

CHAPTER 6 WALL CONSTRUCTION

SECTION R602.10.5 IRC Interpretation No. 78-05 2003 Edition Issued: 01-11-06

R602.10.5 Continuous structural panel sheathing. When continuous wood structural panel sheathing is provided in accordance with Method 3 of R602.10.3 on all sheathable areas of all exterior walls, and interior braced wall lines, where required, including areas above and below openings, braced wall panel lengths shall be in accordance with Table R602.10.5. Wood structural panel sheathing shall be installed at corners in accordance with Figure R602.10.5. The bracing amounts in Table R602.10.1 for Method 3 shall be permitted to be multiplied by a factor of 0.9 for walls with a maximum opening height that does not exceed 85 percent of the wall height or a factor of 0.8 for walls with a maximum opening height that does not exceed 67 percent of the wall height.



Q: When using continuous structural panel sheathing as prescribed in Section R602.10.5, are openings permitted in the wall at exterior corners?

A: No. The continuous structural panel sheathing requires wood structural panels to be installed at the corners.
