

Example:

The given Structure has 3 large openings represented in blue A_{o} .

Open Building if:

If the blue area occupies 80% of the total area (red and blue) $A_{\rm g}$.

This has to be satisfied for all of the walls

A building having each wall at least 80 percent open. This condition is expressed for each wall by the equation

 $A_o \ge 0.8 A_g$

A_o = total area of openings in a wall that receives positive external pressure, in ft² (m²)

 A_g = the gross area of that wall in which A_o is identified, in $ft^2 \, (m^2)$