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Section R702.3.5

Question:

Is it the intent of table R702.3.5, footnote D to refer to regular gypsum board with a joint compound-based texture material, i.e., knock down, stippled, etc. only or would it also require blue board, (commonly referred to as plaster board) with gypsum veneer plaster, (hard cote) to be of a minimum 5/8 thickness when installed on 24 inches on center framing?

Answer

Footnote D requires either 5/8 or 1/2 inch sag resistant board to be used in the specified circumstances. It does not require Blue board

Commentary:

This requirement applies if using a water-based textured finish on a ceiling where the min thickness of the drywall for framing members 16" on-centers is 1/2" and the min thickness of the drywall for framing members 24" on-centers is 5/8" or 1/2" sag-resistant gypsum board.

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