



**Informal Interpretation Report
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Section R612.12 / R703.8

Question:

Is it the intent of R612.12 and R703.8 that exterior window and door openings be sealed on masonry walls with an approved sealant on the return opening and 8 inches on the face of the wall before the windows and doors are installed.

Answer

No

Commentary:

Window & door installations in general, including sealants are to be installed in accordance with the manufacturers

written directions and/or in accordance with one of the three options provided for in 703.8 (1) (1.1). The code also allows for other systems that are approved, meaning acceptable to the Building Official.

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