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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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