



# STORAGE RACKS PLAN CHECK CORRECTION SHEETS (2020 LABC)

Plan Check Submittal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Permit Application Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Check Engineer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Plan Check Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions or need clarification on any plan check matters, please contact your plan check engineer and/or his or her supervisor.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROCEEDING WITH THE PLAN CHECK (PC) PROCESS:

1. Review corrections circled on this Plan Check Correction Sheet and on the plans and calculation sheets.
2. Provide a written response or reference to details pursuant to the corrections. The location of any revisions on the plans shall be identified as part of your responses. For any questions related to the corrections, email or call the Plan Check Engineer.
3. Phone or email the PC engineer for a verification appointment after you have addressed the corrections. Verification of corrections is only done by appointment.
4. Complete item #2 above and bring the originally checked set of plans and calculations to the appointment along with this plan correction sheet. Unprepared responses with incomplete plans or calculations may result in cancellation of the appointment.
5. During the appointment, the plan check engineer review the corrections and comments.
6. Once all the items have been corrected to comply with the code requirements and clearances are obtained, the permit will be ready to be issued

### IMPORTANT ITEMS TO READ:

1. Your early attention is suggested to the approval process from other Departments as listed on the Plan Check Correction Sheet or the Clearance Summary Worksheet due to possible delays resulting from a public hearing or other processes required by other Departments. The City Planning Department, the Community Redevelopment Agency, and others may have requirements that could significantly affect the final design of the project.
2. The permit application will expire 18 months from the plan check submittal date.
3. Please be advised that the permit will be issued upon verification of compliance with the corrections included herein. The approval of plans does not permit the violation of any section of the Building Code, Zoning Code, other ordinance, or State law.
4. Italicized numbers refer to Code Sections of the 2020 Edition of the Los Angeles Building Codes.
5. RMI referenced in this plan correction sheet refers to the Rack Manufacturers Institute, ANSI/MH 16.1-12, Specification for the Design, Testing, and Utilization of Industrial Steel Storage Racks

THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTAL CORRECTION SHEETS ARE ATTACHED AND SHALL BE CONSIDERED A PART OF THIS REVIEW. COMPLIANCE WITH THESE CORRECTIONS MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE PERMIT.

**Review the following checked supplemental correction lists, information bulletins and forms. Revise plans to show compliance (Copies can be obtained at [www.ladbs.org](http://www.ladbs.org)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Correction List: Structural – General | <input type="checkbox"/> P/BC 2020-100 | Acceptable Design and Analysis Methods for Use of Slabs-On-Grade As Foundations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P/BC 2017-024 Structural Observation               |  |   |

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## PART I: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

### A. PERMIT APPLICATION

1. Provide a key plan showing property lines, street names, and location of building(s) with proposed storage rack layout and copy it to the PCIS application's plot plan sheet.
2. Valuation is revised to \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Pay additional plan check fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Provide complete and correct legal description (Tract, Lot, Block, Grant Deed). Provide complete information for applicant, owner, engineer, architect, and contractor.
4. The permit application must be signed by the property owner or licensed contractor or authorized agent at the time the permit is to be issued:
  - a. For owner-builder permits: Owner's signature can be verified with owner's driver license. Owner's representatives must present owner's approval with a notarized letter from the owner.
  - b. For contractor building permits: Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the contractor shall have the following:
    - i. Notarized letter of authorization for agents.
    - ii. Certificate of workers Compensation Insurance made out to the Contractors State License Board.
    - iii. Copy of Contractor's State License or pocket ID.
    - iv. Copy of City of Los Angeles business tax registration certificate (BTRC) or a newly paid receipt for one.

### B. CLEARANCES

1. Obtain sign-off for all clearances as noted on the attached Clearance Summary Worksheet. Comply with all conditions given by each departments/agencies as part of their approval prior to permit issuance.

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## PART II: BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS

### A. PLAN DETAILS

1. Floor plan of the building is required to show location of storage racks and to differentiate between all types of proposed storage racks. Floor plan must also show aisle widths and exiting scheme from the building in which storage racks will be placed.
2. Building permits are required for storage racks over 5'-9" high. Structural plans, details, and calculations are required for the construction of storage racks. *105.2*
3. Lower portions of posts exposed to damage by forklift trucks or other moving equipment shall have two possible ways to safeguard racks against the consequences of minor collisions: *RMI 1.4.9 Commentary*
  - a. provide protective devices,
  - b. reinforce the bottom portion of the front column and/or bracing.
4. Storage area shall be separated from adjacent occupancies in accordance with LABC Table 508.4

### B. CALCULATIONS

1. Non building structures shall be designed in accordance in accordance with the seismic requirements of ASCE 7-16 Section 15.5.  $R=4$ ,  $\Omega_o=2$ ,  $C_d=3.5$  *ASCE 7-16, Table 15.4-1*

### C. ADMINISTRATION

1. Each sheet of the architectural and structural plans must bear the signatures and registration of an architect or engineer registered in the State of California.
2. Show on plans a complete description of the entire scope of work.
3. The address of the building, the name/address of the owner, and names/addresses of the consultants are required on their plans.
4.  (Three)  (Two) sets of plans will be required during permit issuance. One of these sets will be submitted to the County Assessors Office. Plans must be: *106.3.2.2, 106.3.3, California Revenue & Taxation Section 72*
  - a. Quality blue or black line drawings with uniform and light background color.
  - b. Max. 36' x 48" size with minimum 1/8" lettering size.
  - c. Sticky back details must produce prints without contrasting shades of background color.
5. The final set of plans must be stamped by:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Div.	<input type="checkbox"/> Green Building Div.
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
6. Provide the following with each set of plans:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Floor Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Sections
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Elevations	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundation Plans
<input type="checkbox"/> Structural Details	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

7. Storage racks located in buildings at levels above the ground level shall be designed to resist earthquake forces that consider the response of the building and storage rack to earthquake ground motions as specified in RMI Section 8.3 and 2.6.2.
  8. Racks shall be designed for the most critical load combination in accordance with RMI 2. *RMI 2.1*
  9. The rigid connection assumption for the frame design shall be demonstrated by calculation or by testing in an approved manner. Where testing is used, a copy of the test report by a third party LA City licensed testing agency shall be provided. The tested assembly shall be the same material, size, and configuration as the connection to be approved. Testing shall be in accordance with RMI 16.1-12, Section 9.6 *RMI 5.4.1*
  10. The effects of perforations on the load carrying capacity of compression members shall be included in the design in accordance with section 4 of the RMI specification. Determination of Q shall be based on stub column tests in accordance with section 9.2 of the RMI specification.
  11. Beams shall be designed as simply supported. *RMI 5.1*
  12. For unbraced racks at vertical plane, design columns with effective length factor of 1.7. *RMI 6.3.1.1*
  13. Design beam column connection for a minimum upward force of 1,000 lbs. *RMI 5.4.2*
  14. For movable shelf racks, design each connection at the top shelf and other fixed shelves for an upward force of 1,000 lbs. *RMI 5.4.3*
  15. In accordance with RMI Section 1.4.10, where racks are braced against the building structure, the building structure shall be designed for the horizontal and vertical forces listed in RMI Section 2.
  16. Support of racks by foundations, concrete floor slabs or other means shall be in conformance with LABC Chapter 18. All values of allowable foundation pressure are for footings having a minimum width of 12 inches and a minimum depth of 12 inches into natural grade. Where storage racks are supported by slab on grade, a maximum allowable soils bearing value of 500 psf will be allowed unless a soils report recommends a higher value for slabs on grade.
  17. Engineer of record shall verify the conditions of the existing slab on grade supporting storage racks and make his/her observations as part of the plans. Structural calculations and details shall be required for rack locations with close proximity to expansion and construction joints. In addition, the engineer shall indicate if cracks are present and provide adequate mitigation measures.
  18. Design base plate based on the maximum allowable bearing stress,  $F_p$  for allowable stress design (ASD) and on the maximum bearing loads,  $\phi_c P_p$  for load resistance and factor design (LRFD). *RMI 7.1*
  19. Design force that include seismic loads for anchorage of steel storage rack to concrete shall be determined using load combinations with overstrength factor,  $\Omega_o=2.0$ , per ASCE 7-16 Sec. 15.5.3.2.
  20. Design anchors to resist uplift forces due to vertical and lateral forces in accordance with ACI 318. Design strength of anchors must be reduced by multiplying the allowable load by 0.75 as required by ACI 17.2.3.4.4. Design of the anchors must be designed to be governed by tensile or shear strength of a ductile steel element. *RMI 7.2, ACI 17.2.3.4.4*
  21. At working load the deflections of pallet racks and stacker-rack, including possible deformations in the end connections, shall not exceed 1/180 of the span measured with respect to the beam ends. *RMI 5.3*
  22. Where the configuration of the cross section precludes calculation of allowable loads and deflections, the determination shall be made by tests according to RMI Section 9. *RMI, 5.2*
  23. Structural observation per Section 1704 is required for this project. The engineer of record shall prepare an inspection program, including the name(s) of the individuals or firms who will perform the work. The inspection program shall be shown on the first sheet of the structural drawings. (See pages 6-7 of P/BC 2017-024, "General Notes for Structural Observation") *LABC 1704.6.2*
- C. COMPACT STORAGE**
1. The building plans shall clearly show all locations of proposed compact storage area(s).
  2. Compact storage shall comply with NFPA 13. Top of compact storage module shall be at least 18-inches below the sprinkler deflector. *NFPA 13, 20.6.2*
  3. A fire sprinkler permit is required for the installation of fire sprinklers in compact storage areas. All compact storage areas shall clearly be shown and identified on the fire sprinkler plans.
  4. Room containing compact storage requires an appropriate structural support to accommodate the weight of the compact storage rack system.
  5. Structural calculations shall be provided for each compact storage area justifying that the floor framing system is capable of supporting a design live load of 125 psf or the actual weight of the compact storage system, whichever is greater.
  6. Compact storage rack located in building at level above the ground level, the force and displacement shall meet the requirement of ASCE 7-16 Sec. 15.5.3.1 with
 
$$F_p = \frac{0.4a_p S_{DS} W_p}{\left(\frac{R_p}{I_p}\right)} \left(1 + 2\frac{z}{h}\right) \quad \text{ASCE 7-16 eq.13.3-1}$$
 Where  $a_p=2.5$ ,  $R_p=4.0$ ,  $\Omega_o=2.0$ , and  $C_d=3.5$  shall be used per RMI, 2.6.2.
  7. Verify the adequacy of existing concrete slab on grade thickness and allowable soil bearing when compact storage racks are located in building at level of ground level. New foundation system to support the gravity loads and to hold down the uplift force may be required.
  8. Design force that include seismic loads for anchorage of compact storage rack to concrete shall be determined using load combinations with overstrength factor,  $\Omega_o=2.0$ , per ASCE 7-16 Sec. 15.5.3.2.
  9. Support of compact storage rack by concrete floor slab shall be designed per ACI 318 Appendix D. Justify that the proposed anchor bolt size, embedment, and spacing is adequate for combined shear and tension forces in the existing concrete slab.
  10. Provide details and calculations for proposed anti-tip and braking system.
  11. Compact storage rack uprights, beams and shelving connectors capacities need not be determined for storage racks meeting all of the following:
    - a. Rack height is less than or equal to 8' and
    - b. Actual material weight to be supported by rack is no more than 40#/cu ft.
  12. The capacity of the compact storage rack supporting more than 40#/cu ft. or more than 8' in height, uprights, beams and shelving connectors capacities shall be evaluated in accordance with RMI/ANSI MH 16.1 per Section 2209.1. Testing shall be conducted by LA City licensed testing agency.

