



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Exterior Windows & Glazed Doors in Wildfire Protection areas		
Code Section(s)	2007 California Building Code, Section 704A3.2.2		
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CBC Section 704A.3.2.2 states, in part, that exterior windows, window walls, glazed doors, and glazed openings within exterior doors shall be insulating-glass units with a minimum of one tempered pane, or glass block units, (etc.).

CBC Section 704A.3.2.3 states, in part, that exterior door assemblies ... shall be of approved noncombustible construction, or solid core wood ... (as specified).

Are there limitations on the material used for construction of window sash, stile, or frame?

No. Window sash, stile, and frames may be of wood, aluminum, vinyl, or fiberglass material. Window glazing shall comply with Section 704A3.2.2 such as insulating-glass units with a minimum of one tempered glass pane.

Are there limitations on the material used for construction of glazed doors frame?

Yes. The frame of exterior glazed doors, and exterior doors with glazed openings, shall be noncombustible construction or other material in compliance with Section 704A.3.2.3.