The applicable building energy code that determines the minimum insulation requirements for commercial roofs with insulation entirely above the deck in Washington is the [2018 Washington State Energy Code](#) (based on the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code with state-specific amendments). This code is effective February 1, 2021. The minimum insulation requirements apply both to new construction and roof replacements on existing buildings.

### Minimum R-value Requirements for Insulation Entirely Above the Roof Deck

![Map of Washington showing minimum R-values for insulation](image)

**Minimum R-values:**
- Climate Zone 5: R-38ci
- Climate Zone 4: R-38ci

### Notes
- **About R-value:** R-value is a measurement of a material's ability to resist heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power. Installers should consult data sheets provided by polyiso manufacturers for information on product-specific R-values.
- **Code Compliance:** The International Energy Conservation Code recognizes ASHRAE 90.1 as an alternate compliance option for both new construction and existing buildings.

### Resources
- [Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association](#)
- [U.S. Department of Energy](#)
PIMA

For more than 30 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the voice of the rigid polyiso industry, proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable, and energy-efficient construction. Organized in 1987, PIMA is an association of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of North America’s most widely-used and cost-effective insulation products.

About Polyiso Insulation

Polyiso is a rigid foam insulation used in more than 70% of commercial roof construction and offers a continuous insulation solution for commercial and residential wall assemblies. As one of North America’s most widely used and readily available building products, polyiso is a cost-effective insulation option for reducing building energy use and improving the overall service-life of roofs and wall.

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