

# AWC Guide to Wood Construction in High Wind Areas: 110 mph Wind Zone Massachusetts Checklist for Compliance (780 CMR 5301.2.1.1)<sup>1</sup>

Check Compliance

**1.1 SCOPE**

Wind Speed (3-sec. gust)..... 110 mph \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wind Exposure Category ..... B \_\_\_\_\_

**1.2 APPLICABILITY**

Number of Stories (a roof which exceeds 8 in 12 slope shall be considered a story) \_\_\_\_\_ stories 2 stories \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roof Pitch ..... (Fig 2) ..... 12:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mean Roof Height ..... (Fig 2) ..... ft 33' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Width, W ..... (Fig 3) ..... ft 80' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Length, L ..... (Fig 3) ..... ft 80' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Building Aspect Ratio (L/W) ..... (Fig 4) ..... 3:1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nominal Height of Tallest Opening<sup>2</sup> ..... (Fig 4) ..... 6'8" \_\_\_\_\_

**1.3 FRAMING CONNECTIONS**

General compliance with framing connections ..... (Table 2)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**2.1 FOUNDATION**

Foundation Walls meeting requirements of 780 CMR 5404.1  
 Concrete..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Concrete Masonry ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**2.2 ANCHORAGE TO FOUNDATION<sup>1,3</sup>**

5/8" Anchor Bolts imbedded or 5/8" Proprietary Mechanical Anchors as an alternative in concrete only  
 Bolt Spacing – general ..... (Table 4) ..... in. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bolt Spacing from end/joint of plate ..... (Fig 5) ..... in. 6" – 12" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bolt Embedment – concrete..... (Fig 5) ..... in. 7" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bolt Embedment – masonry..... (Fig 5) ..... in. 15" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Plate Washer..... (Fig 5) ..... 3" x 3" x 1/4" \_\_\_\_\_

**3.1 FLOORS**

Floor framing member spans checked ..... (per 780 CMR Chapter 55)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum Floor Opening Dimension ..... (Fig 6)..... ft 12' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Height Wall Studs at Floor Openings less than 2' from Exterior Wall (Fig 6)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum Floor Joist Setbacks  
 Supporting Loadbearing Walls or Shearwall ..... (Fig 7)..... ft d \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum Cantilevered Floor Joists  
 Supporting Loadbearing Walls or Shearwall ..... (Fig 8)..... ft d \_\_\_\_\_  
 Floor Bracing at Endwalls..... (Fig 9)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Floor Sheathing Type ..... (per 780 CMR Chapter 55)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 Floor Sheathing Thickness ..... (per 780 CMR Chapter 55)..... in. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Floor Sheathing Fastening ..... (Table 2) .. d nails at in edge / in field \_\_\_\_\_

**4.1 WALLS**

Wall Height  
 Loadbearing walls ..... (Fig 10 and Table 5)..... ft 10' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Loadbearing walls ..... (Fig 10 and Table 5)..... ft 20' \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wall Stud Spacing ..... (Fig 10 and Table 5)..... in. 24" o.c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wall Story Offsets ..... (Figs 7 & 8)..... ft d \_\_\_\_\_

**4.2 EXTERIOR WALLS<sup>3</sup>**

Wood Studs  
 Loadbearing walls ..... (Table 5)..... 2x - ft in. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Loadbearing walls ..... (Table 5)..... 2x - ft in. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gable End Wall Bracing<sup>1</sup>  
 Full Height Endwall Studs ..... (Fig 10)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 WSP Attic Floor Length..... (Fig 11)..... ft W/3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gypsum Ceiling Length (if WSP not used)..... (Fig 11)..... ft 0.9W \_\_\_\_\_  
 and 2 x 4 Continuous Lateral Brace @ 6 ft. o.c. .. (Fig 11)..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 or 1 x 3 ceiling furring strips @ 16" spacing min. with 2 x 4 blocking @ 4 ft. spacing in end joist or truss bays \_\_\_\_\_  
 Double Top Plate  
 Splice Length ..... (Fig 13 and Table 6)..... ft \_\_\_\_\_  
 Splice Connection (no. of 16d common nails)..... (Table 6)..... \_\_\_\_\_

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**Loadbearing Wall Connections**

Lateral (no. of 16d common nails)..... (Tables 7) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Loadbearing Wall Connections**

Lateral (no. of 16d common nails)..... (Table 8)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Load Bearing Wall Openings (record largest opening but check all openings for compliance to Table 9)**

Header Spans ..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ in. 11' \_\_\_\_\_

Sill Plate Spans ..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ in. 11' \_\_\_\_\_

Full Height Studs (no. of studs)..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Load Bearing Wall Openings (record largest opening but check all openings for compliance to Table 9)**

Header Spans..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ in. 12' \_\_\_\_\_

Sill Plate Spans..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_ ft \_\_\_ in. 12" \_\_\_\_\_

Full Height Studs (no. of studs)..... (Table 9)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Exterior Wall Sheathing to Resist Uplift and Shear Simultaneously<sup>4</sup>**

**Minimum Building Dimension, W**

Nominal Height of Tallest Opening<sup>2</sup> ..... 6'8" \_\_\_\_\_

Sheathing Type..... (note 4)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Edge Nail Spacing ..... (Table 10 or note 4 if less)..... \_\_\_ in. \_\_\_\_\_

Field Nail Spacing ..... (Table 10)..... \_\_\_ in. \_\_\_\_\_

Shear Connection (no. of 16d common nails) (Table 10)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Percent Full-Height Sheathing ..... (Table 10)..... \_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_

5% Additional Sheathing for Wall with Opening > 6'8" (Design Concepts)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Maximum Building Dimension, L**

Nominal Height of Tallest Opening<sup>2</sup> ..... 6'8" \_\_\_\_\_

Sheathing Type..... (note 4)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Edge Nail Spacing ..... (Table 11 or note 4 if less)..... \_\_\_ in. \_\_\_\_\_

Field Nail Spacing ..... (Table 11)..... \_\_\_ in. \_\_\_\_\_

Shear Connection (no. of 16d common nails) (Table 11)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Percent Full-Height Sheathing ..... (Table 11)..... \_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_

5% Additional Sheathing for Wall with Opening > 6'8" (Design Concepts)..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Wall Cladding**

Rated for Wind Speed?..... \_\_\_\_\_

**5.1 ROOFS**

Roof framing member spans checked?..... (For Rafters use AWC Span Tool, see BBRs Website) \_\_\_\_\_

Roof Overhang ..... (Figure 19) ..... \_\_\_ ft smaller of 2' or L/3 \_\_\_\_\_

**Truss or Rafter Connections at Loadbearing Walls**

**Proprietary Connectors**

Uplift ..... (Table 12)..... U=\_\_\_ plf \_\_\_\_\_

Lateral ..... (Table 12)..... L=\_\_\_ plf \_\_\_\_\_

Shear ..... (Table 12)..... S=\_\_\_ plf \_\_\_\_\_

Ridge Strap Connections, if collar ties not used per page 21... (Table 13)..... T=\_\_\_ plf \_\_\_\_\_

Gable Rake Outlooker..... (Figure 20) ..... \_\_\_ ft smaller of 2' or L/2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Truss or Rafter Connections at Non-Loadbearing Walls**

**Proprietary Connectors**

Uplift ..... (Table 14)..... U=\_\_\_ lb. \_\_\_\_\_

Lateral (no. of 16d common nails) ... (Table 14)..... L =\_\_\_ lb. \_\_\_\_\_

Roof Sheathing Type ..... (per 780 CMR Chapters 58 and 59) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

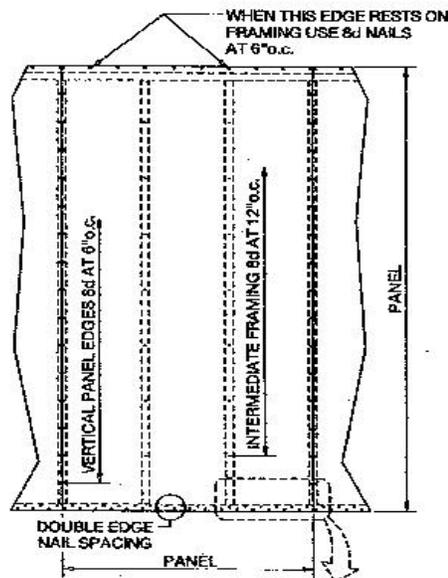
Roof Sheathing Thickness ..... \_\_\_ in. 7/16" WSP \_\_\_\_\_

Roof Sheathing Fastening..... (Table 2)..... \_\_\_\_\_

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## Notes:

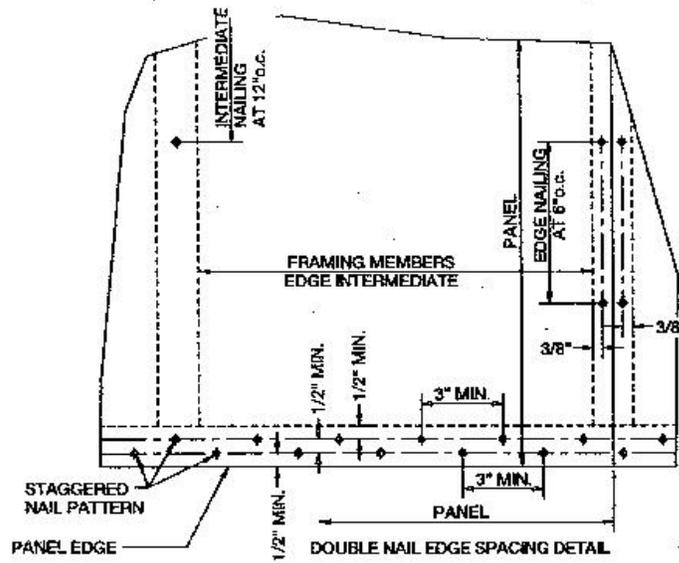
1. This checklist shall be met in its entirety, excluding the specific exception noted in 2, to comply with the requirements of 780 CMR 5301.2.1.1 Item 1. If the checklist is met in its entirety then the following metal straps and hold downs are not required per the WFCM 110 mph Guide:
  - a. Steel Straps per Figure 5
  - b. 20 Gage Straps per Figure 11
  - c. Uplift Straps per Figure 14
  - d. All Straps per Figure 17
  - e. Corner Stud Hold Downs per Figure 18a and Figure 18b
2. Exception: Opening heights of up to 8 ft. shall be permitted when 5% is added to the percent full-height sheathing requirements shown in Tables 10 and 11.
3. The bottom sill plate in exterior walls shall be a minimum 2 in. nominal thickness pressure treated #2-grade.
4.
  - a. From Tables 10 and 11 and location of wall sheathing and Building Aspect Ratio, determine Percent Full-Height Sheathing and Nail Spacing requirements
  - b. Wood Structural Panels shall be minimum thickness of 7/16" and be installed as follows:
    - i. Panels shall be installed with strength axis parallel to studs.
    - ii. All horizontal joints shall occur over and be nailed to framing.
    - iii. On single story construction, panels shall be attached to bottom plates and top member of the double top plate.
    - iv. On two story construction, upper panels shall be attached to the top member of the upper double top plate and to band joist at bottom of panel. Upper attachment of lower panel shall be made to band joist and lower attachment made to lowest plate at first floor framing.
    - v. Horizontal nail spacing at double top plates, band joists, and girders shall be a double row of 8d staggered at 3 inches on center per figures below : Vertical and Horizontal Nailing for Panel Attachment.



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Vertical and Horizontal Nailing  
for Panel Attachment

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Detail  
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