

## ARCHITECTURAL COMMON TERMS

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<b>A141</b>	OWNER + DESIGN BUILDER
<b>ACT</b>	ACOUSTICAL CEILING TILE
<b>ADA</b>	AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES
<b>AFF</b>	ABOVE FINISH FLOOR
<b>AHU</b>	AIR HANDLING UNIT
<b>AOR</b>	AREA OF REFUGE
<b>ALLOWABLE AREA</b>	MAX BUILDING AREA BASED ON CONSTRUCTION TYPE AND OCCUPANCY TYPE, ESTABLISHED BY BUILDING CODE
<b>AUTOCAD</b>	COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE PROGRAM USED FOR 2D AND 3D CAD AND DRAFTING
<b>B101</b>	OWNER + ARCHITECT AGREEMENT
<b>BIM</b>	BUILDING INFORMATION MODELING
<b>BLOCKING</b>	SHORT PIECES OF DIMENSIONAL LUMBER FOR FILLING, SPACING, OR JOINING
<b>BLOCK DIAGRAMS</b>	BLOCKING OUT A SPACE PLAN BEFORE ADDING WALL THICKNESS, DOORS, WINDOWS, ECT.
<b>BOLLARDS</b>	CONCRETE FILLED VERTICAL PIPES USED AS GUARDS
<b>CA</b>	CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION
<b>CAD</b>	COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN
<b>CD</b>	CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT
<b>CMU</b>	CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT
<b>CO</b>	CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
<b>CON</b>	CONCRETE
<b>CONSTRUCTION TYPE</b>	MATERIALS CLASSIFICATION IN RELATION TO FIRE RESISTANCE
<b>CORRUGATED</b>	METAL PANEL TYPE
<b>CPT</b>	CARPET
<b>CS</b>	SEALED CONCRETE
<b>CT</b>	CERAMIC TILE
<b>CURTAIN WALL</b>	GLASS WINDOW SYSTEM HUNG OF STRUCTURE "LIKE A CURTAIN"
<b>DEMISING WALL</b>	BOUNDARY THAT SEPARATES ONE TENANT'S SPACE FROM THE OTHER (TYPICALLY A FIRE RATED WALL)
<b>DEMO</b>	DEMOLISH
<b>DIM</b>	DIMENSION
<b>DOCK</b>	HEIGHT OF LOADING AREAS - TYPICALLY 4'-0" (SEMI-DOCK 2'-0")
<b>DS</b>	DOWNSPOUT
<b>EIFS</b>	EXTERIOR INSULATION AND FINISHING SYSTEM
<b>EGRESS PATH</b>	MAXIMUM PATH TAKEN TO REQUIRED EXIT DOOR
<b>ELEVATIONS</b>	VIEW OF ONE SIDE OF A BUILDING, A FLAT REPRESENTATION OF ONE FACADE
<b>ESMT</b>	EASEMENTS

<b>FENESTRATION</b>	WINDOWS, DOORS OR OTHER BUILDING OPENINGS
<b>FFE</b>	FINISH FLOOR ELEVATION
<b>FH</b>	FIRE HYDRANT
<b>FURR DOWN</b>	DROPPED CEILINGS OR WALLS WHICH DO NOT TOUCH THE FLOOR
<b>FURR WALL</b>	A WALL BUILT AROUND OR ON BUILDING ELEMENTS TO HIDE THEM (COLUMNS, TILT WALLS, ECT.)
<b>G701</b>	CHANGE ORDER
<b>G704</b>	CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION
<b>GA</b>	GAUGE (METAL)
<b>GLAZING</b>	GLASS/ WINDOWS/ STOREFRONT
<b>GROUND-UP</b>	NEW BUILDING
<b>GYP</b>	GYPSUM BOARD
<b>HAZMAT</b>	HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND ITEMS
<b>HB</b>	HOSE BIB
<b>HIGH PILE</b>	STORAGE OF GOODS AT 12'-0" OR ABOVE
<b>HM</b>	HOLLOW METAL
<b>HMD</b>	HOLLOW METAL DOOR
<b>IBC</b>	INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE
<b>IECC</b>	INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
<b>IFC</b>	INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE
<b>LVT</b>	LUXURY VINYL TILE
<b>MILLWORK</b>	CABINETS, DESKS, COUNTERS, ECT. THAT ARE CUSTOM BUILT/ ASSEMBLED ON SITE
<b>MULLION</b>	FRAME/ DIVIDING PIECES IN A WINDOW SYSTEM
<b>NEC</b>	NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE
<b>NET AREA</b>	TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE
<b>N.I.C.</b>	NOT IN CONTRACT
<b>NON-SEPARATED USE</b>	NON FIRE RATED SEPARATED OCCUPANCY TYPES BASED ON BUILDING CODE
<b>OH</b>	OVERHEAD
<b>OC</b>	ON CENTER
<b>OCCUPANT LOAD</b>	NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS ALLOWED BASED ON OCCUPANCY TYPE AND SQUARE FOOTAGE, ESTABLISHED BY BUILDING CODE
<b>PEMB</b>	PRE-ENGINEERED METAL BUILDING
<b>PD</b>	PRICING DRAWING
<b>PLAM</b>	PLASTIC LAMINATE
<b>PT</b>	PAINT
<b>R-PANEL</b>	METAL PANEL TYPE
<b>R VALVE</b>	INSULATION VALVE
<b>RACO</b>	BRAND NAME OF ALUMINUM FRAME
<b>RAS</b>	REGISTERED ACCESSIBILITY SPECIALIST
<b>RCP</b>	REFLECTED CEILING PLAN
<b>RE:</b>	REFERENCE

<b>RENDERINGS</b>	CREATION OF 2D IMAGES OR ANIMATIONS SHOWING PROPOSED ARCHITECTURAL AND INTERIOR DESIGN
<b>REQUIRED EXIT</b>	EXIT PER BUILDING CODE
<b>REVIT</b>	COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE PROGRAM USED FOR 2D AND 3D CAD AND DRAFTING (BIM)
<b>RFI</b>	REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
<b>RTU</b>	ROOF TOP UNIT
<b>SEPARATED USE</b>	FIRE RATED SEPARATED OCCUPANCY TYPES BASED ON BUILDING CODE
<b>SETBACKS</b>	RESTRICTED AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT
<b>SF</b>	SQUARE FOOTAGE
<b>SP</b>	SPACE PLAN
<b>SS</b>	SOLID SURFACE
<b>STANDING SEAM</b>	METAL PANEL TYPE
<b>STAND-OFFS</b>	CIRCULAR METAL PIECES THAT STAND GLASS OR OTHER MATERIAL OFF ITS STRUCTURE
<b>STOREFRONT</b>	ALUMINUM OR STEEL MULLION AND GLASS WINDOW SYSTEM
<b>TAS</b>	TEXAS ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS
<b>TI</b>	TENANT IMPROVEMENT
<b>TILT WALL</b>	CONCRETE WALLS POURED HORIZONTALLY ON SLAB AND "TILTED UP" INTO PLACE – VENEER OR STRUCTURAL
<b>TOP</b>	TOP OF PANEL
<b>TOR</b>	TOP OF ROOF
<b>TOS</b>	TOP OF STEEL
<b>TPO</b>	THERMOPLASTIC POLYOLEFIN ROOFING
<b>TYP</b>	TYPICAL
<b>UMC</b>	UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE
<b>UPC</b>	UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE
<b>U VALVE</b>	TREAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENT
<b>VAPOR BARRIER</b>	MATERIAL; USED FOR DAMP PROOFING
<b>VCT</b>	VINYL COMPOSITION TILE – PVC VINYL LAYERS LAMINATED TOGETHER
<b>WELL</b>	RECESSED AREA FOR LOADING – TYPICALLY 4'-0"
<b>XC</b>	EXISTING CONDITION