



WDMA / AAMA / CSA JOINT TECHNICAL INTERPRETATION REQUEST

DATE OF INQUIRY: September 2011

INTERPRETATION
NUMBER

15-01

PERTINENT JOINT WDMA/AAMA/CSA SPECIFICATION(S):

1. AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-05, *Standard/Specification for windows, doors, and unit skylights*
2. AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08, *North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for windows, doors, and skylights (NAFS)*
3. AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-011, *North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for windows, doors, and skylights (NAFS)*

SECTION(S) IN QUESTION: Clause 9.0

INTERPRETATION REQUESTED:

- 1) Is it acceptable to install the product in the test buck in a manner that prevents observation of potential water leakage around the perimeter of the product framing?
- 2) Is it a valid test if the framing, intermediate rails, or glazing of the product deflects to the point of touching the test wall?
- 3) Is it intended that the instructions and the associated installation details furnished to the laboratory, as required by the NAFS standard, be consistent with a perimeter sealing and anchoring practices shown in published field installation instructions that are specific to the products being tested?
- 4) Do the test procedures/protocols in the NAFS standard take precedence over the manufacturer's installation instructions/details if the latter interfere with proper conduct and observation of the test?

SUGGESTED INTERPRETATION:

- 1) No
- 2) No
- 3) Yes
- 4) Yes

REVIEWED / APPROVED BY:

COMMITTEE	COMMENTS / ACTION	STATUS	DATE
JDMG		Approved	12/5/14
AAMA		Approved	9/17/14
CSA		Approved	7/14
WDMA		Approved	7/14