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Section 1609.1.2

Question:

1609.1.2 requires opening protection to meet the requirements of ASTM E 1996. Is it the intent of the code that opening protection meet the optional wind zone 4 criteria of ASTM E 1996 sections 7.2 and 8.4?

Answer

No, as stated in the standard, Wind Zone 4 is optional. The Florida Building Commission approved a glitch amendment in June to the building and residential codes realigning Wind Zone 4 changing the trigger wind speed to 170 mph to apply to Miami-Dade and a portion of Monroe Counties.

Commentary:

The intent of ASTM E 1996 Committee in adopting Wind Zone 4 was to address Miami-Dade County protocols.

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