



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Question:

Are the options "b&c" related to the fire rating of the projection (aluminum canopy carport) or only limited to "fire-retardant-treated wood"?

Answer

Footnotes b & c only apply to projections with a 1 hour fire-resistance rating on the underside of the projection, heavy timber or FRTW.

Commentary:

Aluminum canopies are separate from the roof system and it would be impossible to put an aluminum roof over a patio area if you had to provide 3 feet separation from the building. There is no way to provide a fire-resistance rating on the underside of an aluminum canopy or patio roof.

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