



**WDMA TECHNICAL INTERPRETATION 97-12**

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**PERTINENT SPECIFICATION:** ANSI/AAMA/NWWDA 101/I.S.2-97, “Voluntary Specifications for Aluminum, Vinyl (PVC) and Wood Windows and Glass Doors”

**SECTION(S) IN QUESTION:** 3.6.2

**INTERPRETATION REQUESTED:** If a manufacturer desires to qualify a window with true muntins, what size window and arrangement of true divided lights should be submitted for testing, and what tests are to be performed?

**INTERPRETATION MADE:** If a manufacturer desires to qualify a window with true muntins, a window with the maximum number of true divided lights and in the largest overall size for which certification is sought shall be tested for structural loads only. Testing of the true muntin window, if smaller than the minimum test size, shall be done after completion of Section 2 tests on a non-muntin window, meeting the minimum test size requirements. The testing of a true muntin window shall qualify smaller windows with the same or fewer quantity of true divided lights, or the same size window with fewer number of true divided lights. The waiver of retest shall only apply to muntins of the same construction and fabrication as the original window test.

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