

ARCHITECTURAL COMMON TERMS

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A141	OWNER + DESIGN BUILDER
ACT	ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE
ADA	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
AFF	ABOVE FINISH FLOOR
AHU	AIR HANDLING UNIT
AOR	AREA OF REFUGE
ALLOWABLE AREA	MAX BUILDING AREA BASED ON CONSTRUCTION TYPE AND OCCUPANCY TYPE, ESTABLISHED BY BUILDING CODE
AUTOCAD	COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE PROGRAM USED FOR 2D AND 3D CAD AND DRAFTING
B101	OWNER + ARCHITECT AGREEMENT
BIM	BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING
BLOCKING	SHORT PIECES OF DIMENSIONAL LUMBER FOR FILLING, SPACING, OR JOINING
BLOCK DIAGRAMS	BLOCKING OUT A SPACE PLAN BEFORE ADDING WALL THICKNESS, DOORS, WINDOWS, ECT.
BOLLARDS	CONCRETE FILLED VERTICAL PIPES USED AS GUARDS
CA	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
CAD	COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN
CD	CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT
CMU	CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT
CO	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
CON	CONCRETE
CONSTRUCTION TYPE	MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION IN RELATION TO FIRE RESISTANCE
CORRUGATED	METAL PANEL TYPE
CPT	CARPET
CS	SEALED CONCRETE
CT	CERAMIC TILE
CURTAIN WALL	GLASS WINDOW SYSTEM HUNG OF STRUCTURE "LIKE A CURTAIN"
DEMISING WALL	BOUNDARY THAT SEPARATES ONE TENANT'S SPACE FROM THE OTHER (TYPICALLY A FIRE RATED WALL)
DEMO	DEMOLISH
DIM	DIMENSION
DOCK	HEIGHT OF LOADING AREAS - TYPICALLY 4'-0" (SEMI-DOCK 2'-0")
DS	DOWNSPOUT
EIFS	EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISHING SYSTEM
EGRESS PATH	MAXIMUM PATH TAKEN TO REQUIRED EXIT DOOR
ELEVATIONS	VIEW OF ONE SIDE OF A BUILDING, A FLAT REPRESENTATION OF ONE FACADE
ESMT	EASEMENTS

FENESTRATION	WINDOWS, DOORS OR OTHER BUILDING OPENINGS
FFE	FINISH FLOOR ELEVATION
FH	FIRE HYDRANT
FURR DOWN	DROPPED CEILINGS OR WALLS WHICH DO NOT TOUCH THE FLOOR
FURR WALL	A WALL BUILT AROUND OR ON BUILDING ELEMENTS TO HIDE THEM (COLUMNS, TILT WALLS, ECT.)
G701	CHANGE ORDER
G704	CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION
GA	GAUGE (METAL)
GLAZING	GLASS/ WINDOWS/ STOREFRONT
GROUND-UP	NEW BUILDING
GYP	GYPSUM BOARD
HAZMAT	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND ITEMS
HB	HOSE BIB
HIGH PILE	STORAGE OF GOODS AT 12'-0" OR ABOVE
HM	HOLLOW METAL
HMD	HOLLOW METAL DOOR
IBC	INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
IECC	INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
IFC	INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
LVT	LUXURY VINYL TILE
MILLWORK	CABINETS, DESKS, COUNTERS, ECT. THAT ARE CUSTOM BUILT/ ASSEMBLED ON SITE
MULLION	FRAME/ DIVIDING PIECES IN A WINDOW SYSTEM
NEC	NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE
NET AREA	TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE
N.I.C.	NOT IN CONTRACT
NON-SEPARATED	NON FIRE RATED SEPARATED OCCUPANCY TYPES BASED ON
USE	BUILDING CODE
OH	OVERHEAD
OC	ON CENTER
OCCUPANT LOAD	NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS ALLOWED BASED ON OCCUPANCY TYPE AND SQUARE FOOTAGE, ESTABLISHED BY BUILDING CODE
PEMB	PRE-ENGINEERED METAL BUILDING
PD	PRICING DRAWING
PLAM	PLASTIC LAMINATE
PT	PAINT
R-PANEL	METAL PANEL TYPE
R VALVE	INSULATION VALVE
RACO	BRAND NAME OF ALUMINUM FRAME
RAS	REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST
RCP	REFLECTED CEILING PLAN
RE:	REFERENCE

RENDERINGS	CREATION OF 2D IMAGES OR ANIMATIONS SHOWING PROPOSED ARCHITECTURAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN
REQUIRED EXIT	EXIT PER BUILDING CODE
REVIT	COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE PROGRAM USED FOR 2D AND 3D CAD AND DRAFTING (BIM)
RFI	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
RTU	ROOF TOP UNIT
SEPARATED USE	FIRE RATED SEPARATED OCCUPANCY TYPES BASED ON BUILDING CODE
SETBACKS	RESTRICTED AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT
SF	SQUARE FOOTAGE
SP	SPACE PLAN
SS	SOLID SURFACE
STANDING SEAM	METAL PANEL TYPE
STAND-OFFS	CIRCULAR METAL PIECES THAT STAND GLASS OR OTHER MATERIAL OFF ITS STRUCTURE
STOREFRONT	ALUMINUM OR STEEL MULLION AND GLASS WINDOW SYSTEM TEXAS
TAS	ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS
TI	TENANT IMPROVEMENT
TILT WALL	CONCRETE WALLS POURED HORIZONTALLY ON SLAB AND "TILTED UP" INTO PLACE – VENEER OR STRUCTURAL
TOP	TOP OF PANEL
TOR	TOP OF ROOF
TOS	TOP OF STEEL
TPO	THERMOPLASTIC POLYOLEFIN ROOFING
TYP	TYPICAL
UMC	UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE
UPC	UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE
U VALVE	TREAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT
VAPOR BARRIER	MATERIAL; USED FOR DAMP PROOFING
VCT	VINYL COMPOSITION TILE – PVC VINYL LAYERS LAMINATED TOGETHER
WELL	RECESSED AREA FOR LOADING – TYPICALLY 4'-0"
XC	EXISTING CONDITION