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## Change in the 2007 California Building Code for Special Inspection of Glulam

For many years, the Division of State Architect (DSA) has required continuous special inspection of glulam used under its jurisdiction. DSA recently amended this requirement pertaining to all of California's K-12 schools and community colleges. In the 2007 California Building Code, DSA has added an exception to the special inspection requirements (Section 1704A.6.2.1) as follows:

*Special Inspection is not required for non-custom members of 5-1/8 inch maximum width and 18 inch maximum depth, and with a maximum clear span of 32 feet, manufactured and marked in accordance with ANSI/AITC A 190.1 Section 6.1.1 for non-custom members.*

The change is intended to permit typical "stock" glulam beams, as specified, to be used without a special inspection. The 2007 California Building Code becomes effective on January 1, 2008.

In a communication with DSA staff, APA has been informed that the specified member width is intended to cover nominal 6x glulam members with a net width of 5-1/2 inches. The nominal 6x glulam members are typically manufactured at a net width of between 5-1/8 and 5-1/2 inches with the 5-1/2-inch width typical for Framing or Framing-L Appearance Grades, and the 5-1/8-inch width for other Appearance Grades.

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