



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section T601

Question:

Is it the intent of T601 to have a type V-A construction type exterior wall fire rated from both sides, if there are no requirements from T602 or other code sections?

Answer

It is governed by;

705.5 Fire-resistance ratings. Exterior walls shall be fire resistance rated in accordance with Tables 601 and 602 and this section. The required fire-resistance rating of exterior walls with a fire separation distance of greater than 10 feet (3048 mm) shall be rated for exposure to fire from the inside. The required fire-resistance rating of exterior walls with a fire separation distance of less than or equal to 10 feet (3048mm) shall be rated for exposure to fire from both sides.

As the last line states "shall be rated for exposure to fire from both sides."

Commentary:

None

Notice:

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