

Code Changes Specific to Glass

In 2003, the International Building Code (IBC) implemented numerous changes/requirements for glass products used in Group E (Educational) occupancies. Specifically, this code prohibited the use of ANSI Z 97.1 conventional wire glass as it was not in compliance with the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) specifications.

In 2006, the IBC changed their codes once again and more clarity was given to glass requirements for glass used in doors. They expanded the use of CPSC requirements for Educational occupancies to all glass used in doors. While the IBC maintained the requirement of CPSC 16 CFR 1201 compliant glass, it removed verbiage specific to “wire glass”. Simply put, wire glass is not excluded from acceptance provided it meets the CPSC requirements for impact resistance, permanent labeling, and fire rating as required.

Today the industry has numerous glass suppliers who offer both clear and wire glass that comply with the new industry codes for Educational occupancies, and Mohawk has access to a wide variety of these glass types when identified on customer purchase orders.

While Mohawk recognizes that glass requirements vary widely between local jurisdictions, Mohawk disclaims any responsibility, or liability for claims or damages of any kind as it relates to any glass installed into a Mohawk door at the direction of the door buyer’s instruction or approval. It is the responsibility of the specifier and the AHJ (Authority Having Jurisdiction) to establish code requirements, and distributors to be certain to purchase products (including glass) that are required by enforceable local codes.

Unless otherwise specified, Mohawk’s standard glass used in fire rated doors is ANSI Z 97.1 wire glass.

Please order installed glass carefully.