Fire Protection of Floors Constructed with I-Joists for Compliance with the International Residential Code



Beginning with the 2012 IRC, new fire protective membrane provisions were added for residential floor assemblies.

The provisions apply to I-joists, floor trusses, light-gauge steel framing and less than 2" x 10" nominal dimension lumber and structural composite lumber. The provisions are in Section R501.3 of the 2012 IRC and Section R302.13 of the 2015 and 2018 IRC.

This informational flyer shows prescriptive methods for fire protection of floors constructed with prefabricated wood I-joists, including Roseburg RFPI®-Joists.

For specific requirements and limitations regarding I-joists, refer to APA report SR-405 (generic I-joists) and APA report PR-S259 (Roseburg RFPI*-Joists) at www.apawood.org or www.Roseburg.com.

