

Texas Department of Insurance
Windstorm Inspections Program/Engineering Services Program
Newsletter

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Missing or Mislabeled Building Products

Appointed Qualified Inspectors (AQI) may find building products, such as curtain walls or storefront systems, windows, skylights, or exterior doors, that are either incorrectly labeled by the manufacturer, or are missing inspection agency certification labels. When an AQI encounters missing or mislabeled products, the AQI must confirm the installation complies with the adopted building code, and do the following before certifying the product:

- Require the manufacturer to notify the Inspection Agency (i.e., AAMA, WDMA, Keystone, or NAMI) about the mislabeled products.
- Have the Inspection Agency issue an authorization letter to the manufacturer that allows an employee of the manufacturer to relabel the product. The letter must specify the address where the relabeling is to occur and the products that are to be relabeled. The AQI should coordinate with the product manufacturer representative to meet at the job site during the relabeling process. The product manufacturer should present the authorization letter to the AQI.
- After the products are relabeled, carefully review the labels and compare the new labels to the label information in the product evaluation report. The new labels must be the same as the information listed in the product evaluation report.
- Do not issue a WPI-2 until the building product can be identified by the inspection agency label for the product, the installation of the product exactly follows the evaluation report, and the product complies with the minimum performance standards specified by the adopted building code.

NOTE: Some building products, such as curtain walls and storefront assemblies, and exterior doors are self-labeled by the manufacturer. In such instances, since there is no Inspection Agency, an authorization letter from the product manufacturer will not be available. A representative from the product manufacturer must relabel the product at the job site. The AQI should verify that the label matches the information in the product identification section of the evaluation report and it specifies the performance requirements of the product specified in the evaluation report.

Job Postings

TDI is hiring, come join our team!

- The Windstorm Inspections Program area has a vacant position for windstorm inspector (La Marque).
- The Loss Control Program has one vacant position (Austin).
- Engineering Services Program has two vacant positions for Professional Engineers and one for Engineering Specialist (Austin).

Check out the postings and get an application on our website: www.tdi.texas.gov/jobs/index.

Product Evaluation Reports

TDI publishes product evaluation reports to assist you. If you have a question regarding a product used on a structure, or you are unable to locate the report on our website, please contact the Engineering Services Program by phone or by email. We may have an expired product evaluation report, or legacy report, that we could provide to assist you with your current project.

We publish current evaluation reports on our website:
www.tdi.texas.gov/wind/prod/index.html.

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TDI Holidays

Monday, September 3, Labor Day – Closed