

Glossary of Terms



AIA CES

American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System

ASTM E-84

American Society for Testing and Materials Standardized Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. This test provides comparative classifications used to measure and describe the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled conditions, but does not by itself incorporate all factors required for fire-hazard or fire-risk assessment of the materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions.

Bonded Construction

uses high-pressure plastic laminate on the outer surfaces, bonded with glue to industrial-grade particleboard.

Building Density

average population of building, measured in people per square foot.

Building Occupancy Need Categories

Prestige Building, Standard Use Building, Heavy-Traffic Building. Buildings' needs based on criteria of design, traffic flow, vandal-resistance, and value-pricing.

Certified Wood

timber products extracted from forests that are sustainably managed.

Convertible Product

offers the flexibility of conversion from or to folded or universal roll towels or 12 or 18-gallon waste capacity to meet changing needs.

Customer-Appropriate-Product

products that are suited to the particular building occupancy need.

Friendly Architect

architect who will limit specifications to three manufacturers and specifies Bobrick as the standard of quality.

Heavy Traffic Building

heavy traffic flow; high incidence of vandalism.

Homogeneous Construction

has the same material properties through the thickness of the material.

Honeycomb Construction

Galvanized steel and stainless steel toilet partitions both use a cardboard honeycomb core.

IBC

International Building Code.

ICC

International Code Council.

Interchangeable Modules

provide a solution to changing function, allowing customers to replace damaged equipment without having to purchase a new unit, while maintaining the aesthetics of a washroom.

Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish Classification

classification in accordance with ASTM E-84. Such interior finish materials shall be grouped in the following classes in accordance with their flame spread and smoke-development indexes:

Class A: Flame spread 0-25; smoke-developed 0-450

Class B: Flame spread 26-75; smoke-developed 0-450

Class C: Flame spread 76-200; smoke-developed 0-450

IPC

International Plumbing Code.

Layered Construction

Toilet partitions, such as solid Phenolic, which are made of heat-fused layers of resin-impregnated kraft paper, a color or decorative sheet on the top and bottom, and over that, a clear melamine protective sheet.

LEED

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. A voluntary, consensus-based national standard, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings.

Low Emitting Materials

have been certified to emit a low amount of VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds).

Master Specification

a template specification used by architects to save time.

Model Code Adoption

When State, County, or local jurisdictions adopt a model code, it becomes enforceable as a law or incorporated in a building code.

NFPA

National Fire Protection Association.

Prestige Building

signature facilities, moderate to low traffic flow, moderate to low incidence of vandalism.

Rapidly Renewable Materials

products that regenerate quicker than the demand for the products.

Regional Materials

are manufactured within 500 miles of the installation site.

Silent Salesperson

a Master Specification that specifies the correct product for the appropriate building occupancy and provides guidelines when sales representative is not present.

Standard Use Building

moderate to low traffic, moderate to low incidence of vandalism, value-price driven.

Unfriendly Architect

an architect that will not limit their specification to three manufacturers.