

Oregon
Interpretive Ruling No. 93-17
VINYL PROTECTED WALLBOARD

Requested By: PPPI MANUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

QUESTION

What types of vinyl-protected wallboard are acceptable under Section 510(c) for use in public restrooms?

APPLICABLE CODE SECTIONS

1993 Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC), Section 510(c).

BACKGROUND

Section 510(c) states walls and floors shall have a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface such as portland cement, concrete, ceramic tile or other approved materials.

Reference: PPPI-4017

FINDINGS

This interpretation is authorized by ORS 455.060, Rulings on Acceptability of Materials, Designs or Methods of Construction and Attorney General's Opinion OP-5208 issued October 1, 1981, advising the statute permits authoritative interpretations of existing code requirements.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The section numbering was changed to reflect changes to the OSSC, and ICBO is no longer the only testing agency acceptable. Only vinyl finishes listed by an approved testing agency or ICBO Evaluation Service are acceptable.

Interpretive Ruling 93-17 replaces PPPI-4017.

(signed November 17, 1993)

John Talbott, Chairman
Structural Code Advisory Board

The recommendations and findings of the Structural Code Advisory Board are accepted and the conclusions are adopted.

(signed November 19, 1993)

Gary J. Wicks, Administrator
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