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NORTH AMERICAN FENESTRATION STANDARD/SPECIFICATION FOR WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS (NAFS)

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform owners, designers, architects, and contractors of the change in standards for windows, doors, and skylights in the application of NAFS for Part 9 buildings.

For buildings constructed under Part 9 of the 2012 BC Building Code, any windows, doors and skylights **installed on or after December 20, 2013** must be selected and installed in accordance with NAFS (North American Fenestration Standard) as well as *A440S1-09 Canadian Supplement to AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440, NAFS – North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for Windows, Doors, and Skylights.*

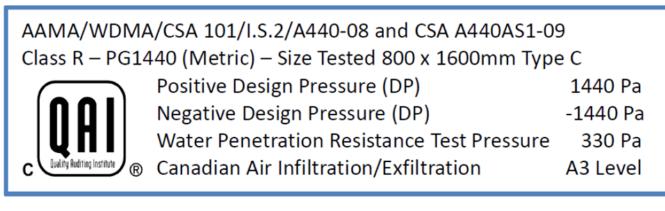
As per subsection 9.7.4.3.(1), of BCBC 2012, the performance grade of a window, door, or skylight must meet or exceed the minimum performance grade for the geographical area as determined utilizing the Canadian Supplement. It is required that the designer, architect, contractor, or homeowner indicate on the permit drawings the selected performance grade, as well as the water penetration resistance test pressure, for the window, door, or skylight.

In order to verify compliance, installed windows, doors, and skylights must have a temporary label and permanent label, from the manufacturer, affixed to the product for the inspector to confirm the standard. Canadian labeling requirements are identified in the Canadian Supplement section 6.4 which require a permanent label as well as a temporary label declaring the product.

The temporary label is to declare that the product conforms to NAFS-o8 and the Canadian Supplement, and will show the primary designator and the secondary designator. Please see below for a sample labeling from a certification agency.



Example of Certification Agency Label



Temporary label



Permanent label

For questions regarding NAFS and the implementation, please contact our office at 604-591-4366.

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