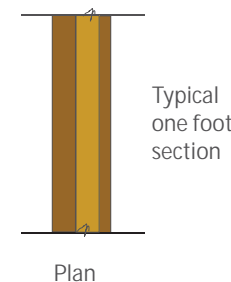
## Chapter 16 NDS

- Charring Rate and Char Depth



# Fire Resistance

## Net section properties





## Interior Finish

### Wood Interior Finish – Flame spread

- Building occupancy
- Location of the material in the building
- Sprinklers or no sprinklers

ASTM E84 or UL 723 Test Method

IBC 803.1.1

**Table 8:**  
Flame spread classes according with IBC

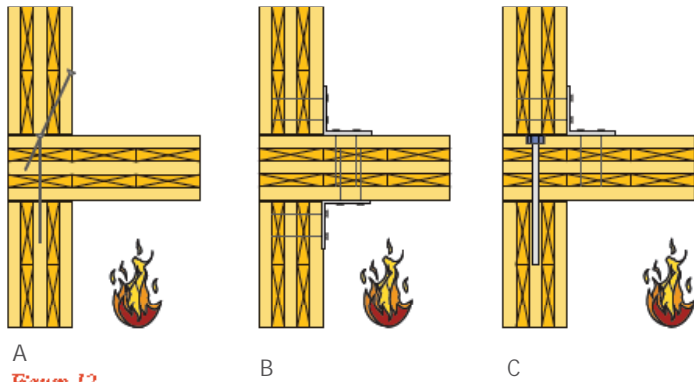
Class	Flame Spread Index	Smoke Development Index
A	0-25	0-450
B	26-75	0-450
C	76-200	0-450

## Interior Finish

**Table 9:**  
Flame spread index for wood lumber

Species	Flame Spread Index
Cedar, Alaska yellow	50
Cedar, Pacific Coast yellow	78
Cedar, Port Orford	60
Cedar, Western Red	70-75
Cypress	145-150
Douglas-fir	70-100
Douglas-fir flooring, 1/2 in.	83-98
Elm, American (European Elm)	88
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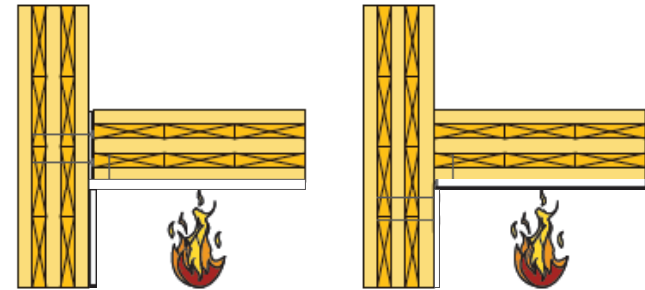
## Connections



**Figure 12**

Examples of connections seen in CLT platform construction

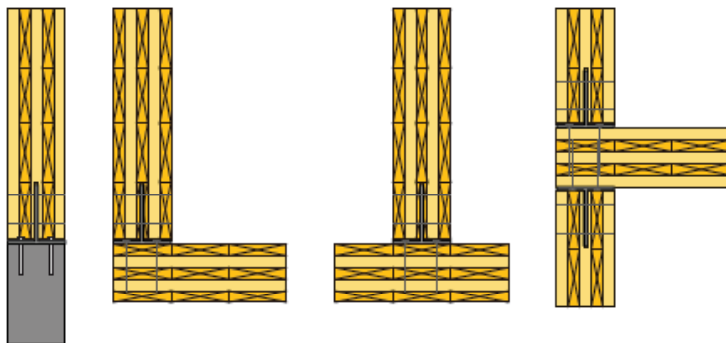
## Connections



**Figure 13**

Examples of connections seen in CLT balloon construction

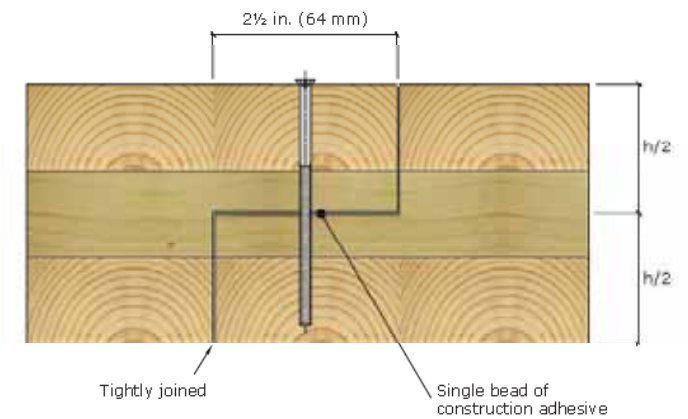
## Connections



**Figure 14**

Concealed metal plates

## Connections



**Figure 9**

CLT panel-to-panel half-lapped joint detail



## Connections



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Fire ratings for connections are established by the fire rating of the system.

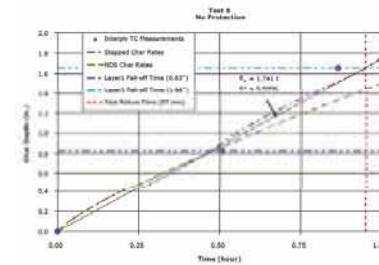
Type IV Construction does not have fire ratings for connections.

IBC 722.6.3.3 - 1hr of protection = 1-1/2" wood covering

## Chapter 8 - Fire



- IBC Height and Areas
- ASTM E119 Test
- ASTM E84 Test
- Design Examples



## Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What Building Type should I specify?
2. How tall can I go with CLT?
3. Can I expose CLT?
4. Are there approved fire rated assemblies?

## Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What Building Type should I specify?
  - This will depend on the height and area you require and if your threshold for fire walls.
  - Types III, IV and V will all allow CLT to some degree.
  - The 2015 IBC holds an opportunity for expanded use that may be accessed by utilizing 104.10
2. How tall can I go with CLT?
3. Can I expose CLT?
4. Are there approved fire rated assemblies?

## Frequently Asked Questions:

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1. What Building Type should I specify?
2. How tall can I go with CLT?
  - Depends on occupancy, use of sprinklers and structural design parameters
  - 6 Story Office Type IV or III
  - 6 Story S-2 (parking) – Type IV
  - 5 Story Retail & Residential – Type IV or III
  - Possibly taller with performance based design
3. Can I expose CLT?
4. Are there approved fire rated assemblies?

## Frequently Asked Questions:

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1. What Building Type should I specify?
2. How tall can I go with CLT?
3. Can I expose CLT?
  - Additional sacrificial laminations may be required to accommodate required fire resistance rating.
  - Most exposed CLT will have a Class B or C finish rating.
  - Type IV members are not subject to interior finish requirements.
4. Are there approved fire rated assemblies?

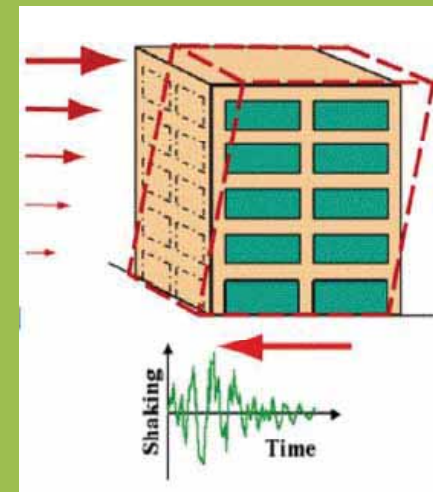
## Frequently Asked Questions:

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1. What Building Type should I specify?
2. How tall can I go with CLT?
3. Can I expose CLT?
4. Are there approved fire rated assemblies?
  - A calculated method has been established for fire ratings of Cross Laminated Timber.
  - The calculated method has been justified with full scale E119 fire tests.
  - Not having set approved fire assemblies gives designers more flexibility with their assemblies but may require more explanation with a building dept.

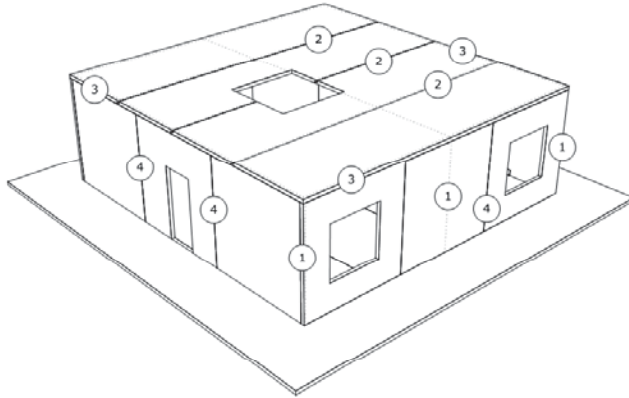
## Lateral Design

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## CLT in Lateral Force Resisting Systems

CLT Panels can be used as structural diaphragms and shear walls.



Source: A Ceccotti in the US CLT Handbook

## CLT in Lateral Force Resisting Systems

CLT Panels have a very high in-plane shear strength.

CrossLam In-Plane Shear Loading				
Panel d (in)	SLT3 3.90	SLT5 6.65	SLT7 9.41	SLT9 12.17
	Vr (lbs/ft)			
	6510	13019	19529	26038

Source: The Cross Laminated Timber Design Guide from Structurlam

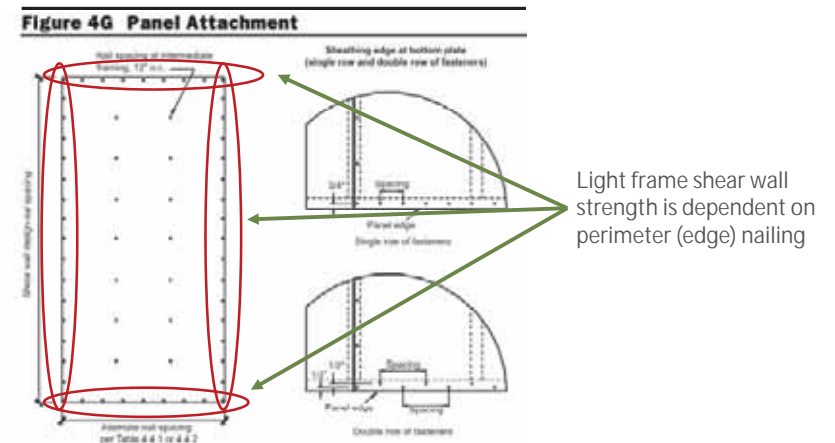
## CLT in Lateral Force Resisting Systems

Product	Nordic X-Lam						
Application	Wall Panels and Lintels						
Appearance grades	Industrial or Architectural						
Stress grade	E1 (L 1950F <sub>0</sub> and T No. 3/Stud)						
Layup Combinations	78-3s	105-3s	131-5s	175-5s	220-7s	244-7i	314-9i
<b>Loaded to major strength direction</b>	3	4	5	7	9	10	12
Compression, P <sub>0</sub> (10 <sup>3</sup> lbf/ft)	44	59	66	89	119	149	178
Tension, T <sub>0</sub> (10 <sup>3</sup> lbf/ft)	34	45	50	68	91	113	136
Effective area, A <sub>eff</sub> (in. <sup>2</sup> /ft)	24	33	37	50	66	83	99
Effective inertia, I <sub>eff</sub> (in. <sup>4</sup> /ft)	28	68	108	257	498	824	1638
Radius of gyration, r <sub>eff</sub> (in./ft)	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.3	2.7	3.2	4.1
In-plane shear, V <sub>0</sub> (lbf/in.)	304	396	597	792	912	1188	1584
<b>Loaded to minor strength direction</b>							
Compression, P <sub>90</sub> (10 <sup>3</sup> lbf/ft)	8,2	11	16	21	25	21	32
Tension, T <sub>90</sub> (10 <sup>3</sup> lbf/ft)	3,2	4,1	6,3	8,3	9,5	8,3	12
Effective area, A <sub>eff</sub> (in. <sup>2</sup> /ft)	12	17	25	33	38	33	50
Effective inertia, I <sub>eff</sub> (in. <sup>4</sup> /ft)	1,0	2,6	30	68	153	68	257
Radius of gyration, r <sub>eff</sub> (in./ft)	0,3	0,4	1,1	1,4	2,0	1,4	2,3
In-plane shear, V <sub>90</sub> (lbf/in.)	304	396	597	792	912	1188	1584

Source: Nordic CLT Guide

## Connections Determine Lateral Strength

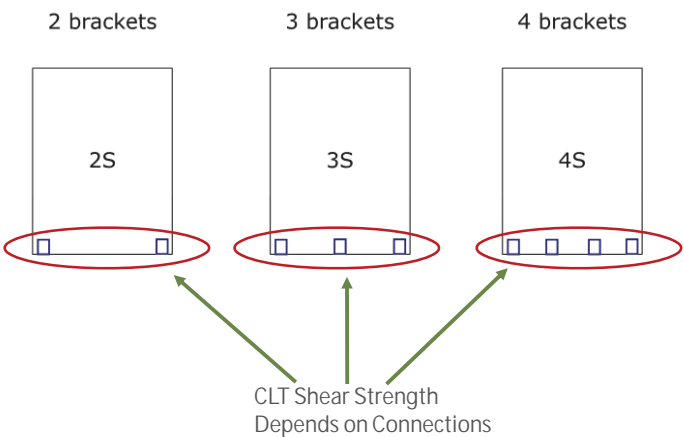
Similar to Wood Structural Panel Shear Walls



Source: SDPWS 2008

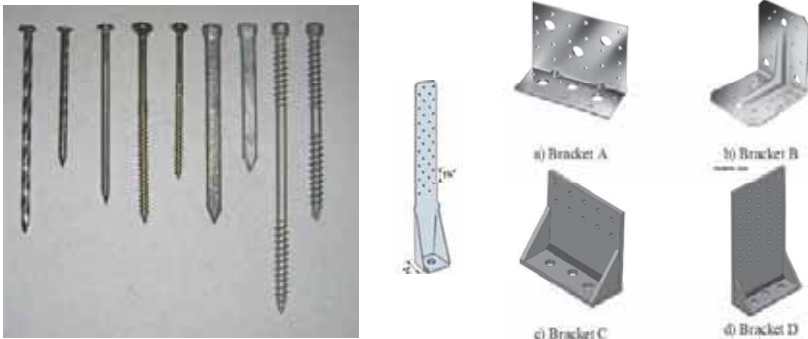
# Connections Determine Lateral Strength

Similar to Wood Structural Panel Shear Walls



Source: US CLT Handbook

# Fasteners and Brackets



# Frequently Asked Questions:

## 1. How do you design connections for CLT?

CLT connections should adhere to the *National Design Specification® for Wood Construction (NDS®)* just like other wood connections. The NDS has specific provisions for commodity fasteners, which can be found in Appendix K – L. The NDS does not yet include information on how to apply its dowel bearing equations regarding grain direction to CLT. However, the existing NDS design provisions can be applied with some modification, assuming that the CLT dowel bearing strength is based on the species-specific gravity of the face ply and the loading direction relative to the grain angle of the face ply.

# Commercial Products

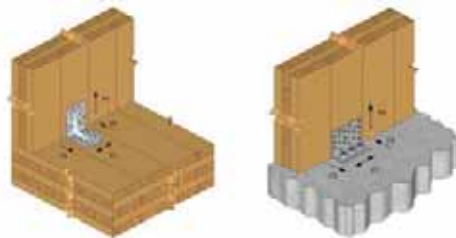


Table 1: Allowable Stress Design Values – CLT Panel Connection

Model ID	Gauge	Dimensions (in.)				Fastener Schedule				Allowable Load (lbs.), $C_p = 1.00$			
		$W_1$	$W_2$	$L$		Horizontal Leg		Vertical Leg		$F_x$	$F_y$	$F_z$	$F_w$
						Quantity	Type	Quantity	Type				
ABR020	14	3 7/8	3 7/8	2 7/8		10	CNA4x60	10	SD10212	1085	780	1330	1010
						10	SD10212	10	SD10212	1480	1200	1330	1010
ABR105	11	4 1/4	4 1/4	3 7/8		14	CNA4x60	10	CNA4x60	1350	835	2300	1020
						14	SD10212	10	SD10212	1880	1235	2300	1475
AE116	11	3 7/8	1 1/4	4 7/8		7	CNA4x60	18	CNA4x60	1720	1225	1550	650
						7	SD10212	18	SD10212	1850	1445	1850	1035

For Sd: 1 inch = 25.4 mm; 1 lbf = 4.45 N.  
 1. The allowable loads are based on the use of SPF Grade 2 Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) material conforming to APA PRG-320.  
 2. Installation and fastener schedule assume platform framing, i.e., install vertical leg at bottom edge of CLT wall panel, and horizontal leg on CLT floor panel with 3/4 in. min. edge distance.  
 3. Allowable loads have been increased for wind or earthquake loading with no further increase allowed. Reduce for other load durations as required by code.  
 4. Nails: CNA4x60 = 4 mm diameter x 60 mm long proprietary ring-shank nail.  
 5. Screws: SD10212 = 0.162 in. shank diameter x 2.5 in. long Simpson Strong-Drive® wood screw.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### 1. What type of connections are recommended/approved for CLT?

- Self-tapping screws will likely be the most common connector used in CLT construction. These are proprietary connectors and design values and requirements would be specified by the manufacturer. The manufacturer will be responsible for providing lateral and withdrawal connection values and any information needed to explain how to use provisions of the NDS (e.g. dowel bearing strength adjustments, dowel bending strengths of the self-tapping screws, and specific application of the NDS yield equations).
- Design values for proprietary fasteners and information on their approved use are available in Evaluation Reports or the manufacturer's literature.

## Seismic Design

To provide ductile seismic resistance, CLT connections in seismic force resisting systems should be governed by fastener yielding and wood crushing NOT brittle failures.



## Wind Design

- Wind design uses linear-elastic analysis methods
- Design resistance can be derived using standard methods
- Design is fairly straight forward

## Seismic Design

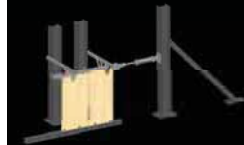
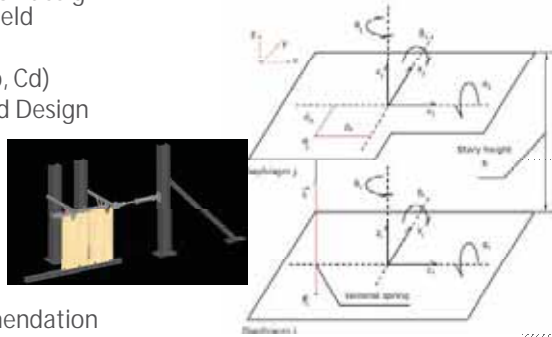
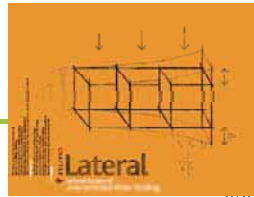
Available design approaches:

Alternative Means until CLT system code recognized.

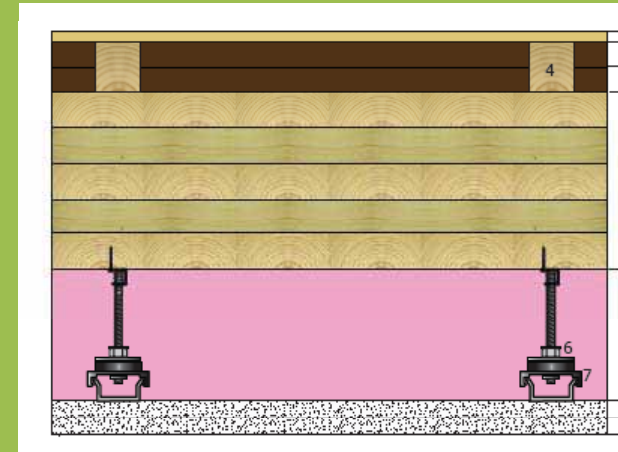
- ELF Seismic Performance Factors;  $R$ ,  $\Omega$ ,  $C_d$ .
  - (under development)
  - (CLT handbook provides values considered to be conservative)
- Performance Based Seismic Design

## CLT Handbook -Chapter 4

- Shear wall Performance
  - Prescribed vs. principles of mechanics
  - Based on connection design - fasteners should yield
- Seismic design
  - Coefficients ( $R$ ,  $\Omega_0$ ,  $C_d$ )
  - Performance Based Design Pathways
- Literature review
- Numerical modeling
- Examples –
  - allowable capacity
  - system simulation
- $R=2$  conservative recommendation



## Acoustic Design



## Acoustics

### Essential Knowledge – Principle for Good Sound Insulation Design

- Sufficient mass
- Soft surface of floor finishing
- Floating topping and finishing
- Suspended drywall ceiling
- Decouple

## Acoustics

**Perceivable sound pressure differential is 3dB**

Important rule for the development of cost-effective solutions!



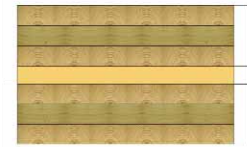
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## Sound Insulation of Bare CLT Floors and Walls

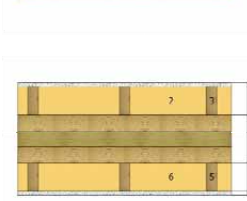
Number of layers	Thickness (in. )	Assembly type	STC	IIC
3	3-3/4 to 4-1/2	Wall	32-34	N.A.
5	5-1/3	Floor	39	23
5	5-3/4	Floor	39	24
Measured on field bare CLT wall and floor				
Number of layers	Thickness in.	Assembly type	FSTC	FIIC
3	4-1/8	Wall	28	N.A.
7	8-1/5	Floor	N.A	25-30

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## Design Examples for >50 STC Walls

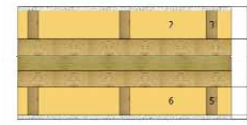


- STC 50:  
1 and 3 = 4-1/2 in. CLT; 2=1-1/8 in. Mineral wool in the gap



- STC 55:  
Adding 5/8 in. gypsum board directly to both sides

- STC 60:  
with the gypsum boards and double the thickness of the gap and mineral wool



- STC 58:  
1 and 7 = 5/8 in. gypsum boards  
3 and 5 = 2 in. by 3 in. wood studs at least 16 in. o.c.  
2 and 6 = 2.5 in. mineral wool  
4 = 4-1/2 in. CLT

# Acoustics

## Design Examples for >45 FSTC Walls

Top view of cross-section	Wall detail	FSTC
	1 & 5 = 5/8" Gypsum board 2 & 4 = Resilient channels at 24" o.c. 3. 5-layer CLT of 7-1/4"	46
	1 & 7 = 5/8" Gypsum board 2 & 6 = Resilient channels at 24" o.c. 3 & 5 = 3-layer CLT of 3.07" 4 = 1" air gap filled with mineral wool	47

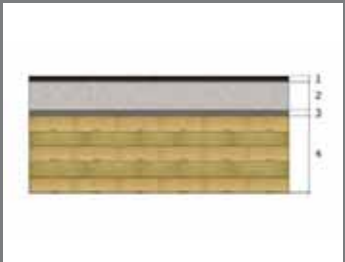
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## Design Examples for >45 FSTC Walls

Top view of cross-section	Wall detail	FSTC
	1 = 3-layer CLT of 4-1/8" 2 = 1/2" air gap 3 = 2" by 3" wood studs at 16" o.c. 4 = 2-1/2" mineral wool 5 = 5/8" gypsum board	47
	1 & 9 = 5/8" gypsum board 2 & 7 = 2" by 3" wood studs at 16" o.c. 3 & 8 = 2-1/2" mineral wool 4 & 6 = 1/2" air gap 5 = 3-layer CLT of 4-1/8"	50

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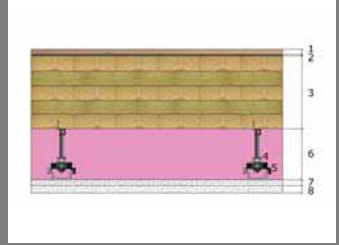
## Design Examples for >45 FSTC and FIIC Floors

End view of cross-section	Floor detail	FSTC	FIIC
	<p>1 = Carpet, or floating flooring about 2/5" on 1/8" resilient underlayment of 0.16 to 0.37 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>2 = At least 5.12 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup> dry topping, e.g. 0.8-1" gypsum board, cement fibreboard</p> <p>3 = Resilient underlayment, e.g. 2/5" rubber mat of 0.84 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 3/4" texture felt of 0.27 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 1/2" low density wood fibreboard of 0.73lb./ft.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>4 = 5-layer CLT of 6-7/8"</p>	~45	~45
	- Replace the dry topping by wet topping, e.g. 1.5" concrete of at least 15.6 lb./ft. <sup>2</sup>	~50	~50

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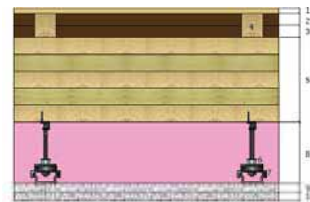
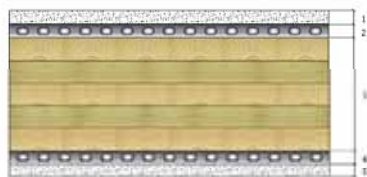
## Design Examples for >45 FSTC and FIIC Floors

End view of cross-section	Floor detail	FSTC	FIIC
	<p>1 = Carpet, or flooring about 2/5"</p> <p>2 = 1/8" resilient underlayment of 0.16 to 0.37 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>3 = 5-layer CLT of 6-7/8"</p> <p>4 = Sound Isolation Clips of 4" high</p> <p>5 = Metal hat channel at 16" o.c.</p> <p>6 = Sound absorption material (such as glass fibre) of 4"</p> <p>7 = Gypsum board of 5/8"</p> <p>8 = Gypsum board of 5/8"</p>	~50	~50
	<p>- Replace 1) by hardwood flooring nailed to 3/4" plywood</p> <p>- Replace 2) by thick resilient underlayment, e.g. 2/5" rubber mat of 0.84 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 3/4" texture felt of 0.27 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 1/2" low-density wood fibre board of 0.73 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup></p>	~53	~53
	<p>- Replace 1) by ceramic tile glued to 1/2" and 3/4" plywood</p> <p>- Replace 2) by thick resilient underlayment, e.g. 2/5" rubber mat of 0.84 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 3/4" texture felt of 0.27 lb./ft.<sup>2</sup>, 1/2" low-density wood fibreboard of 0.73lb./ft.<sup>2</sup></p>	~53	~53

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## Chapter 9 - Sound

- Acoustic properties of CLT
- STC and IIC rated assemblies
- FSTC and FIIC rated assemblies
- Recommendations for meeting IBC requirements



## Frequently Asked Question:

1. Are there any substitutions for more common acoustic assembly materials?

yes

Fermacell can be replaced with cement -fiber board as long as it has the same or higher density (32kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

Isover is very similar to Roxul (Rock wool).

## Frequently Asked Question:

### 1. Are there more tested assemblies available?

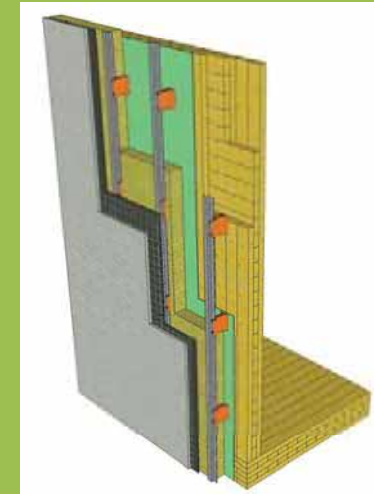
yes

NRC has data on assemblies beyond those in the Handbook

Additional assemblies may be tested

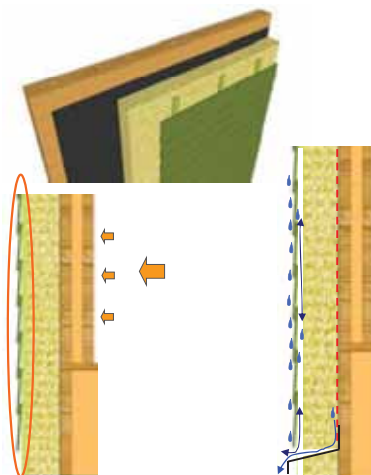
Acousticians can estimate sound performance based on sound test data

## Building Enclosure Design



## Building Enclosure Design

- CLT wall assemblies should be built "breathable"
- Prevent rain infiltrations
- Wetting during transportation, construction and service should be minimized
- Studies show that in heating climate that no vapor barrier will be required at interior



## Moisture Management

- Rain screen
  - cavity directly behind the cladding
  - allows improved drying
  - Openings in cladding at top and bottom
- Drained wall
  - Requires WRB
  - 1/16" air gap suggested
  - Drainage wrap recommended with foam insulation
  - OR grooves cut in back side of foam insulation

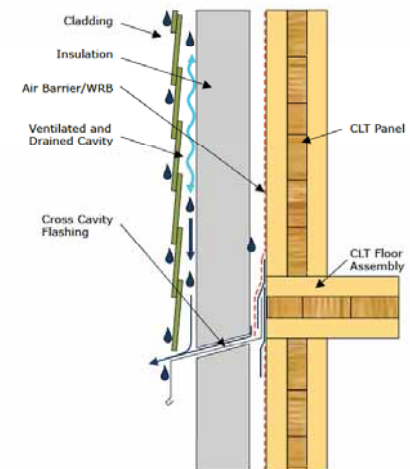


Figure 5  
Best practice rainwater management strategy for CLT wall assembly

## Moisture Management

- Water Resistive Barrier
  - Essential part
  - Properly overlapped in a shingle fashion
  - integrate with flashings
  - Sealed at all penetrations



## Energy Performance

### Exterior Insulation

- Provides continuity (no break at floors)
- Shields CLT and air barrier from temp (less expansion and contraction)
- Capitalizes more thermal mass benefit
- Keeps it warmer (in cold climates)
- Lowers surface relative humidity
- Keeps it dryer (in hot humid)

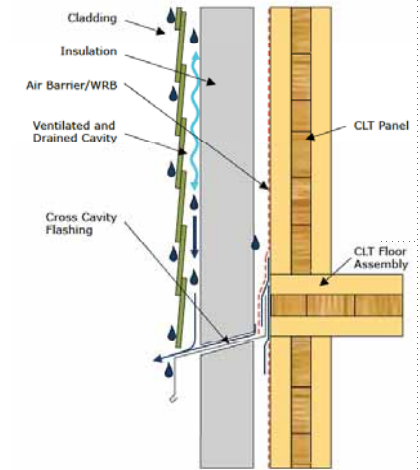
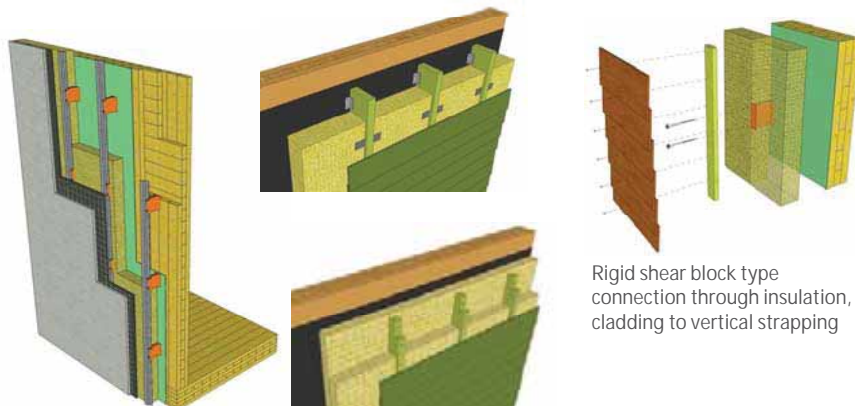


Figure 5  
Best practice rainwater management strategy for CLT wall assembly

## Energy Performance



Rigid shear block type connection through insulation, cladding to vertical strapping

## Energy Performance

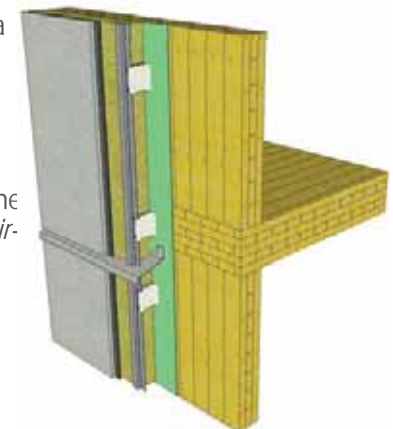
Air-tight as a material, but not as a system

Recommend

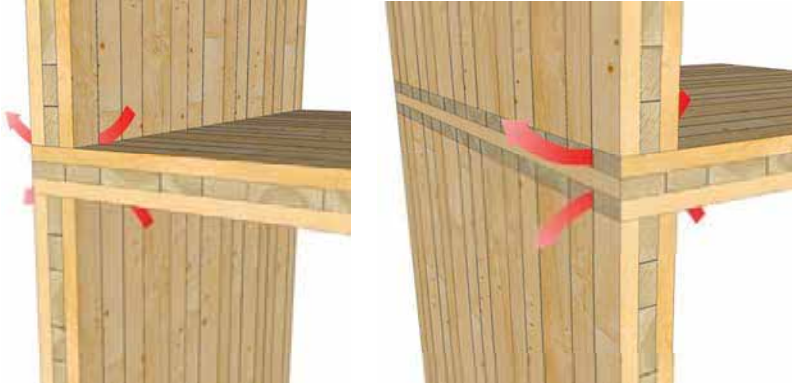
- self-adhered** sheet product air barrier membranes
- or thick liquid applied membrane on exterior of panels (*exterior air-barrier approach*)

Not recommended

- loose-applied sheets (House-wraps)



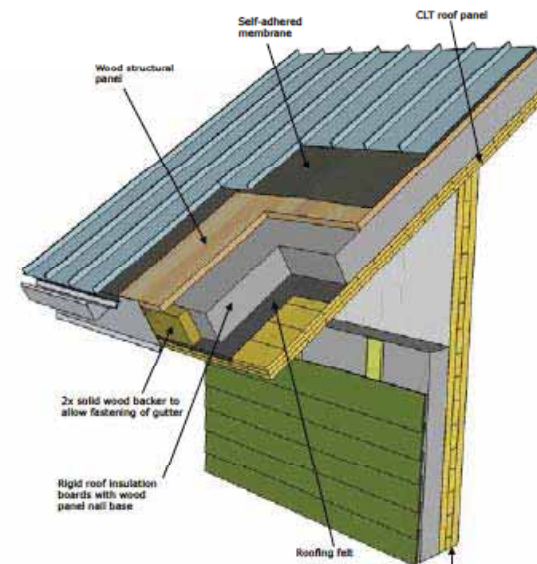
## Energy Performance



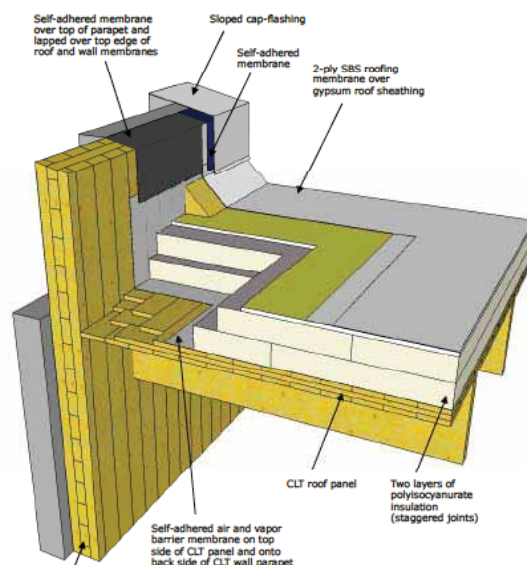
Sealants, tapes, & membranes applied on either side can't address this type of airflow path through the CLT lumber gaps

Airflow path more convoluted – lower leakage rates, but still a consideration

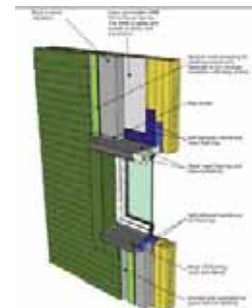
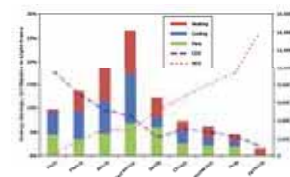
## Roof Assemblies



## Roof Assemblies



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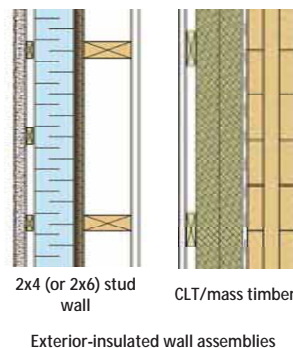
- Properties of CLT
  - Water vapor sorption
  - Permeability
  - Liquid water absorption
  - Heat storage/transfer
  - Air permeability
- Approaches to exterior water management
- Recommended Assemblies
- Moisture Control During Construction
- Preservative Treatment





## Resources

### Buildings in Marine to Cold Climate Zones in North America



<http://www.fpinnovations.ca/ResearchProgram/AdvancedBuildingSystem/designing-energy-efficient-building-enclosures.pdf>

## Resources

### Buildings in Marine to Cold Climate Zones in North America

#### Chapter 3: Moisture, Air and Thermal Control

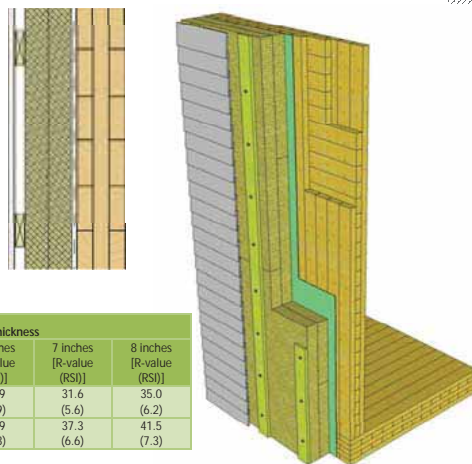
- Building as a System
- Climate Zones
- Interior Climate, HVAC Interaction
- Critical Barrier Concept
- Control of Rainwater Penetration
- Control of Air Flow
- Controlling Condensation
- Construction Moisture
- Controlling Heat Flow and Insulation
- Whole Building Energy Efficiency
- Computer Simulation Considerations for Wood-framed Enclosures

## Resources

### Buildings in Marine to Cold Climate Zones in North America

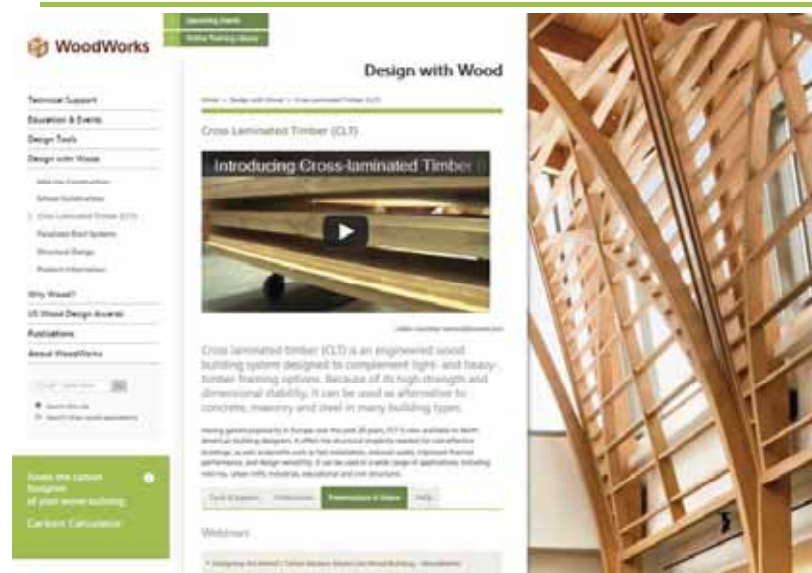
#### Chapter 4 – Energy Efficient Walls Exterior Insulated

- Material selection & guidance
- Control Functions
- Critical Barriers
- Effective R-value Tables



Wood framing	Exterior insulation [R-value/inch (RSI/cm)]	Exterior insulation thickness					
		3 inches [R-value (RSI)]	4 inches [R-value (RSI)]	5 inches [R-value (RSI)]	6 inches [R-value (RSI)]	7 inches [R-value (RSI)]	8 inches [R-value (RSI)]
3½-inch-thick CLT panels	R-4/inch (0.28/cm)	17.2 (3.0)	20.9 (3.7)	24.4 (4.3)	27.9 (4.9)	31.6 (5.6)	35.0 (6.2)
	R-5/inch (0.34/cm)	19.8 (3.5)	24.4 (4.3)	28.7 (5.1)	32.9 (5.8)	37.3 (6.6)	41.5 (7.3)

## WoodWorks –Portal to CLT Information





## Questions?

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