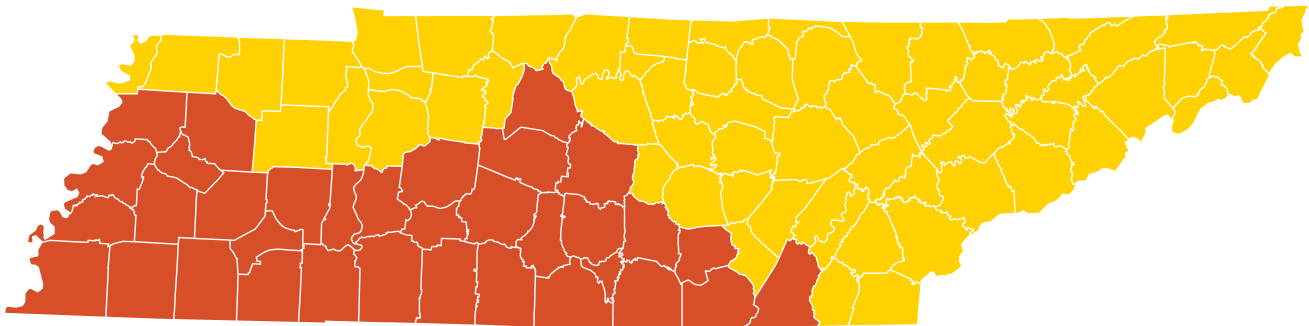


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For Low-Slope Commercial Roofing – PIMA State Energy Code Fact Sheet

The applicable building energy code that determines the minimum insulation requirements for commercial roofs with insulation entirely above the deck in Tennessee is the [2021 International Energy Conservation Code](#) with exceptions for specific building types noted here. This code is effective April 17, 2025. 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



Minimum R-values:

-  Climate Zone 5: R-30ci
-  Climate Zone 4: R-25ci

Notes

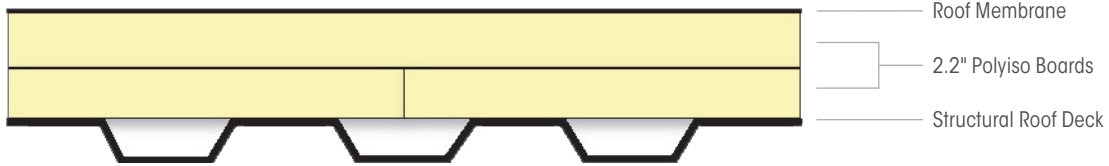
- About R-value:** R-value is a measurement of a material's ability to resist heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power. Installers should consult data sheets provided by polyiso manufacturers for information on product-specific R-values.
- Code Compliance:** The International 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](#)

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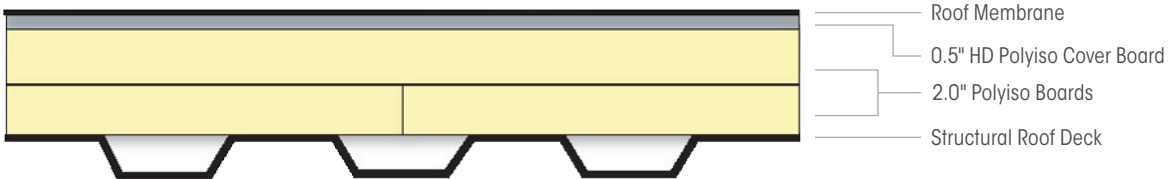
Option #1 - R-25ci Roof Assembly



Two layers of 2.2" polyiso	R-25.2
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- Roof Membrane
- 2.2" Polyiso Boards
- Structural Roof Deck

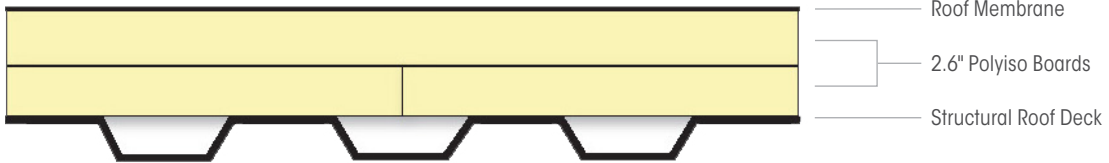
Option #2 - R-25ci Roof Assembly



Two layers of 2.0" polyiso	R-22.8
0.5" HD polyiso cover board	R-2.5
Total	R-25.3

- Roof Membrane
- 0.5" HD Polyiso Cover Board
- 2.0" Polyiso Boards
- Structural Roof Deck

Option #1 - R-30ci Roof Assembly



Two layers of 2.6" polyiso	R-30.0
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- Roof Membrane
- 2.6" Polyiso Boards
- Structural Roof Deck

Option #2 - R-30ci Roof Assembly



Two layers of 2.4" polyiso	R-27.6
0.5" HD polyiso cover board	R-2.5
Total	R-30.1

- Roof Membrane
- 0.5" HD Polyiso Cover Board
- 2.4" Polyiso Boards
- Structural Roof Deck

Information provided by PIMA

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