

Minnesota Department of Public Safety State Fire Marshal Division

Construction Type Comparisons

Construction Type Designations and Comparisons

There are two major code-writing organizations in the United States. Each one has a slightly different way of classifying the type of construction used in their codes. The following is a comparison of the construction type designations used.

Comparison of Construction Types

IBC/IFC	NFPA	Common Terminology
Type IA	I (443)	Fire Resistive, Non-combustible
Type IA	I (332)	Fire Resistive, Non-combustible
Type IB	II (222)	Fire Resistive, Non-combustible
Type IIA	II (111)	Protected Non-combustible
Type IIB	II (000)	Unprotected Non-combustible
Type IIIA	III (211)	Protected Ordinary
Type IIIB	III (200)	Unprotected Ordinary
Type IV	IV (2HH)	Heavy Timber
Type VA	V (111)	Protected Combustible
Type VB	V (000)	Unprotected Combustible

IBC/IFC – International Building Code / International Fire Code (codes adopted in Minnesota)

NFPA – National Fire Protection Association

