

INFORMAL CODE INTERPRETATION

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Galvanized Flashing Used With New Pressure Treated Wood

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Question

Are there any concerns with using galvanized flashings in contact with the new boron and copper based pressure preservative treated wood (ACQ, CBA, SBX, ACC, etc.)?

Answer

Industry officials and manufacturers have issued technical information stating that the newer preservatives are chemically more corrosive to metals than those used with CCA treated lumber. The Code does not require additional galvanizing based on service life with the new treatments. Further, the Code does not prohibit the use of galvanized metal flashing.