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Section 714

Question:

Is it the intent of 714.4 to include concrete columns as part of the structural members requiring protection?

Answer

No. A concrete column is a composite structure that usually has no fire protective covering.

Commentary:

Impact protection would be required if the concrete columns have a sprayed-on or similar fire protective coating on them.

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