

HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 29, 1975

TO: Borough Superintendents

FROM: Irving E. Minkin, P.E., Executive Engineer

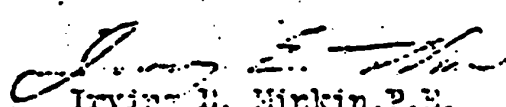
SUBJECT: Board of Standards & Appeals Cal. No. 25-75 GR; Acoustical Tile and Lay-in Panel Ceiling Suspension Systems

On February 25, 1975, the Board of Standards & Appeals approved Cal. No. 25-75 GR, making Reference Standard RS 5-16 (adopted by the Board of June 27, 1972 under Cal. No. 353-72 BCR) applicable to all of the suspended ceiling systems approved by the Board prior to June 27, 1972.

This general resolution generally has a specific impact in regard to the size of hanger (now required) to be either $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter rod or $1/8" \times 1"$ flat strap) and the necessity of a supporting two-way grid, regardless of the less stringent details of the prior Board approval to the contrary. Further Reference Standard RS 5-16 is now made applicable to all light weight suspended ceiling systems, whether or not other work is performed under the old Building Code, as well as to all such ceilings having a fire resistance rating or noise control rating.

The Board's resolution is effective immediately to all plans not yet approved.

Herewith forwarded for distribution to department personnel are copies of the proposed resolution as adopted. Official copies of the resolution appearing in the Bulletin of the Board will be forwarded when received.


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WHEREAS, the report of a Committee on Test reads:
Subject—Applicability of Reference Standard RS 5-16 of the Building Code (acoustical tile and lay-in panel ceiling suspension systems) to pertinent approvals of ceiling suspension system components adopted by the Board of Standards and Appeals before June 27, 1972.

WHEREAS, the requirements of Calendar Number J53-72-BCR, adopted by the Board on June 27, 1972 to establish Reference Standard RS 5-16 of the Building Code (acoustical tile and lay-in panel ceiling suspension systems), were not made applicable to components of ceiling suspension systems approval by the Board before June 27, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary in the public interest to make these requirements applicable to all ceiling suspension systems.

Resolved, that by virtue of the powers vested in the Board by Section 666.2 of the City Charter, the Board hereby makes the requirements of Reference Standard RS 5-16 of the Building Code (acoustical tile and lay-in panel ceiling suspension systems) applicable to all approvals of components of ceiling suspension system adopted by the Board before June 27, 1972, including those adopted under the following Calendar Numbers:

851-40-SM, 46-41-SM, 841-50-SM, 767-51-SM, 768-51-SM, 769-51-SM, 696-52-SM, 754-52-SM, 79-53-SM, 371-53-SM, 866-53-SM, 577-54-SM, 727-54-SM, 728-54-SM, 729-54-SM, 730-54-SM, 787-54-SM, 982-54-SM, 298-55-SM, 645-55-SM, 688-55-SM, 874-55-SM, 505-56-SM, 592-56-SM, 597-56-SM, 870-56-SM, 252-57-SM, 253-57-SM, 254-57-SM, 255-57-SM, 760-57-SM, 1013-57-SM, 1027-57-SM, 57-58-SM, 444-58-SM, 72-59-SM, 634-59-SM, 439-60-SM, 618-60-SM, 621-61-SM, 1580-61-SM, 1033-62-SM, 1101-62-SM, 167-63-SM, 214-63-SM, 726-63-SM, 28-64-SM, 29-64-SM, 100-64-SM, 642-64-SM, 781-64-SM, 784-64-SM, 786-64-SM, 787-64-SM, 994-64-SM, 1150-64-SM, 711-65-SM, 935-65-SM, 655-66-SM, 656-66-SM, 27-67-SM, 359-67-SM, 962-67-SM, 976-67-SM, 259-68-SM, 348-68-SM, 439-68-SM, 729-68-SM, 482-71-SM, 494-71-SM, 623-71-SM, 131-68-SM, 16-59-SM, 1312-64-SM, 1313-64-SM, 516-61-SM, 214-68-SM, and 548-58-SM.

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