

**CHAPTER 24  
GLASS AND GLAZING**

**SECTION 2407.1.1  
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**2407.1.1 Loads.**

The panels and their support system shall be designed to withstand the loads specified in Section 1607.7. A safety factor of four shall be used.



**Q:** Does the “support system” include the railing element assemblies and components and anchorage into the building structure?

**A:** No. In order for the system to perform as prescribed by the code, the “system as a whole” must withstand the loads specified in Section 1607.7. Each “individual element” is not required to withstand the loads specified in Section 1607.7.

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