

CONSTRUCTION COMMON TERMS

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A/C	Air Conditioner
ACI	American Concrete Institute
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992
A.F.F.	Above Finished Floor
A.F.G.	Above Finished Grade
AIA	American Institute of Architects or American Insurance Association
AIEE	American Institute of Electrical Engineers
AISC	American Institute of Steel Construction
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
AWG	American Wire Gauge
BOT	Bottom
B.O.F.	Bottom of footing
B.O.W.	Bottom of wall
BRZ	Bronze
BV	Butterfly Valve
CAD	Cadmium or Computer-Aided Drafting
C.D.	Construction document
C.F.M.	Cubic Feet per Minute
C.I.	Cast Iron
CL.	Closet
CLG.	Ceiling
C.O.	Clean Out
CONT.	Continuous
CFM	Cubic Feet per Minute
CFS	Cubic Feet per Second
CMU	Concrete Masonry Unit
CU. FT.	Cubic Feet
CU. YD.	Cubic Yard
D.S.	Down spout
DIA.	Diameter
DIM.	Dimension
DN.	Down
DP	Damp proofing, Dew Point or Distribution Panel
EA.	Each
E.F.	Exhaust fan

EXC	Excavate
E.W.	Each way
EXT.	Exterior
FACP	Fire Alarm Control Panel
F.C.O.	Floor clean out
F.D.	Floor drain
FIN.	Finish
FRPF	Fireproof
GALV.	Galvanized
G.C.	General Contractor
G.F.C.I.	Ground Fault Circuit Interrupt
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GPM	Gallons Per Minute
G.T.	Glazed tile
GYP.	Gypsum
H.B.	Hose bib
HDCP	Handicapped, better if referred as 'Accessible'
HV	High Voltage
H.V.A.C	Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning
H.W.	Hot water
IE	Invert Elevation
IN	Inch
INSUL.	Insulation
INT.	Interior
INV	Invert
J-Box	Junction box
JCT.	Junction
JST.	Joist
KW	Kilowatt
LFT.	Linear feet
LL	Live Load
LT.	Light
LTG.	Lighting
L.V.L.	Laminated Veneer Lumber
MAS.	Masonry
MTL.	Material
MFG.	Manufacturing
MIN.	Minimum
NEC	National Electrical Code
N.T.S.	Not to scale
O.C.	On center

O.D.	Outside diameter
OPNG.	Opening or Rough Opening
PL.	Plaster
P.L.	Property line
PLYWD.	Plywood
P.S.F.	Pounds per square foot
P.S.I.	Pounds per square inch
PTD	Painted
RD	Roof Drain, Round or Receptacle Distribution Panel
R.D.L.	Roof drain leader
REBAR	Reinforcing Bar
R.O.	Rough Opening
R.O.W.	Right of way
REINF.	Reinforced
SAN.	Sanitary
S.D.	Smoke detector
SECT.	Section
SHT.	Sheet
SHT'G.	Sheathing
SPECS.	Specifications
SQ.FT.	Square feet
SQ. IN.	Square inches
SS	Stainless Steel, Set Screw, Soil Stack, Service Sink and/or Slop Sink
STD.	Standard
STL.	Steel
S.Y.	Square yard
T&B	Top and Bottom
T.O.	Top of
T.O.B.	Top of Beam
T.O.C.	Top of curb
T.O.F.	Top of footing
T.O.J.	Top of joist
T.O.M.	Top of masonry
T.O.W.	Top of wall
TTC	Telephone Terminal Closet
UON	Unless Otherwise Noted
V.B.	Vapor barrier
V.I.F.	Verify in field
VA.	Voltage

W.C.	Toilet (water closet)
WD.	Wood
WDW.	Window
W.I.	Wrought Iron
W.I.C.	Walk In Closet
WP.	Weatherproof
WS	Weather-stripping OR Water Stop
WT.	Weight
WTR.	Water Heater
HTR.	
W/O	Without
