



Sanborn Map Abbreviations

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Abbreviation	Meaning	Abbreviation	Meaning
A	Automobile (usually designates the location of a garage)	HPFS	High pressure fire service
A in B	Automobile located in basement	H'dw	Hardware
A S	Automatic sprinkler	Hack	Hackney or delivery service
Abv	Above	Hardw	Hardware
ACS	Automatic chemical sprinkler	Ho	Hotel or house (as used to designate a warehouse)
AFA	Automatic fire alarm	H tr	Heater
Agr	Agricultural	Hyd	Hydrant
Appts	Apparatus	ICRR	Illinois Central Railroad
Apts	Apartments	Imp	Implements
Asb Cl	Asbestos clad	Ins	Insurance
Att'd	Attended	Insts	Instruments
Aud'it'm	Auditorium	Ir Cl	Iron clad
Auto Ho	Automobile house, or garage		
		K of C	Knights of Columbus
B	Basement, boiler or occasionally brick	Lab	Laboratory
B & S	Boots and shoes	Lodg'g	Lodging
BPOE	Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks	Luth	Lutheran
B Sm	Blacksmith	Luth'n	Lutheran
B'ld'g	Building		
B'lr.	Boiler	ME	Methodist Episcopal
B'st	Basement	Mach'y	Machinery
Bak'y	Bakery	Mak'r	Maker
Balc	Balcony	Manf'y	Manufactory or factory
Bap	Baptist	Mdse	Merchandise
Bbl	Barrel	Mfy	Manufactory or factory
Bbls	Barrels	Mill'y	Millinery
BE	Brick enclosed elevator	Mkg	Making
Bill'ds	Billiards	Mo	Motor
Bl Sm	Blacksmith		
Blk Sm	Blacksmith	NS	Not sprinklered
Bst	Basement		
		OU	Open under
C B	Cement brick or concrete block construction	Off	Office
C Br	Concrete brick or cement block construction		
Cap'cy	Capacity	PO	Post office
Carp'tr	Carpenter	Paint'g	Painting
CBET	Concrete enclosed elevator with traps	Pat Med	Patent medicines
Chem	Chemical	Plumb'g	Plumbing
Chinaw	Chinaware or porcelain	Print'g	Printing
Chine	Chinese		
Cl	Clad	QH	Quadruple (fire) hydrant
Clo	Clothing		
Co	Company	RC	Roman Catholic
Comp	Composition construction (i.e. stucco) or compressor	R'f	Roof
Conc	Concrete	R'm	Room
Conf'y	Confectionary (candy store)	Rep	Repair
Confec'y	Confectionary (candy store)	Rep'g	Repairing
Constr'n	Construction	Repos'y	Repository
Corp'n	Corporation	Rest'r't	Restaurant
		Rf	Roof
D	Dwelling	Rm	Room
DH	Double (fire) hydrant		
DG	Dry goods	S	Store
Drs	Doctor's office	SA	Spark arrestor
Dwg	Dwelling	S Vac	Store portion of building is vacant
		Sal	Saloon
E	Open elevator	Sky'ts	Skylights
E Fl	Each Floor	Sm	Smith, as in gunsmith or blacksmith
EI	Electric	Sm Ho	Smokehouse
Elec	Electrician	Sp'k'l'rs	Sprinklers
Eng	Engine	St'ge	Storage
Ent	Entertainment	St'y	Story
Episc'l	Episcopal	Sta	Station
ESC	Elevator with self-closing traps	Stat'y	Stationery
ET	Elevator with traps		
Exch	Telephone exchange	TH	Triple (fire) hydrant
Expr	Express (as used to designate a delivery service)	Tel	Telephone
		Tenem'ts	Tenements
F	Flat (as used to designate a delivery service)	TESC	Tile enclosed elevator with self-closing traps
FA	Fire alarm	Tinw	Tinware
FE	Fire escape	Trimm'g	Trimming
F Pump	Fire pump		
Fill'g Sta	Filling station, or gas station	U	Upright
Fl	Floor	Up	Upright
Fr Attic	Frame constructed attic	VP	Vertical pipe
Frat	Fraternity		
Fur	Furnishings	Vac	Vacant
Furn'g	Furnishings	Ven'd	Veneered
Furne	Furniture	Ven'r'd	Veneered
GAR	Grand Army of the Republic	W	Ware, as in warehouse or wareroom
GT	Gasoline tank	WC	Water closet or toilet
Gal	Gallery	WG	Wire glass skylights
Gall	Gallery	W Ho	Warehouse
Gall'y	Gallery	WPA	Works Progress Administration
Gen'l	General (as used to designate a general store)	W'ks	Works
Gents	Gentlemen's	Whol	Wholesale
Greas'g	Greasing	Wkg	Working
Gro	Grocery or groceries	Woodwkg	Woodworking

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TILE 1st BRICK 1st PYROBAR 1st	Fire proof construction (OR FIRE RESISTIVE CONST'N)	C.B. & BR. CONST'N ∞	Mixed construction of C.B. and brick with one wall of solid brick.	MANSARD ROOF DOTS REPRESENT OPENINGS, STEMS INDICATE STORIES, COUNTING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, LOOKING TOWARD BUILDING	Window opening in first story.
ADOBE	Adobe building	C.B. & BR. CONST'N (BR. FACED)	Mixed construction of C.B. and brick with one wall faced with 4" brick.		Window openings in second and third stories.
HEIGHT OF BUILDING IN FEET FROM GROUND TO ROOF LINE 57'	Stone building	C.B. & BR. CONST'N	Mixed construction of C.B. and brick throughout.		Window openings in second, fourth stories.
(C.BR.)	Concrete, lime cinder or cement brick				Windows with wired glass.
(C.B.)	Hollow concrete or cement block const'n			Windows with iron or tin clad shutters.	
(CONC.)	Concrete or reinforced concrete const'n			Window openings tenth to twenty-second stories	
(TILE)	Tile building				
NUMBER OF STORIES 4	Brick building with frame cornice	6" W. PIPE	Water pipes and size in inches.	E	Open elevator.
TWO STORIES AND BSMT COMPOSITION ROOF 2B	Brick building with stone front	6" W. PIPE (PRIVATE)	Water pipes of private supply	FE	Frame enclosed elevator.
SHINGLE ROOF X	Brick building with frame side (DIVIDED BY FRAME PARTITION)	2 D 0	House numbers shown nearest to buildings are official or actually up on buildings.	ET	Frame enclosed elevator with traps.
(VEND)	Brick veneered building	0 416 36	Old house numbers shown furthest from buildings.	ESC	Frame enclosed elevator with self closing traps.
BRICK 1st	Brick and frame building			CBET	Concrete block enclosed elevator with traps.
FRAME, BRICK LINED	Frame building, brick lined			TESC	Tile enclosed elevator with self closing traps.
F = FLAT S = STORE	Frame building, metal clad			BE	Brick enclosed elevator with wired glass door.
D = DWELLING	Frame building				
A in B = AUTO. IN BSMT	Iron building				
LOFT	Tenant building occupied by various manufacturing or occupancies				
(ASB.CL.)	Frame building covered with asbestos				
NON COMBUSTIBLE ROOF COVERING OF METAL, SLATE, TILE OR ASBESTOS SHINGLES O	Brick building with brick or metal cornice				
SKYLIGHT LIGHTING TOP STORY ONLY	Fire wall 6 inches above roof				
SKYLIGHT LIGHTING THREE STORIES	Fire wall 12 inches above roof				
W.G.	Fire wall 18 inches above roof				
W.I.R.E.D. GLASS SKYLIGHT	Fire wall 36 inches above roof				
FIRE WALL 48 INCHES ABV. RF.	Fire wall 48 inches above roof				
Figures 8, 12, 16	Indicate thickness of wall in inches				
Wall without opening	and size in inches				
2345	Wall with openings on floors as designated				
AL	Opening with single iron or tin clad door				
	Opening with double iron or tin clad doors				
	Opening with standard fire doors				
	Openings with wired glass doors				
(W.T.)	WATER TANK				
BRICK	Drive or passage way				
Stable	Stable				
A.	Auto. (House or private garage)				
(C.B.)	Solid brick with interior walls of C.B. or C.B. and brick mixed				
(C.B. & BR.)	Solid brick with interior walls of C.B. or C.B. and brick mixed				

CODING OF STRUCTURAL UNITS FOR FIREPROOF AND NON-COMBUSTIBLE BUILDINGS

FRAMING		FLOORS		ROOF	
CODE	STRUCTURAL UNIT	CODE	STRUCTURAL UNIT	CODE	STRUCTURAL UNIT
A.	Reinforced Concrete Frame.	1.	Reinforced Concrete.	a.	Reinforced Concrete.
B.	Reinforced Concrete Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches, Masonry Piers.		Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units.		Reinforced Concrete with Masonry Units.
C.	Protected Steel Frame	2.	Concrete on Metal Lath, Incombustible Form Boards, Paper-backed Wire Fabric, Steel Deck, and Cellular, Ribbed or Corrugated Steel Units.	b.	Concrete or Gypsum on Metal Lath, Incombustible Form Boards, Paper-backed Wire Fabric, Steel Deck, and Cellular, Ribbed or Corrugated Steel Units.
D.	Individually Protected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.	3.	Open Steel Deck or Grating.	c.	Incombustible Composition Boards with or without Insulation.
E.	Indirectly Protected Steel Frame.				Masonry or Metal Tiles.
F.	Indirectly Protected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.			d.	Steel Deck, Corrugated Metal or Asbestos Protected Metal with or without Insulation.
G.	Unprotected Steel Frame.				
H.	Unprotected Steel Joists, Columns, Beams, Trusses, Arches.				
O.	Masonry Bearing Walls.				

R	RESIDENTIAL	M	MANUFACTURING
RT	RESIDENTIAL-TRANSIENT	P	PUBLIC OR INSTITUTIONAL
C	COMMERCIAL	U	UTILITY
W	WAREHOUSE	T	TRANSPORTATION

NUMERICAL PREFIX INDICATES THE NUMBER OF ESTABLISHMENTS IN EACH CATEGORY

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