

**RESCINDED BY BUILDINGS
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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 21, 1982

TO: The Borough Superintendents
FROM: Irwin Fruchtman, P.E., Commissioner
SUBJECT: Exterior Wall Construction -
Reference Standard RS 5-1C

SUMMARY: The Miscellaneous Test Reports for Load-Bearing Wall Assemblies with Combustible: One-Hour Ratings, of Reference Standard RS 5-1C are expanded so as to accept Alternative No. 1 and Alternate No. 2 in addition to NFOPA Report No. WHI-690-003. See the attached diagram.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Standards and Appeals in Calendar No. 252-82-BCR, on June 22, 1982, modified Reference Standard RS 5-1 so as to provide for a sub-heading called Miscellaneous Test Reports. These test reports are required to be in accord with the Referenced National Standard as conducted by a recognized national testing laboratory. On the basis of test report data furnished by the National Forest Products Association, 3/8 inch hardboard facing or 1/2-inch minimum concrete asbestos siding (approved by the Board), when added to 3/8 inch exterior grade plywood may be used as an acceptable alternative to the 5/8" grooved siding, which was approved by the Board as part of a load-bearing combustible one-hour exterior wall assembly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This memorandum is immediately effective.

REFERENCE: BSA Calendar No. 252-82-BCR, page 80, Bulletin No. 26, Volume LXVII.



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