**SECTION 417 SHOWERS   
  
417.1 Approval.**   
Prefabricated showers and shower compartments shall conform to ANSI Z124.1.2, ASME A112.19.2/CSA B45.1 or CSA B45.5. Shower valves for individual showers shall conform to the requirements of [Section 424.3.](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_4_par129.htm');)  **417.2 Water supply riser.**   
Water supply risers from the shower valve to the shower head outlet, whether exposed or concealed, shall be attached to the structure. The attachment to the structure shall be made by the use of support devices designed for use with the specific piping material or by fittings anchored with screws.  **417.3 Shower waste outlet.**   
Waste outlets serving showers shall be not less than 11/2 inches (38 mm) in diameter and, for other than waste outlets in bathtubs, shall have removable strainers not less than 3 inches (76 mm) in diameter with strainer openings not less than 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) in least dimension. Where each shower space is not provided with an individual waste outlet, the waste outlet shall be located and the floor pitched so that waste from one shower does not flow over the floor area serving another shower. Waste outlets shall be fastened to the waste pipe in an *approved* manner.  **417.4 Shower compartments.**   
Shower compartments shall be not less than 900 square inches (0.58 m2) in interior cross-sectional area. Shower compartments shall be not less than 30 inches (762 mm) in least dimension as measured from the finished interior dimension of the compartment, exclusive of fixture valves, showerheads, soap dishes, and safety grab bars or rails. Except as required in [Section 404](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_4_par023.htm');), the minimum required area and dimension shall be measured from the finished interior dimension at a height equal to the top of the threshold and at a point tangent to its centerline and shall be continued to a height not less than 70 inches (1778 mm) above the shower drain outlet.  **Exception:** Shower compartments having not less than 25 inches (635 mm) in minimum dimension measured from the finished interior dimension of the compartment, provided that the shower compartment has not less than of 1,300 square inches (.838 m2) of cross-sectional area.

**417.4.1 Wall area.**   
The wall area above built-in tubs with installed shower heads and in shower compartments shall be constructed of smooth, noncorrosive and nonabsorbent waterproof materials to a height not less than 6 feet (1829 mm) above the room floor level, and not less than 70 inches (1778 mm) where measured from the compartment floor at the drain. Such walls shall form a water-tight joint with each other and with either the tub, receptor or shower floor.

**417.4.2 Access.**   
The shower compartment access and egress opening shall have a clear and unobstructed finished width of not less than 22 inches (559 mm). Shower compartments required to be designed in conformance to accessibility provisions shall comply with [Section 404.1.](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_4_par023.htm');)

**417.5 Shower floors or receptors.**   
Floor surfaces shall be constructed of impervious, noncorrosive, nonabsorbent and waterproof materials.

**417.5.1 Support.**   
Floors or receptors under shower compartments shall be laid on, and supported by, a smooth and structurally sound base.

**417.5.2 Shower lining.**   
Floors under shower compartments, except where prefabricated receptors have been provided, shall be lined and made water tight utilizing material complying with [Sections 417.5.2.1](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_4_par086.htm');) through [417.5.2.6.](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_4_par091.htm');) Such liners shall turn up on all sides not less than 2 inches (51 mm) above the finished threshold level. Liners shall be recessed and fastened to an *approved* backing so as not to occupy the space required for wall covering, and shall not be nailed or perforated at any point less than 1 inch (25 mm) above the finished threshold. Liners shall be pitched one-fourth unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (2-percent slope) and shall be sloped toward the fixture drains and be securely fastened to the waste outlet at the seepage entrance, making a water-tight joint between the liner and the outlet. The completed liner shall be tested in accordance with [Section 312.9.](javascript:Next('./icod_ipc_2012_3_par065.htm');)  **Exceptions:**

1. Floor surfaces under shower heads provided for rinsing laid directly on the ground are not required to comply with this section.

2. Where a sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membrane is installed as the shower lining, the membrane shall not be required to be recessed.

**417.5.2.1 PVC sheets.**   
Plasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sheets shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4551. Sheets shall be joined by solvent welding in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**417.5.2.2 Chlorinated polyethylene (CPE) sheets.**   
Nonplasticized chlorinated polyethylene sheet shall meet the requirements of ASTM D 4068. The liner shall be joined in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**417.5.2.3 Sheet lead.**   
Sheet lead shall weigh not less than 4 pounds per square foot (19.5 kg/m2) and shall be coated with an asphalt paint or other *approved* coating. The lead sheet shall be insulated from conducting substances other than the connecting drain by 15-pound (6.80 kg) asphalt felt or an equivalent. Sheet lead shall be joined by burning.

**417.5.2.4 Sheet copper.**   
Sheet copper shall conform to ASTM B 152 and shall weigh not less than 12 ounces per square foot (3.7 kg/m2). The copper sheet shall be insulated from conducting substances other than the connecting drain by 15-pound (6.80 kg) asphalt felt or an equivalent. Sheet copper shall be joined by brazing or soldering.

**417.5.2.5 Sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membranes.**   
Sheet-applied, load-bearing, bonded, waterproof membranes shall meet requirements of ANSI A118.10 and shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

**417.5.2.6 Liquid-type, trowel-applied, load-bearing, bonded waterproof materials.**   
Liquid-type, trowel- applied, load-bearing, bonded waterproof materials shall meet the requirements of ANSI A118.10 and shall be applied in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions.

**417.6 Glazing.**   
Windows and doors within a shower enclosure shall conform to the safety glazing requirements of the *International Building Code*.