2021 Virginia Construction Code

CHAPTER 25 GYPSUM BOARD, GYPSUM PANEL PRODUCTS AND PLASTER

SECTION 2504 VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL ASSEMBLIES

2504.1 Scope.

The following requirements shall be met where construction involves *gypsum board*, *gypsum panel products* or lath and plaster in vertical and *horizontal assemblies*.

2504.1.1 Wood framing.

Wood supports for lath, *gypsum board* or *gypsum panel products*, as well as wood stripping or furring, shall be not less than 2 inches (51 mm) nominal thickness in the least dimension.

Exception: The minimum nominal dimension of wood furring strips installed over solid backing shall be not less than 1 inch by 2 inches (25 mm by 51 mm).

2504.1.2 Studless partitions.

The minimum thickness of vertically erected studless solid plaster partitions of $^{3}/_{8}$ -inch (9.5 mm) and $^{3}/_{4}$ -inch (19.1 mm) rib metal lath, $^{1}/_{2}$ -inch-thick (12.7 mm) gypsum lath, gypsum board or gypsum panel product shall be 2 inches (51 mm).

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