

Wind Loads on Non-Standard Building Configurations

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- “Despite the failures that have occurred and despite the data that have been accumulated, civil engineers still use general wind loadings for designs that do not apply specifically to the form being considered and do not provide accuracy consistent with existing knowledge of wind forces. In view of the advances made in structural theory, and the use of more refined design methods by structural engineers, the accuracy of the determination of forces on structures has become more important.”
 - *“Wind Forces On Structures”*
ASCE Final Report of the Task Committee on Wind Forces... 1961”



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- **ASCE 7-10 Section 27.1.2 Conditions**

- A building whose design wind loads are determined in accordance with this chapter shall comply with all of the following conditions:
 1. The building is a regular-shaped building or structure as defined in **Section 26.2**.
 2. The building does not have response characteristics making it subject to across-wind loading, vortex shedding, instability due to galloping or flutter; or it does not have a site location for which channeling effects or buffeting in the wake of upwind obstructions warrant special consideration.

ASCE 7-10 Section 26.2

“Building or Other Structure, Regular-Shaped: A building or other structure having no unusual geometrical irregularity in spatial form.”



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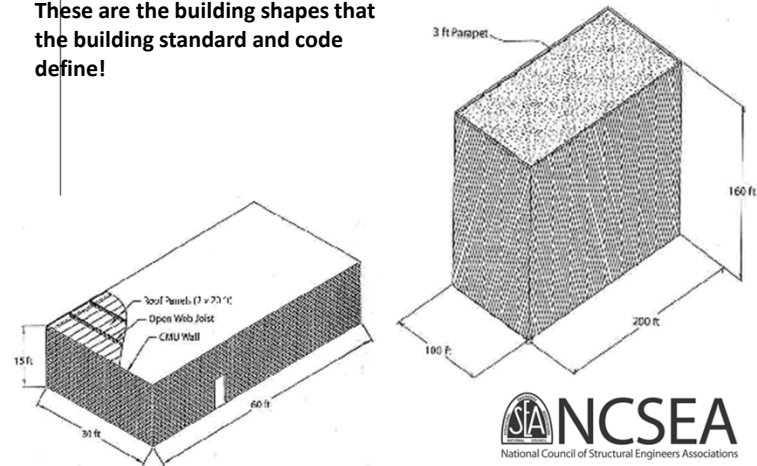
- **2012 IBC – Section 1609.6.1 Scope**

- As an alternate to ASCE 7 Chapters 27 and 30, the following provisions are permitted to be used to determine the wind effects on **regularly shaped buildings, or other structures that are regularly shaped**, which meet all of the following conditions...



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These are the building shapes that the building standard and code define!



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This is what we design in real life!



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- **What tools do we have to apply the wind provisions to today's buildings?**
 - Our best guidance is found in one of the oldest figures in the ASCE 7-10 Standard – Figure 27.4-1 (Figure 6-6 in ASCE 7-05)!

Main Wind Force Resisting System – Part 1										All Heights	
Figure 27.4-1 (cont.) External Pressure Coefficients, C_p										Walls & Roofs	
Enclosed, Partially Enclosed Buildings											
Wall Pressure Coefficients, C_p											
Surface		L/B		C_p		Use With					
Windward Wall		All values		0.8		q_z					
				-0.1							
				-0.5							
Leeward Wall		All values		-0.3		q_h					
				-0.2							
				-0.7							
Side Wall		All values		-0.7		q_h					

Roof Pressure Coefficients, C_p , for use with q_h													
Wind Direction		Windward										Leeward	
		Angle, θ (degrees)										Angle, θ (degrees)	
		h/L	10	15	20	25	30	35	45	$\geq 60^\circ$	10	≥ 20	
Normal to ridge for $\theta \geq 10^\circ$	≤ 0.25	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	0.0*	0.4	0.01 θ	-0.3	-0.5	-0.1	
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	≥ 1.0	-1.3**	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.0*	0.01 θ	-0.7	-0.6	-0.1	
Normal to ridge for $\theta < 10^\circ$ and Parallel to ridge for all θ	≤ 0.5	Horiz distance from windward edge		C_p		*Value is provided for interpolation purposes.							
		0 to h/2	-0.9, -0.18		**Value can be reduced linearly with area over which it is applicable as follows								
		h/2 to h	-0.9, -0.18										
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	≥ 1.0	0 to h/2		-1.3**		Area (sq ft)		Reduction Factor					
		> h/2		-0.7, -0.18		≤ 100 (9.3 sq m)		1.0					
						250 (23.2 sq m)		0.9					
						≥ 1000 (92.9 sq m)		0.8					

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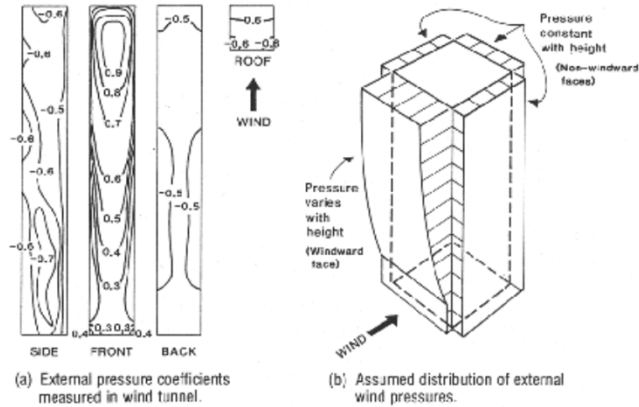
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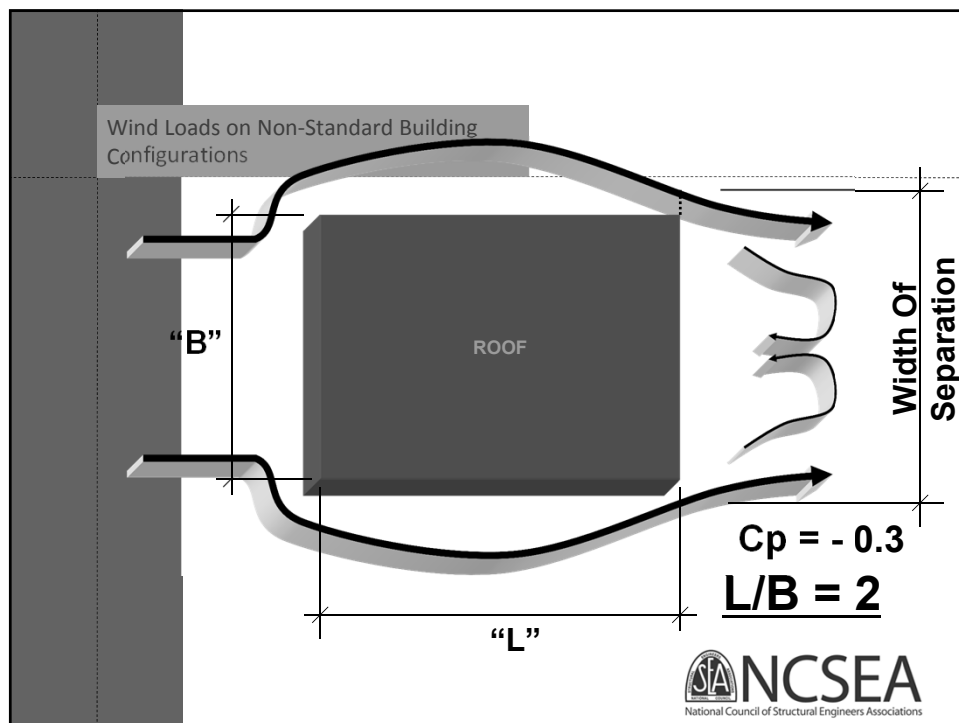
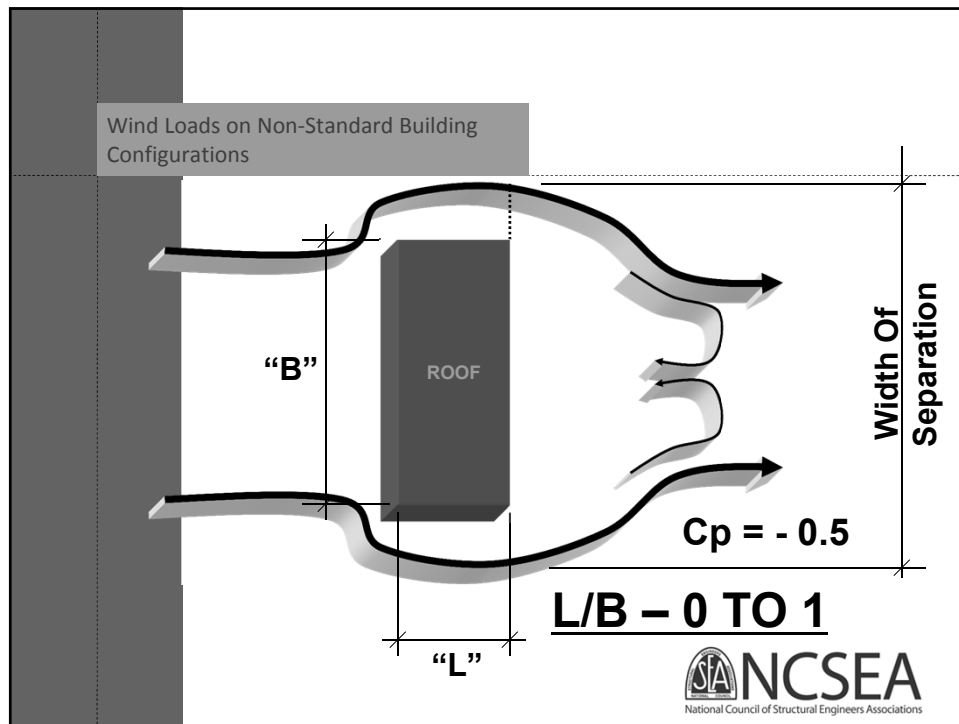
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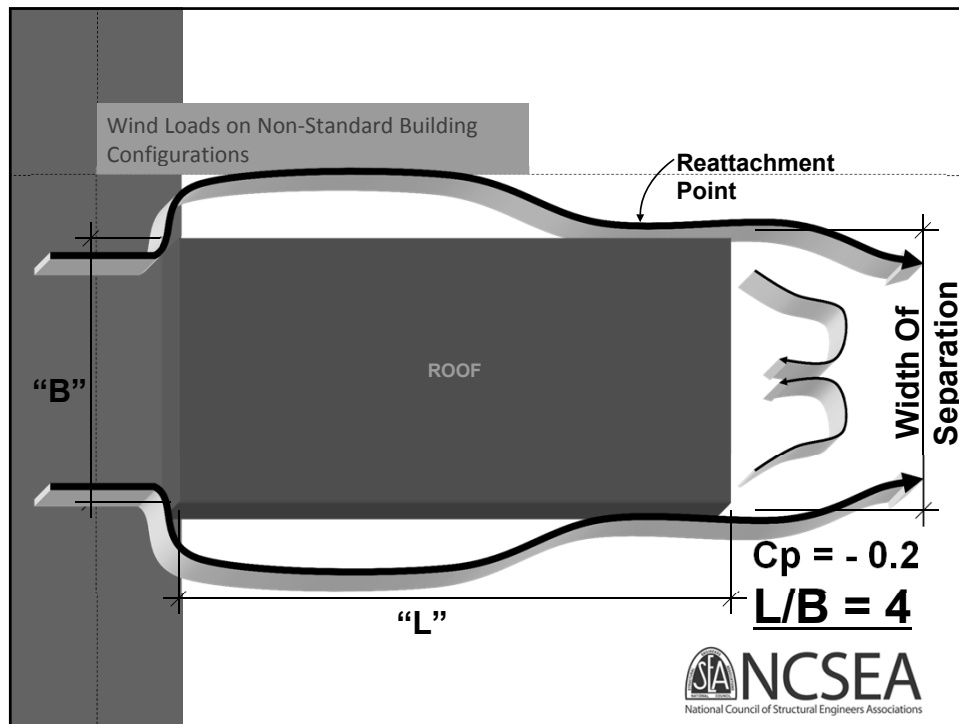


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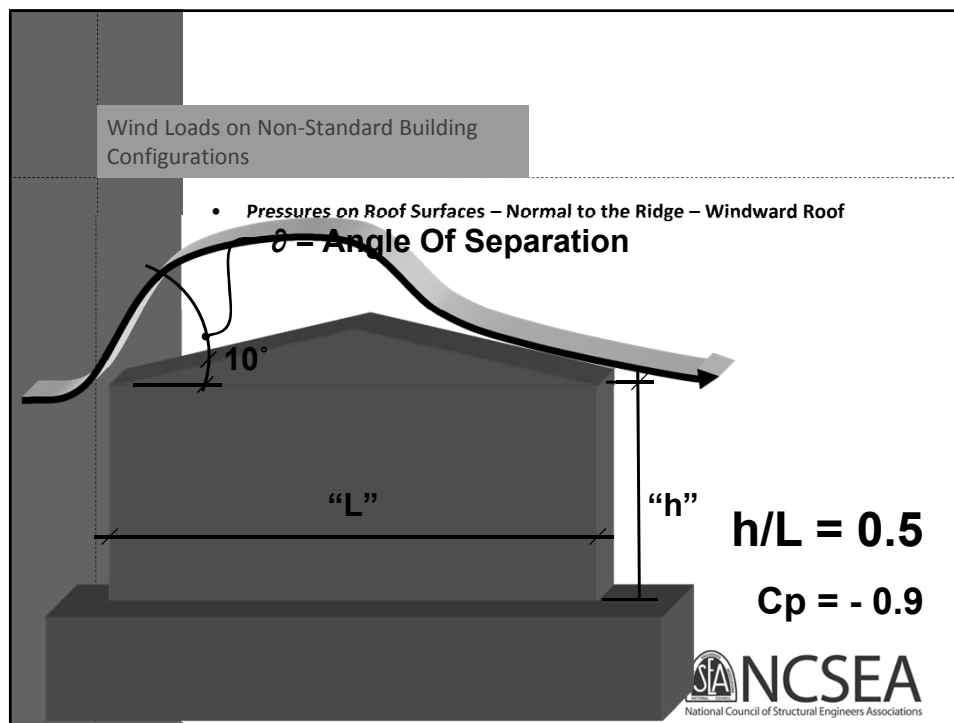
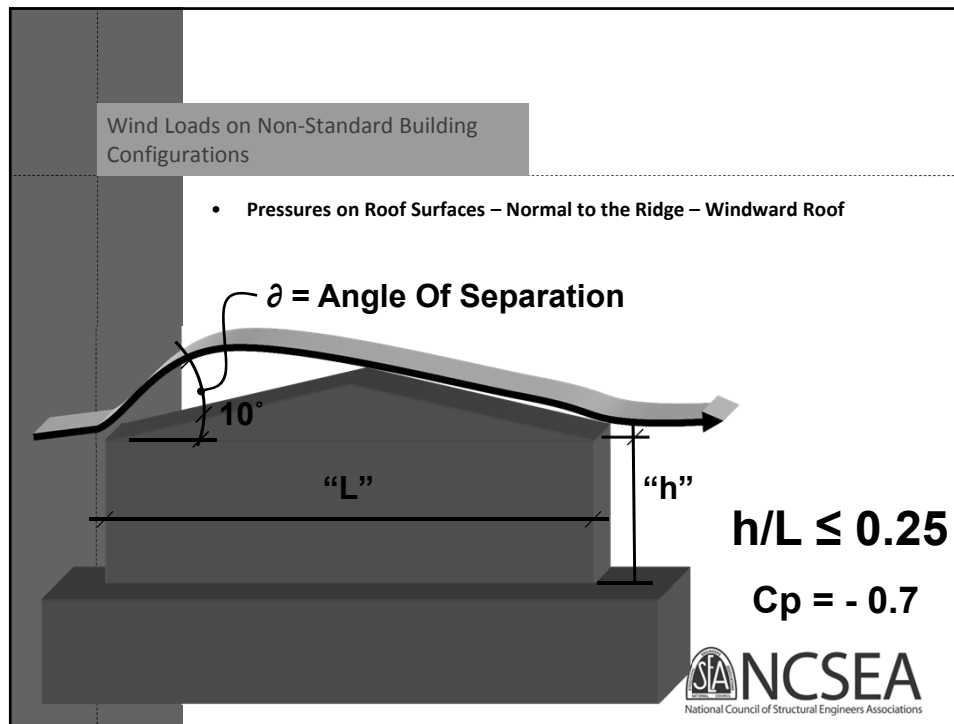




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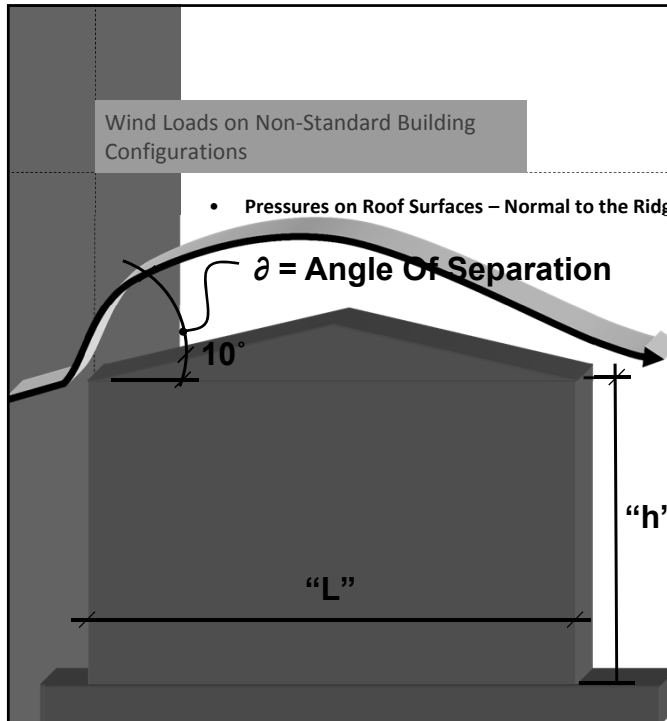
- Pressures on Roof Surfaces – Normal to the Ridge

Roof Pressure Coefficients, C_p , for use with q_s	Wind Direction	Windward	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Leeward	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)	Angle, θ (degrees)													



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- Pressures on Roof Surfaces – Normal to the Ridge – Windward Roof



$\theta = \text{Angle Of Separation}$

10°

$h/L \geq 1.0$

$C_p = -1.3$

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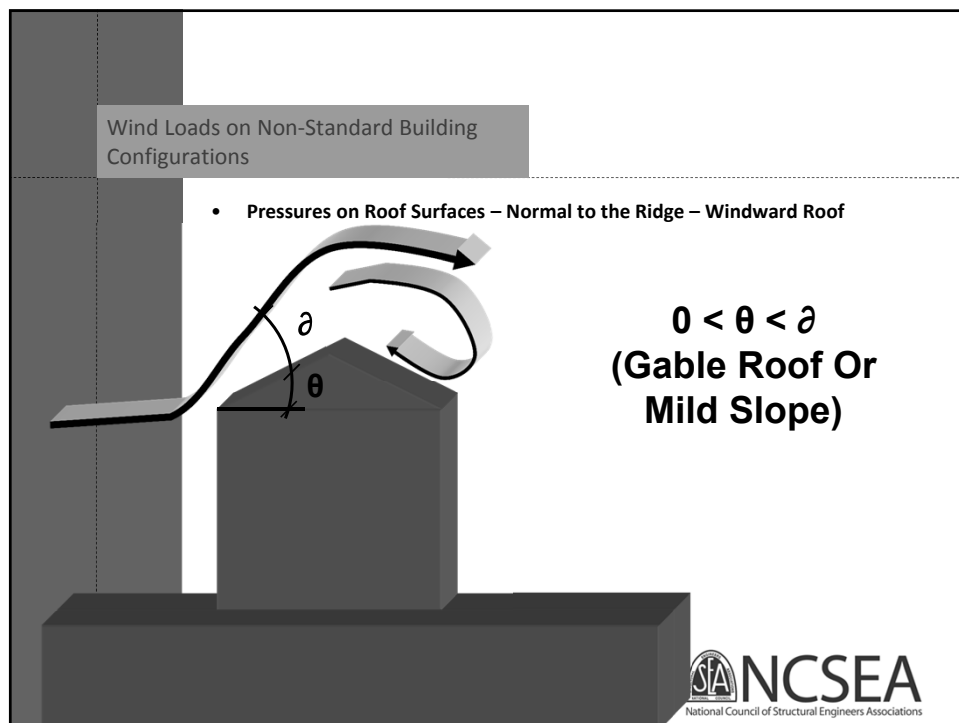
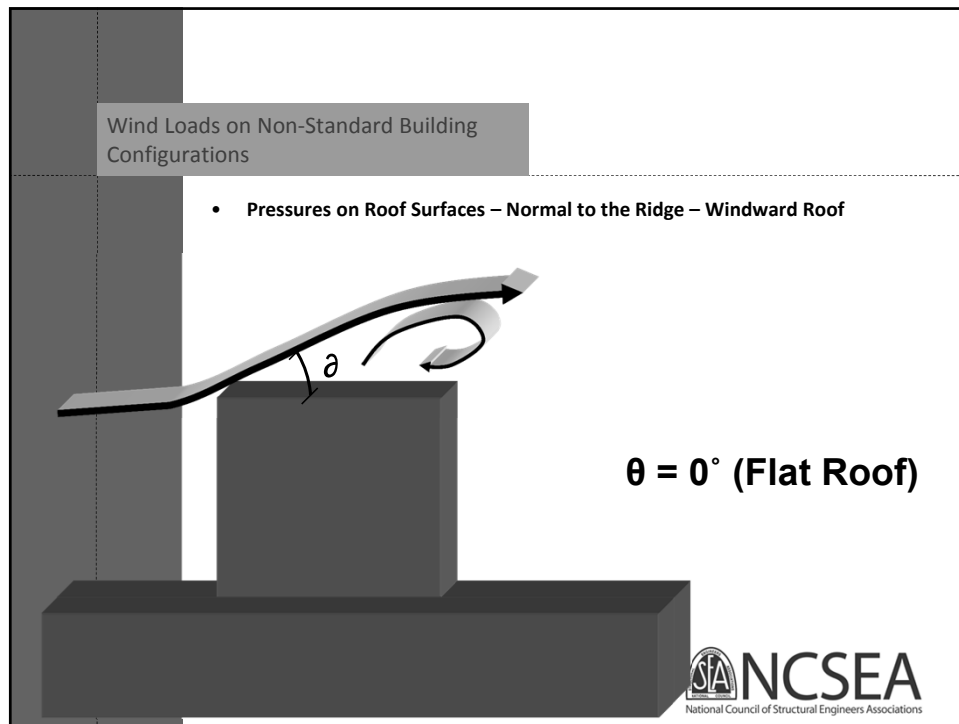
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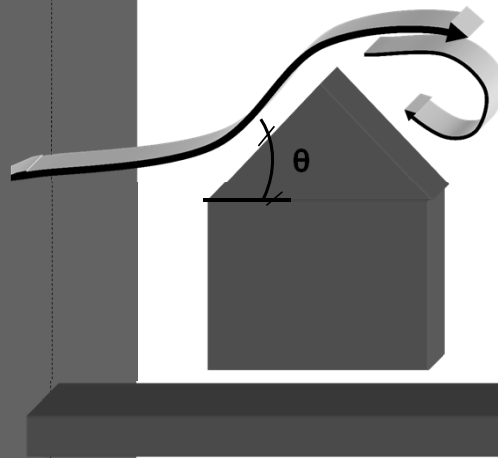
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- Increase in h/L results in higher negative pressures (suction) on Windward and Leeward Roof Surfaces
- Increase in Roof Angle results in higher positive pressures on Windward Roof Surfaces



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Pressures on Roof Surfaces – Parallel to the Ridge

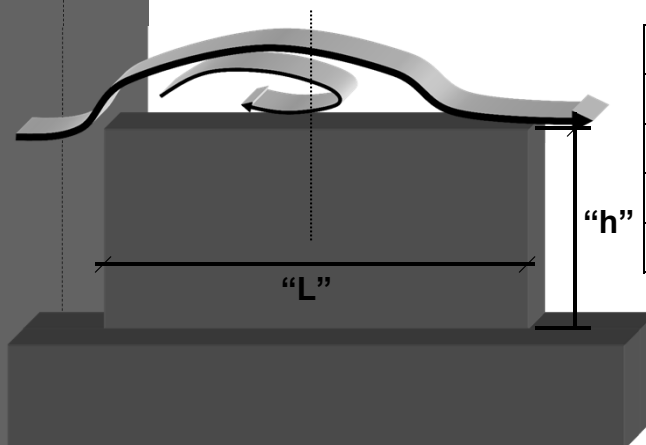
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		$h/2$ to h	-0.9, -0.18		
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≥ 1.0		0 to $h/2$	-1.3**, -0.18	Area (sq ft)	Reduction Factor
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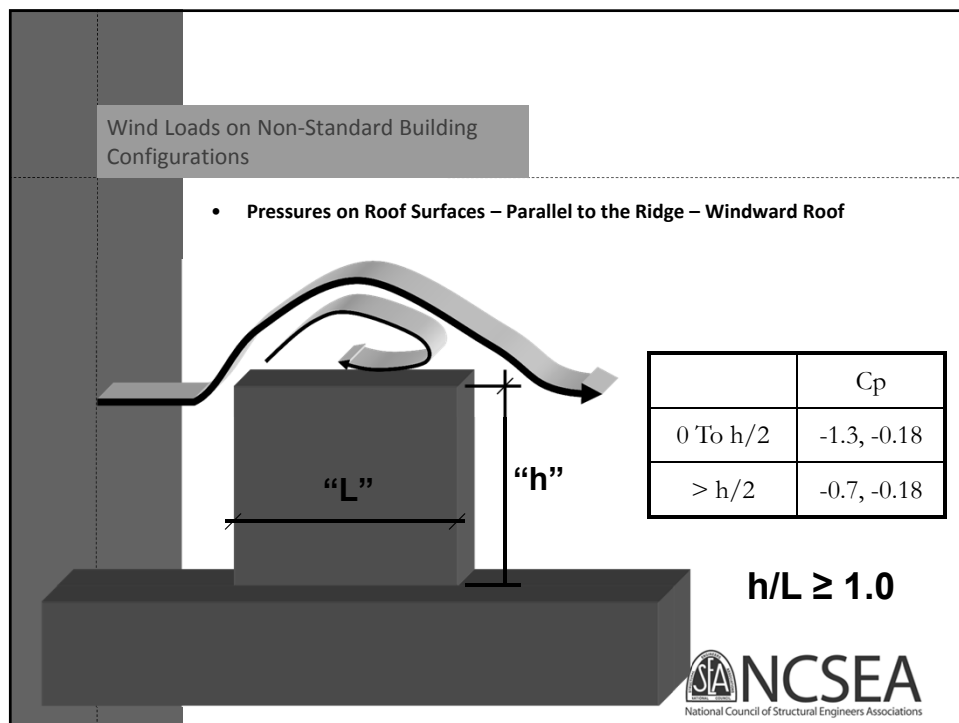
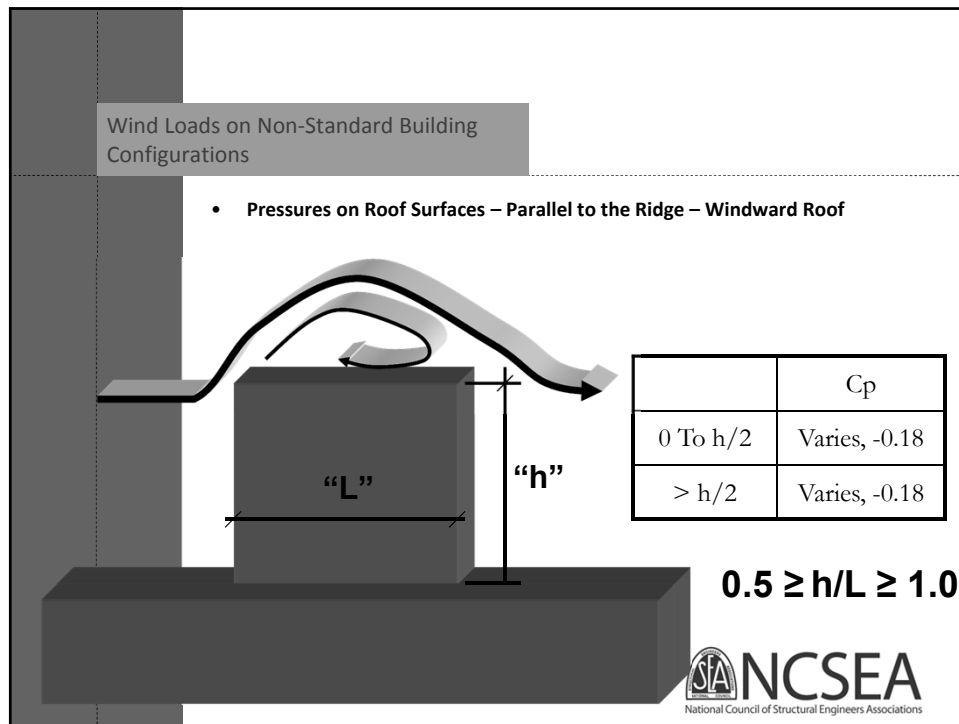
Pressures on Roof Surfaces – Parallel to the Ridge – Windward Roof



	C_p
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$$h/L \leq 0.5$$





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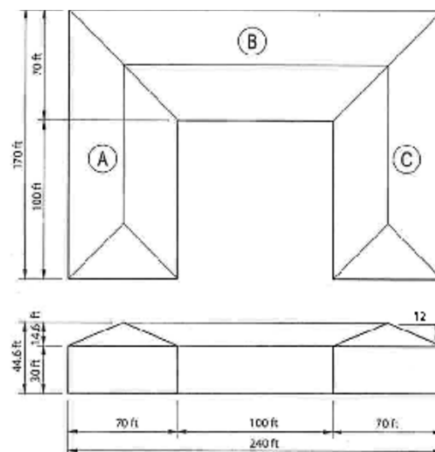
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- Increase in h/L results in increase negative (suction) pressures on the Roof Surface



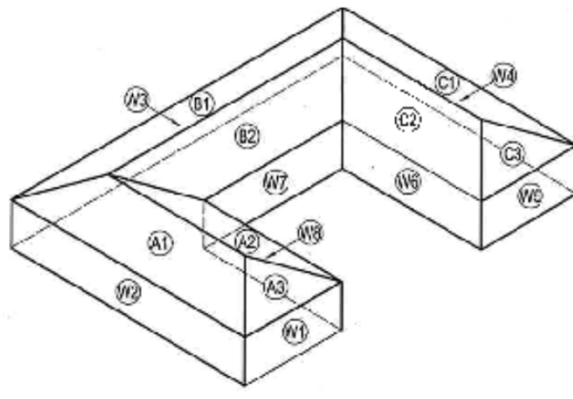
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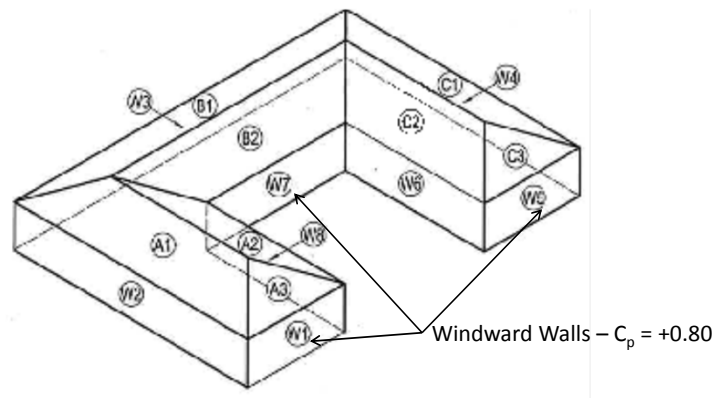
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Surface Type	Surface Designation	Surface	Case	L/B or h/L	C _p
Walls	W1, W7, W5	Windward		All	+0.80
	W3	Leeward		0.71	-0.50
	W2, W4, W6, W8	Side		All	-0.70
Roofs (⊥ to ridge)	A3, B2, C3	Windward	Negative	0.22	-0.25
			Positive	0.22	+0.25
	B1	Leeward		0.22	-0.60
Roofs (to ridge)	A1, A2, C1, C2	Side	0 to h	0.22	-0.90
			h to 2h	0.22	-0.50
			> 2h	0.22	-0.30

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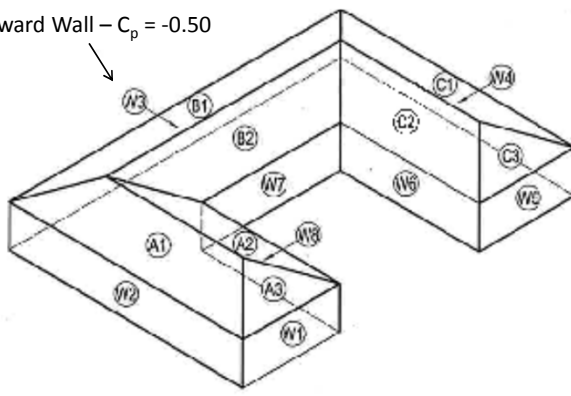
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			Positive	0.22	+0.25
	B1	Leeward		0.22	-0.60
Roofs (\parallel to ridge)	A1, A2, C1, C2	Side	0 to h	0.22	-0.90
			h to 2h	0.22	-0.50
			> 2h	0.22	-0.30

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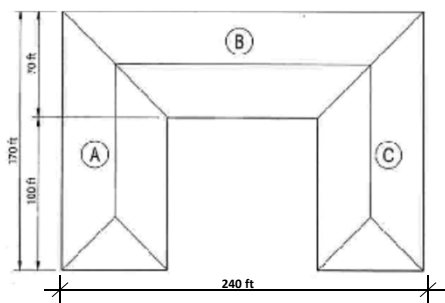
Leeward Wall – $C_p = -0.50$



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Used full building dimensions for determination of Leeward Wall C_p

$$L/B = 170' / 240' = 0.71$$

Therefore $-C_p = -0.50$

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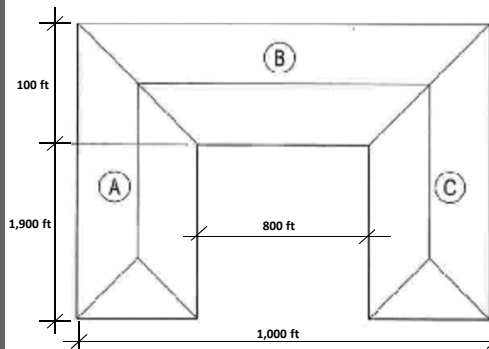
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Side Wall	All values	-0.7	q_h



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- Example 1 – U Shaped Building**



Using full building dimensions for determination of Leeward Wall C_p is not appropriate in this case

$$L/B = 2000' / 1000' = 2.0$$

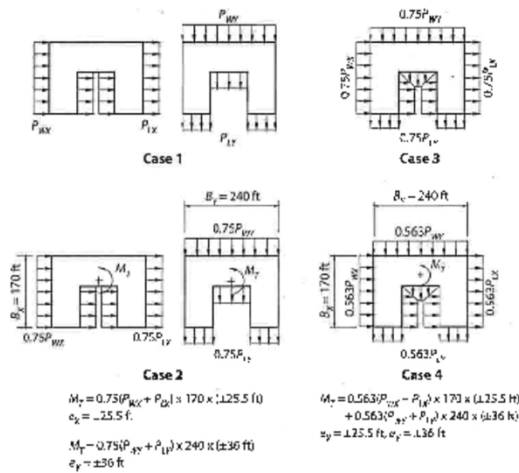
Therefore – $C_p = -0.30$

Should use $L/B = 100' / 1000' = 0.10$
Therefore – $C_p = -0.50$



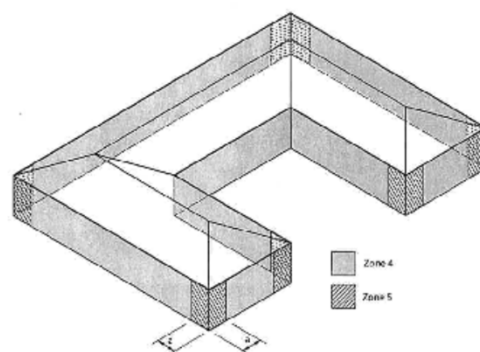
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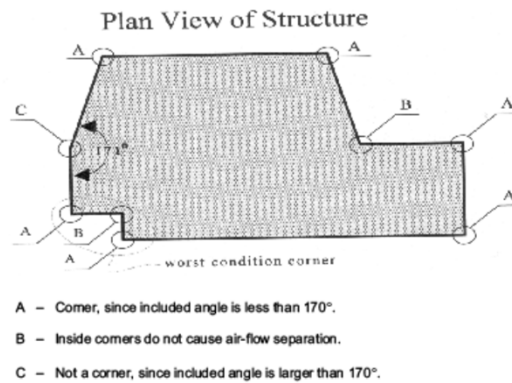
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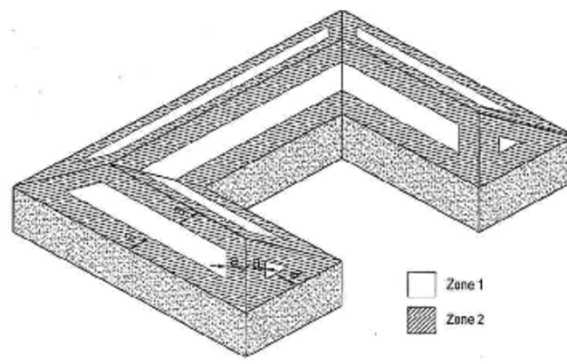
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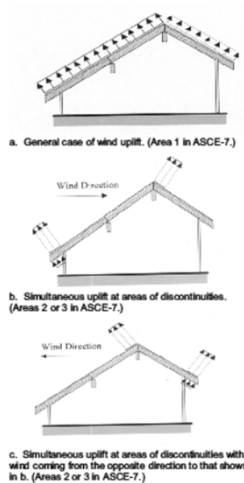
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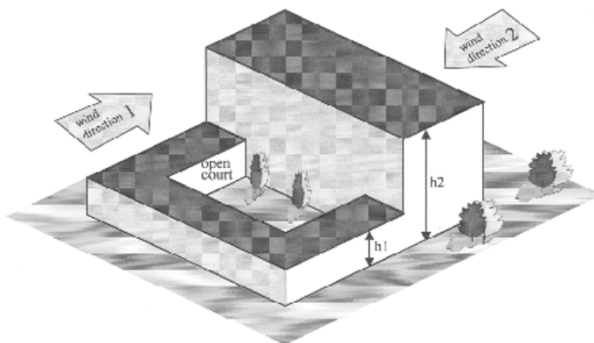
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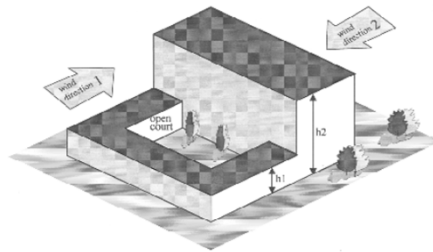
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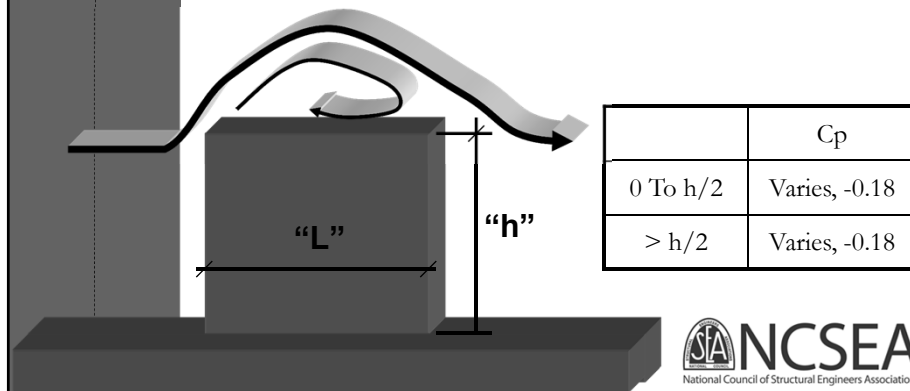
1. In deciding the design wind pressures on the low building for the wind directions shown, does the width of the court make a difference?



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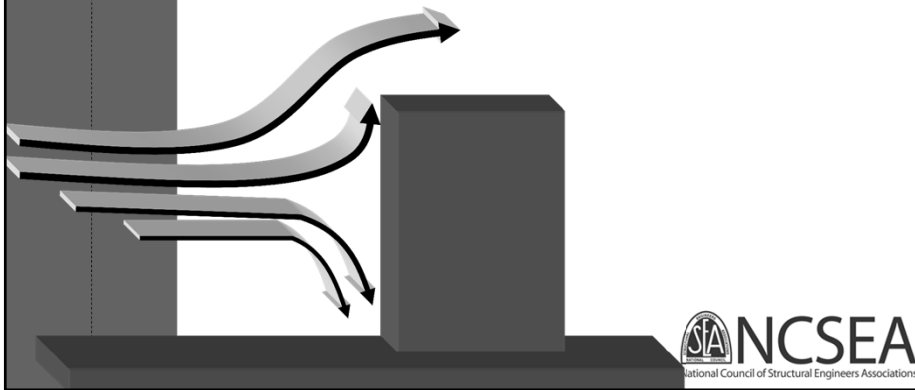
1. In small courtyards, where the difference in height of the surrounding roofs is small ($h_1 = h_2$), the wall pressures tend to be negative (i.e., suction), similar to the roof pressures above them.



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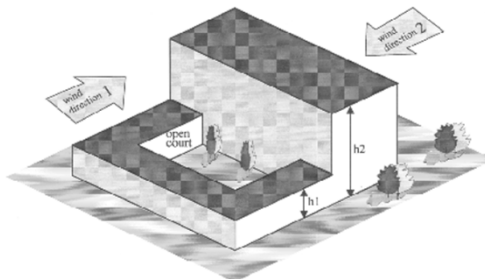
1. When a courtyard is adjacent to a taller building, though, there may be large positive pressures due to winds in direction 1 causing static pressures and down drafts on the front of the taller building.



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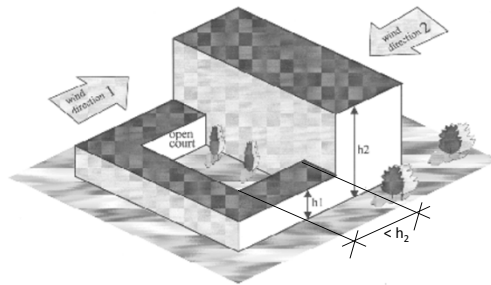
2. What height is used for the pressures on the low building, h_1 , h_2 or the average of $h_1 + h_2$?



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- Example 2 – Building With a Courtyard**

- If the courtyard is large (perhaps equal to or greater than the larger building height, h_2) then one could treat each building separately. The pressures on the low building walls facing the court would then be negative or positive, depending on the wind direction and based on h_1 .

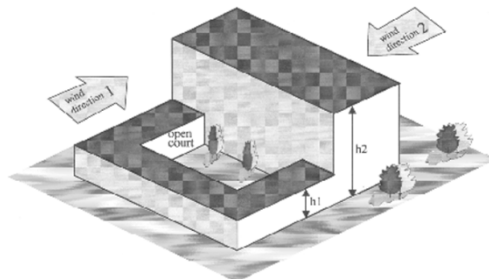


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- Will there be any inward (positive) pressures on the interior courtyard walls?

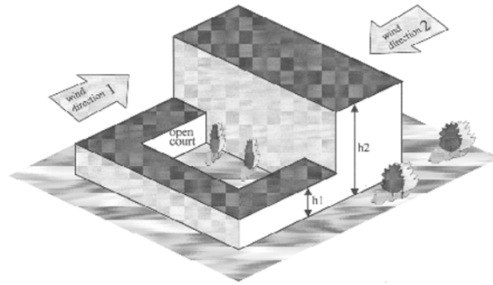


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- For wind direction 1, the pressure on the interior courtyard walls could be inward (positive), if the courtyard is sufficiently small and the taller building is sufficiently tall, or outward (negative), if the courtyard is wide and long, and the taller building is not tall enough to cause static pressures or a downdraft into the courtyard.

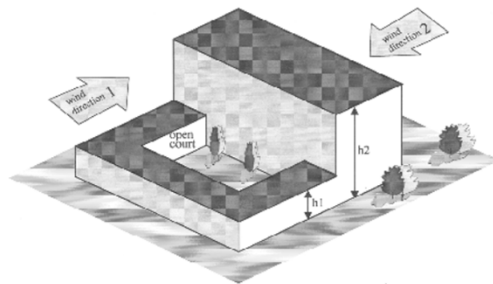


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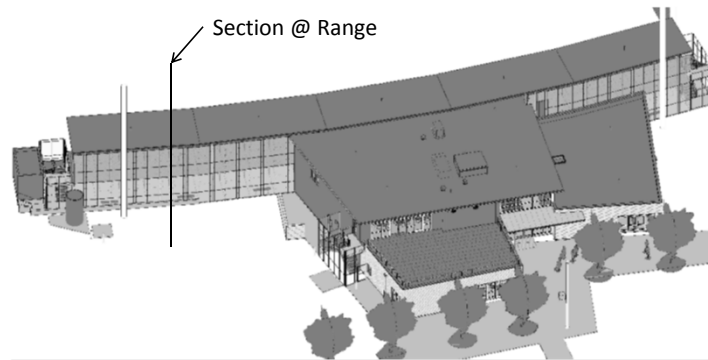
- For wind direction 2, the design pressures would act outward (negative) due to the downwind wake of the taller building. These pressures would be based on the mean roof height, h_2 , and would be greater in magnitude than the positive pressures calculated for wind direction 1.



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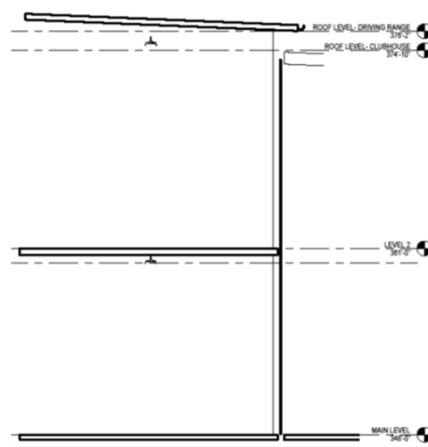
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- Example 3 – Golf Course Driving Range



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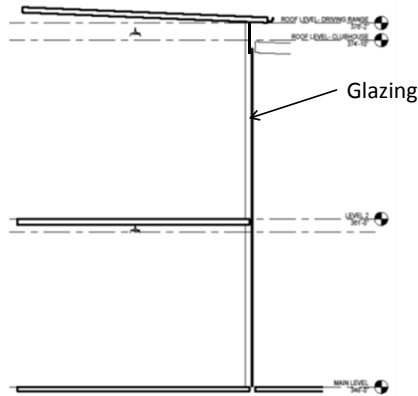
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• Example 3 – Golf Course Driving Range

1. What is the design pressure to be used to design the glazing at the back of the upper level?



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1. The design of the glazing typically would be considered as a component and cladding design issue, however main wind force resisting system pressures might control.

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	2	-0.3	
	≥ 4	-0.2	
Side Wall	All values	-0.7	q_h

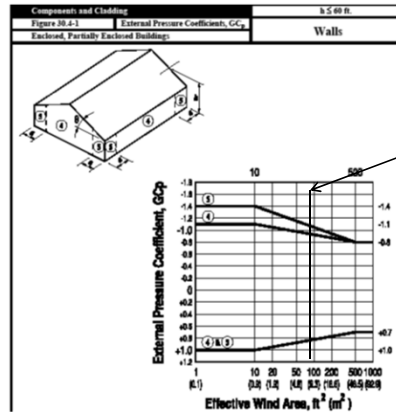
The next main wind force resisting $C_p = 0.8 - (-0.5) = 1.3$ + internal pressures



Wind Loads on Non-Standard Building Configurations

• Example 3 – Golf Course Driving Range

1. The components and cladding coefficients are found in Figure 30.4-1. The effective wind area = $15' \times (15'/3) = 75'$



Values of C_p @ 75 square feet =
 -1.1 for Zone 5 &
 +0.85 for Zones 4 & 5

75 square feet



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• Example 3 – Golf Course Driving Range

1. In Summary the Main Wind Force Resisting Loads Factors result in a $C_p = 1.3 +$ internal pressure. This load is applied in both directions.

The Components and Cladding Factors result in a $C_p = 1.1 +$ internal pressure. This load is also applied in both directions.

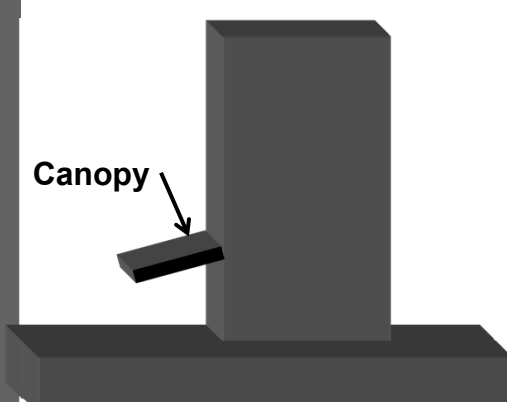
Thus, the Glazing should be designed for the Main Wind Force Resisting Loads instead of the Component and Cladding Loads.



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- Example 4 – Canopies on the side of tall building.

1. What is the design wind force for the design of the canopy on the side of a tall building?



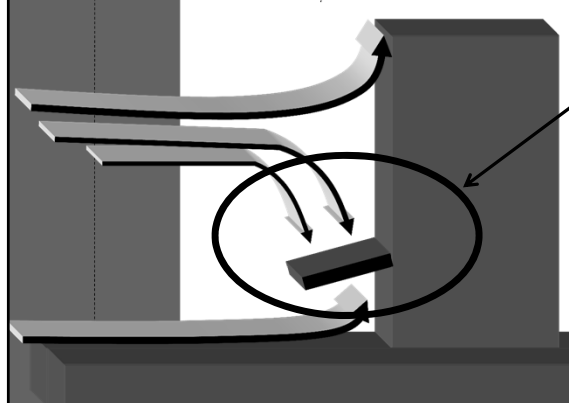
Canopy

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- Example 4 – Canopies on the side of tall building.

1. If the canopy is located low on the building it will receive the down-draft effect of the wind flowing down the face of the building. It is recommended to use a $C_p = 0.80$ (same as the windward wall) on the top of the canopy.



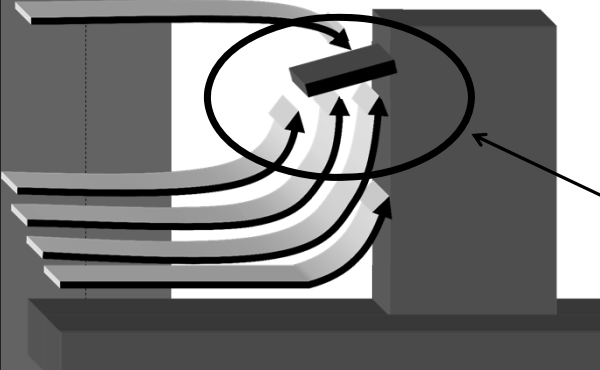
High Downward Pressure

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- **Example 4 – Canopies on the side of tall building.**

1. *If the canopy/sunscreen/overhang is located high on the building it will receive the effect of the wind flowing up the face of the building. It is recommended to use a $C_p = 0.80$ (same as the windward wall) on the bottom of the canopy plus the roof uplift $C_p = -2.3$ on top of the canopy.*




High Upward Pressure

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- **Example 5 – Enclosure Classifications.**

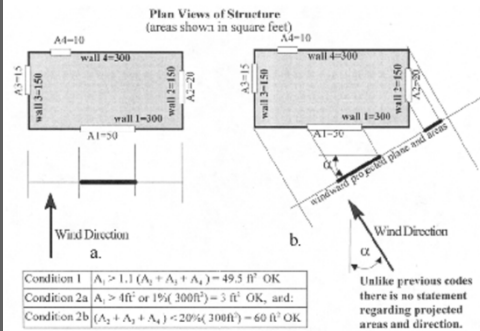
1. **How it the enclosure classification determined on an irregular shaped building?**

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• Example 5 – Enclosure Classifications.

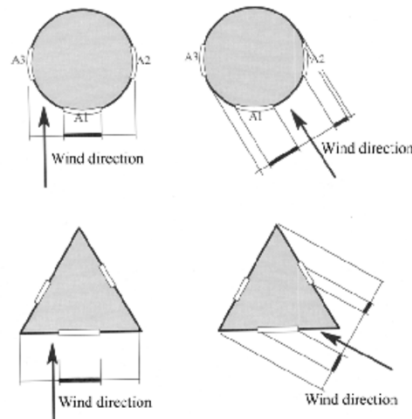
1. Codes in the past added the terminology “on a plane projected perpendicular to the direction being considered” in the sections for enclosure. This terminology has been removed, however it is an easy way to determine enclosure.



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• Example 5 – Enclosure Classifications.

1. This procedure works for other shapes equally well.



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