

AAMA Releases New Document Addressing Test Method to Determine Chemical Compatibility of Sealants and Flashings

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. -- AAMA 713-08, a voluntary test method for sealants and flashings, has been released by the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA). The test method outlined in the eight-page document, titled *Voluntary Test Method to Determine Chemical Compatibility of Sealants and Self-Adhered Flexible Flashings*, is intended to provide a means to determine the chemical compatibility of liquid applied sealants and self-adhered flashings that may come in contact during the installation of fenestration products.

The test method describes a laboratory screening procedure for evaluating the chemical compatibility of self-adhered flashing and sealant materials intended for use in construction and fenestration installations that are properly installed.

"This test is intended for flexible sheet membrane materials that include an integral adhesive layer, which are generally installed as concealed flashings behind claddings on exterior walls," says Ken Brenden, AAMA technical standards manager. "However, this method can also be applied to other interfaces in the building envelope," he adds.

Adhesive compatibility or overall performance and integrity of the weatherseal at the sealant and self-adhered flashing interface are not addressed by this method. Sealant performance should be tested in accordance with AAMA 800, *Voluntary Specifications and Test Methods for Sealants*, and self-adhered flashing performance should be tested in accordance with AAMA 711, *Voluntary Specification for Self Adhering Flashing Used for Installation of Exterior Wall Fenestration Products*.

The *Voluntary Test Method to Determine Chemical Compatibility of Sealants and Self-Adhered Flexible Flashings* is available to members at a cost of \$10 for download, \$20 for paper copy and \$25 for CD. Non-members may purchase the document at a cost of \$25 for download, \$50 for paper copy and \$55 for CD. To order AAMA 713-08, visit the AAMA Online Publication Store at www.aamanet.org <<http://www.aamanet.org>> ; call 847-303-5664; or write the American Architectural Manufacturers Association, 1827 Walden Office Square, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

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