## THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE



**NOTE**: Drift surcharge required only when  $S \le W_d$  and  $S \le 20$  Ft.





## Figure 1610.9 INTERSECTING SNOW DRIFTS





a1 = 15 SMOOTH SURFACES (METAL OR SLATE)a1 = 25 OTHER SURFACES

**1610.6.3 Very high roof separations**: When the ratio  $h_r/L_T$  is greater than 1.0, where  $L_T$  is the dimension in feet of the upper roof perpendicular to the wind flow (perpendicular to  $W_{bu}$  and  $W_{bl}$ ), the drift surcharge load on the lower roof due to drifting of snow from the upper roof may be reduced. The reduced height of the drift surcharge,  $H_{dur}$ , shall be not less than:

(Equation 15)

except that when  $h_r/L_T$  is greater than 2.0,  $H_{dur}$  shall be equal to zero.

**1610.6.4 Limited extent of upper roof**: When  $L_T$ , the dimension in feet of an upper roof or projecting element perpendicular to the wind flow, (perpendicular to  $W_{bu}$  and  $W_{bl}$ ) is less than 20 feet, the potential height of drift may be reduced and shall not be less than:

(Equation 16)

(Equation 17)

1610.6.5 Parapets and other roof projections: Design drift *loads* for roofs adjacent to parapets and other roof projections, as shown in Figure 1610.8, shall be determined in accordance with 780 CMR 1610.6.1 and 1610.6.4. Drifts due to snow from the top of a roof projection need only be considered when  $W_{bu}$  is ten feet or greater.

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