WDMA / AAMA / CSA JOINT TECHNICAL INTERPRETATION REQUEST

DATE OF INQUIRY: September 2011

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

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

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