

## Partition Load (Short History)

1997 UBC – Uniformly distributed dead load equal to 20 pounds per square foot (psf)  
2000 IBC – Uniformly distributed live load equal to 20 pounds per square foot (psf)  
2003 IBC – Uniformly distributed live load equal to 20 pounds per square foot (psf)  
2006 IBC – Uniformly distributed live load equal to 15 pounds per square foot (psf)  
2007 CBC – Same as 2006 IBC

UBC – Uniform Building Code  
IBC – International Building Code  
CBC – California Building Code

Note: Check sheet S0 or S1 to see which code building is being built under.

### 1997 UBC

**1606.2 Partition Loads.** Floors in office buildings and other buildings where partition locations are subject to change shall be designed to support, in addition to all other loads, a uniformly distributed dead load equal to 20 pounds per square foot (psf) (0.96 kN/m<sup>2</sup>) of floor area.

### 2000 IBC

**1607.5 Partition loads.** In office buildings and in other buildings where partition locations are subject to change, provision for partition weight shall be made, whether or not partitions are shown on the construction documents, unless the specified live load exceeds 80 pounds per square foot (3.83 kN/m<sup>2</sup>). Such partition load shall not be less than a uniformly distributed live load of 20 pounds per square foot (0.96kN/m<sup>2</sup>).

### 2003 IBC

→ **1607.5 Partition loads.** In office buildings and in other buildings where partition locations are subject to change, provision for partition weight shall be made, whether or not partitions are shown on the construction documents, unless the specified live load exceeds 80 psf (3.83 kN/m<sup>2</sup>). Such partition load shall not be less than a uniformly distributed live load of 20 psf (0.96kN/m<sup>2</sup>).

### 2006 IBC

→ **1607.5 Partition loads.** In office buildings and in other buildings where partition locations are subject to change, provisions for partition weight shall be made, whether or not partitions are shown on the construction documents, unless the specified live load exceeds 80 psf (3.83 kN/m<sup>2</sup>). The partition load shall not be less than a uniformly distributed live load of 15 psf (0.74 kN/m<sup>2</sup>).

↑ WAS 20 PSF IN 2003 IBC