

* Press Information *

AAMA Releases New Document Addressing Specification for Field Testing of Newly Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Sloped Glazing Systems

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. -- AAMA 503-08, a voluntary specification for field testing of newly installed storefronts, curtain walls and sloped glazing systems, has been released by the American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA). The recently revised specification, titled *Voluntary Specification for Field Testing of Newly Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Sloped Glazing Systems*, establishes the requirements for test specimens, apparatus, sampling, test procedures and test reports to be used in evaluating the performance of installed storefronts, curtain walls and sloped glazing systems and their installation during construction, prior to issuance of the building occupancy permit, but no later than six months after issuance of the occupancy permit.

"The purpose of this specification is to provide a method which can be used to evaluate the installed performance of storefronts, curtain walls and sloped glazing systems for resistance to water penetration under controllable and reproducible test conditions intended to simulate wind driven rain events," says Ken Brenden, AAMA technical standards manager. "This specification may also be used to evaluate the installed air leakage of 'punched opening' curtain walls, storefronts and sloped glazing," he adds.

Specifically excluded from this specification are windows, glass doors and skylights as defined in AAMA AG-07 (if required, these systems shall be tested per AAMA 502). Also excluded from this specification are commercial entrance systems. Verifying the structural loading resistance performance of storefronts, curtain walls and sloped glazing systems is beyond the scope of this specification.

The *Voluntary Specification for Field Testing of Newly Installed Storefronts, Curtain Walls and Sloped Glazing Systems* is available to members at a cost of \$15 for download, \$30 for paper copy and \$35 for CD. Non-members may purchase the document at a cost of \$37.50 for download, \$75 for paper copy and \$80 for CD. To order AAMA 503-08, visit the AAMA Online Publication Store at www.aamanetstore.org <<http://www.aamanetstore.org>> ; call 847-303-5664; or write the American Architectural Manufacturers Association, 1827 Walden Office Square, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173. More information about AAMA and its activities can be found at www.aamanet.org.

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