

FEDERAL ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOMES





## What is FLASH?

- Non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to promoting disaster safety.
- Education oriented.
  - Consumer Awareness
  - Builder Education
- FLASH founding members include:
  - American Red Cross
  - FEMA
  - Department of Community Affairs
  - and private insurance companies like
  - Nationwide, State Farm, First Floridian and USAA





Austin College International Code Council Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium Texas Tech Wind Science and Engineering Research Center American Red Cross American Society of Home Inspectors Citigroup FEMA Firewise Institute for Business and Home Safety National Roofing Contractors Association National Weather Service Nationwide Neighborworks Insurance Alliance State farm Insurance Companies The Home Depot The Home Depot Foundation The Salvation Army St. Paul Travelers USAA Alabama Department of Insurance Building Officials Association of Florida Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Disaster Contractors Network First Floridian Florida Department of Community Affairs Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Department of Financial Services Florida Division of Forestry Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Florida Fire Chiefs Association Florida Insurance Council Florida Select Georgia Department of Insurance Georgia Emergency Management Agency Independent Insurance Agents of Texas Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Kentucky Office of Insurance Kentucky Weather Preparedness Committee New Jersey Office of Emergency Management New York State Insurance Department North Carolina Department of Insurance Texas Department of Insurance Texas Department of Public Safety Virginia Bureau of Insurance Virginia Department of Emergency Management Volunteer Florida West Virginia Insurance Commission Brevard Prepares City of Deerfield Beach Duval Prepares Hernando County Emergency Management Home Builders Association of Greater Dallas Miami-Dade Emergency Management Tulsa Partners Volusia Prepares Walter A. Bell Alabama Insurance Commissioner Jane L. Cline West Virginia Insurance Commissioner Ernie Fletcher Kentucky Governor Alex Sink Florida Chief Financial Officer Alfred W. Gross Virginia Insurance Commissioner Glen Jennings Kentucky Executive Director Office of Insurance North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance Jose Montemayor Texas Commissioner of Insurance John W. Oxendine Georgia Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner Mike Pickens Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Gregory V. Serio New York State Insurance Superintendent Apalachee regional Planning Council Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Service Southwest Insurance Information Service Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council PGT Industries Simpson Strong Tie Smart Vent Ventilated Awnings Wayne Dalton





## What is Blueprint for Safety?

 The most comprehensive set of disaster-resistant building techniques available in Florida today

Techniques recommended will protect both new and existing homes.





# What is Blueprint for Safety?

#### Offers recommendations and examples of "Code Plus" construction techniques



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# Blueprint for Safety<sup>™</sup> Goals

Provide builders, citizens and the technical community accurate, current and reliable information about disasterresistant building practices.

Contractors field manual supports this by offering information on how to build, remodel, or restore homes using disaster resistant technologies and products





## Blueprint for Safety<sup>™</sup> Audience

Contractors and home builders
 Code officials
 Engineers and architects
 Consumers







**Educational Courses:** 

Course material available on internet.

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# Wind: Retrofft

# Blueprint for Safety<sup>™</sup> Program Wind - Retrofit





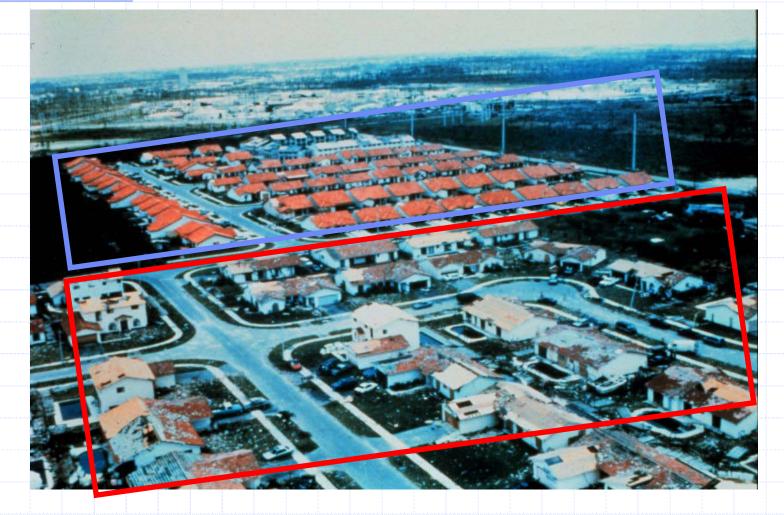


## Why Promote "Code Plus" Disaster Reduction Techniques for Existing Homes?





# Construction Can Make A Difference!







#### Why Promote "Code Plus" Construction?

 Protection of home contents and valuables
 High level of storm protection
 Sheltering in place is a safer and more convenient alternative to evacuation for non-mandatory evacuations



Peace of mind











#### Wind Basics







Factors Affecting Wind Flow and Forces on a Structure

Variation with Height
 Surrounding Topography (Exposure)
 Aerodynamic Effects

- Drag
- Gusts
- Turbulence
- Buffeting, Vortex Shedding, Galloping, Flutter





# Variation of Wind Speed with Height

Ground obstructions retard the flow of air close to the ground

The height at which flow of air is no longer affected is called the gradient height.

The rate of increase in wind speed with height is a function of the terrain features.

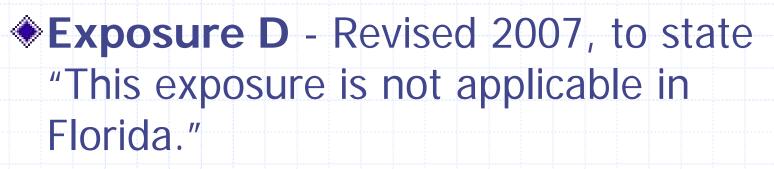
Exposures defined – A,B,C, and D (2007 revisions)





Determination of Wind Forces: Exposure Categories

 Exposure A - Large city centers
 Exposures B and C - Adequately reflect the characteristics of ground surface irregularities except along the shores of large lakes.







#### Exposure Category FBC-Building and Residential

For each wind direction considered, an exposure category that adequately reflects the characteristics of ground surface irregularities shall be determined for the site at which the building or structure is to be constructed. For a site located in the transition zone between categories, the category resulting in the largest wind forces shall apply.
 Account shall be taken of variations in ground surface roughness that arise from natural topography and vegetation as well as from constructed features. For any given wind direction, the exposure in which a specific building or other structure is sited shall be assessed as being one of the following categories:





#### **Exposure B**

Exposure B shall apply where the ground surface roughness condition, as defined by Surface Roughness B, prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least 2,600 feet (792 m) or 20 times the height of the building, whichever is greater.

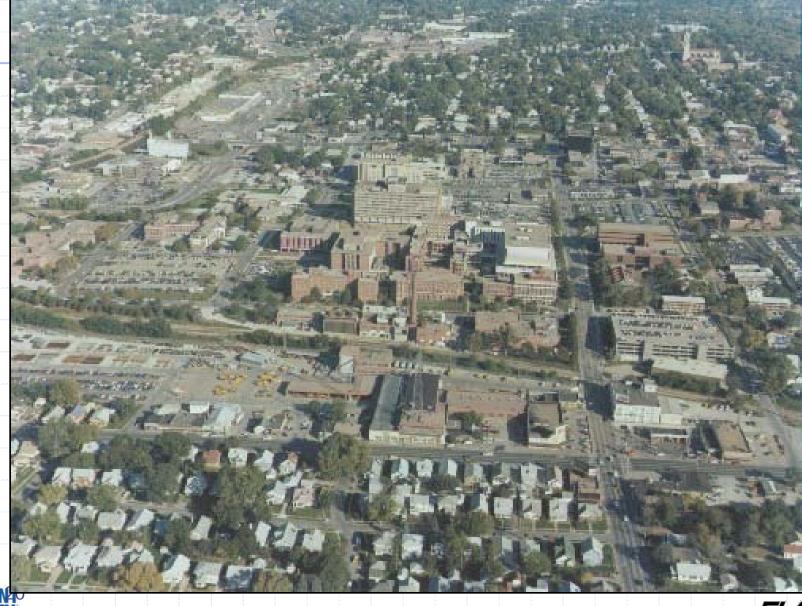
 Exception: For buildings whose mean roof height is less than or equal to 30 feet (9144 mm), the upwind distance is permitted to be reduced to 1,500 feet (457 m).

Surface Roughness B. Urban and suburban areas, wooded areas or other terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings or larger.





# Exposure B





#### Exposure C

Exposure C shall apply for all cases where Exposure B does not apply.

- Revised to clarify the effect of open patches.
- Supplemental changes based on the 2007 revisions.





#### Surface Roughness C

Open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 feet (9144 mm). This category includes flat open country, grasslands, and all water surfaces in hurricaneprone regions.

This surface roughness shall also apply to any building located within surface roughness B-type terrain where the building is within 100 feet horizontally in any direction of open areas of surface roughness C-type terrain that extends more than 600 feet (182.9 m) and width greater than 150 ft. in the upwind direction.





#### Surface Roughness C

- Short-term (less than two year) changes in the preexisting terrain exposure, for the purposes of development, shall not be considered surface roughness C.
- Where development build-out will occur within three years and the resultant condition will meet the definition of surface roughness B, surface roughness B shall be regulating for the purpose of permitting.
- This category includes flat open country, grasslands and ocean or gulf shorelines and shall extend downwind for a distance of 1500 feet.





# Exposure C







## Exposure B and maybe C?





# Exposure Categories...why?







# Pressure Comparisons: Windows, Doors, etc.

	Expos	sure B	Exposure C			
Design Wind Speed	Enclosed	Partially Enclosed	Enclosed	Partially Enclosed		
90	-19.5		-27.3			
100	-24.1		-33.7			
110	-29.1	-36.0	-40.8	-50.3		
120	-34.7	-42.8	-48.5	-59.9		
130	-40.7	-50.2	-56.9	-70.3		
140	-47.2	-58.3	-66	-81.5		
150	-54.2	-66.9	-75.8	-93.6		

Calculated in accordance with ASCE 7-98; Exposure B; Zone 5; Enclosed Structure; Roof Slope 10<sup>o</sup> to 30<sup>o</sup> (2:12 to 7:12) Effective Wind Area = 10 SF

#### Aerodynamic Effects

Windward wall experiences inward (positive) acting pressures Leeward and side walls experience outward (negative) acting pressures Windward roof experiences inward or outward acting pressures depending on roof slope

Leeward roof experiences outward acting pressures





## Aerodynamic Effects

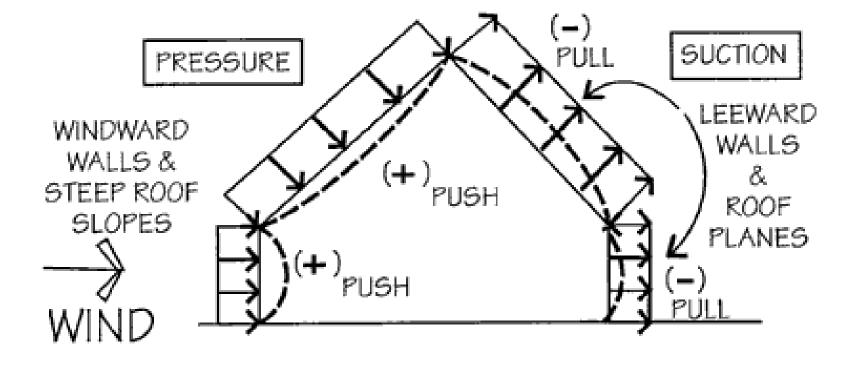
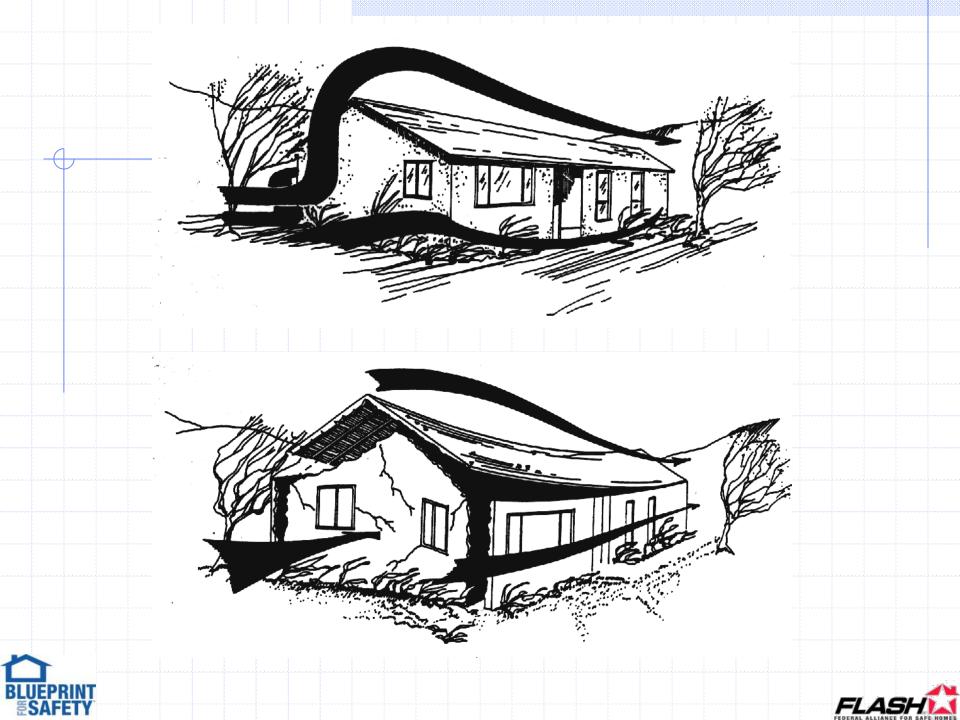
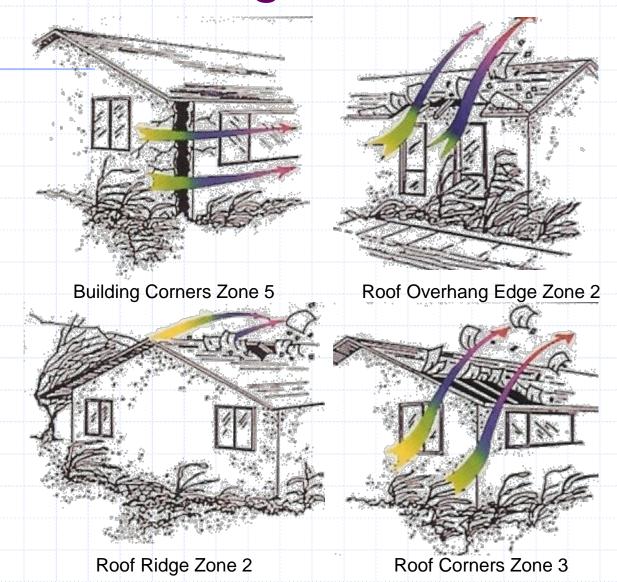


Fig.1 - PRESSURE VS. SUCTION



#### Localized High Pressures













#### **Basic Wind Speeds**

#### 3 second gusts = New Building Codes

#### Fastest-mile = Old Building Codes

#### Sustained = Hurricane Category Classification





#### **Basic Wind Speed**

 Previous editions of ASCE 7 and the Standard Building Code use the Fastest-Mile Wind Speed Map.

A fastest mile is defined as the average speed of one mile of air passing an anemometer.





#### **Basic Wind Speed**

 Since some referenced standards are based on the fastest-mile map, the Florida Building Code contains a table for converting fastest-mile wind speeds to 3-sec gusts.
 2007 FBC 1609.3.1



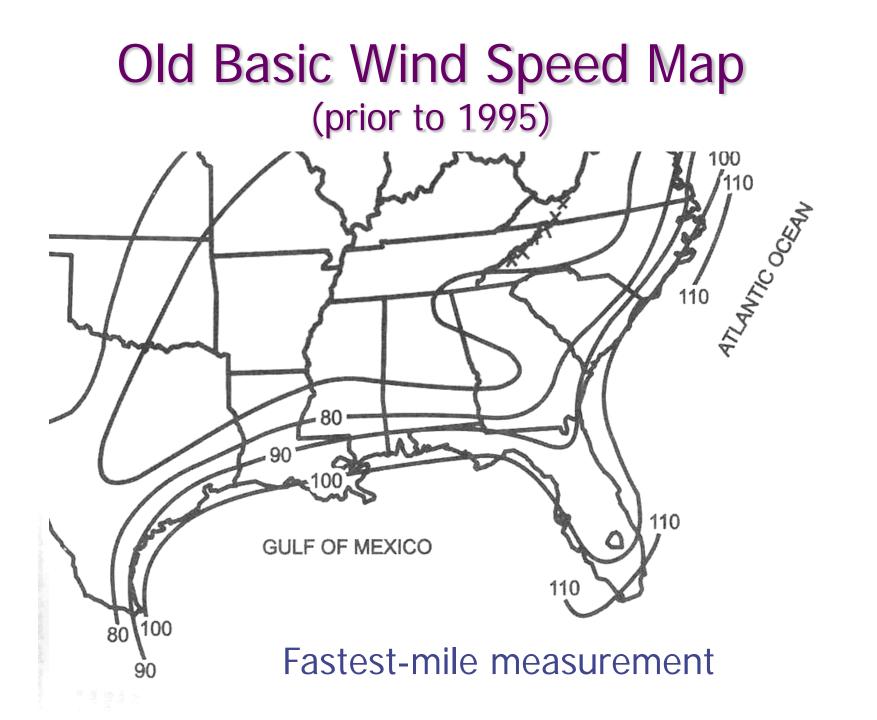


# TABLE 1609.3.1EQUIVALENT BASIC WIND SPEEDS

V3S (3 second gust)	85	90	100	105	110	120	125	130	140	1/5	150	160	170
second gust)	05	30	100	105	110	120	125	150	140	145	150	100	170
 Vfm (Fastest mile)	71	76	85	90	95	104	109	114	123	128	133	142	152



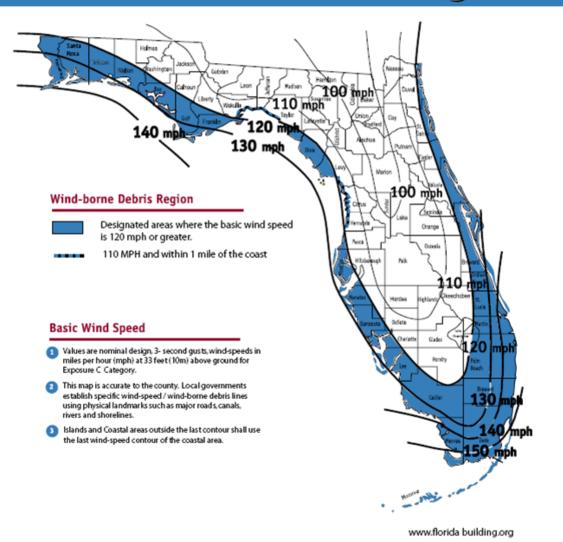




As Amended by Law cs /HB 1A - 2007

#### State of Florida

#### Wind-Borne Debris Region



#### **Basic Wind Speed**

 It's important to note that the wind speeds in the 3-sec gust map are not conversions from the fastest mile map.

The wind speed conversions provide equivalent speeds based on averaging times.

The equivalent wind speeds do not necessarily provide equivalent wind pressures.





## Wind Speed Comparisons

Category	Wind Speed Over Water			
	Saffir-Simpson Wind speed (1 min)	Building Code Wind speed (3 sec)	SBC-97 Wind speed (fastest mile)	Storm Surge (feet)
1	74 – 95	94 – 121	74 –101	4 – 5
2	96 –110	122 - 140	102-120	6 - 8
3	111 –130	141 — 165	121–145	9 - 13
4	131 –155	166 — 197	146 –177	14 –18
5	155 +	198 +	178 +	18 +

### Wind Basics

- Wind can push in a garage door, window, or door on the windward side of the house and move inside, increasing uplift forces on the roof.
- When wind forces break open part of the home, wind and water enter the home and damage to the interior escalates dramatically.
- Because older less wind resistant homes often break open in high winds, a lot of the focus over the past couple of decades has been on strengthening the structure.







### **Basic Stability**

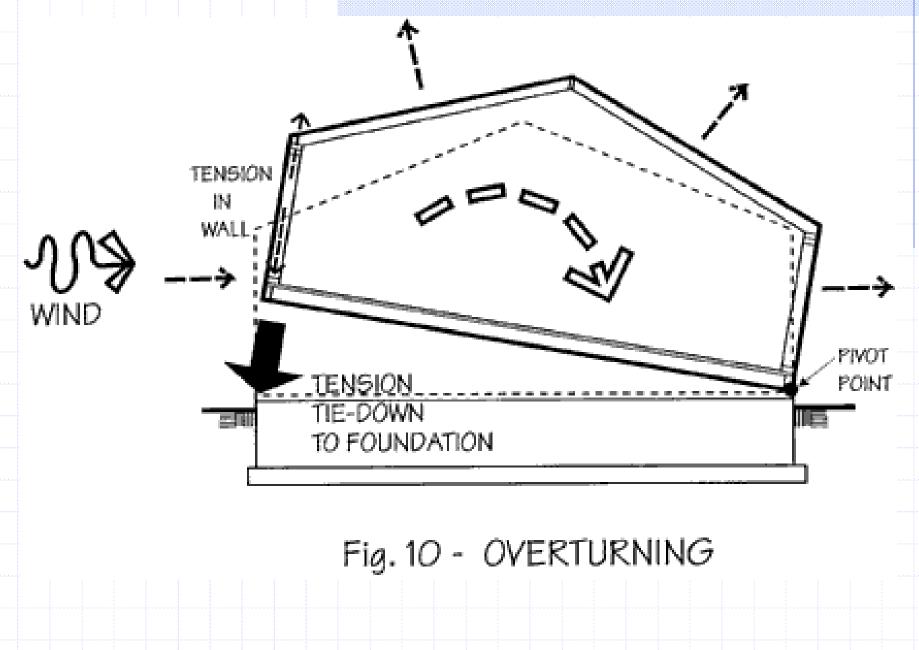
#### Overturning





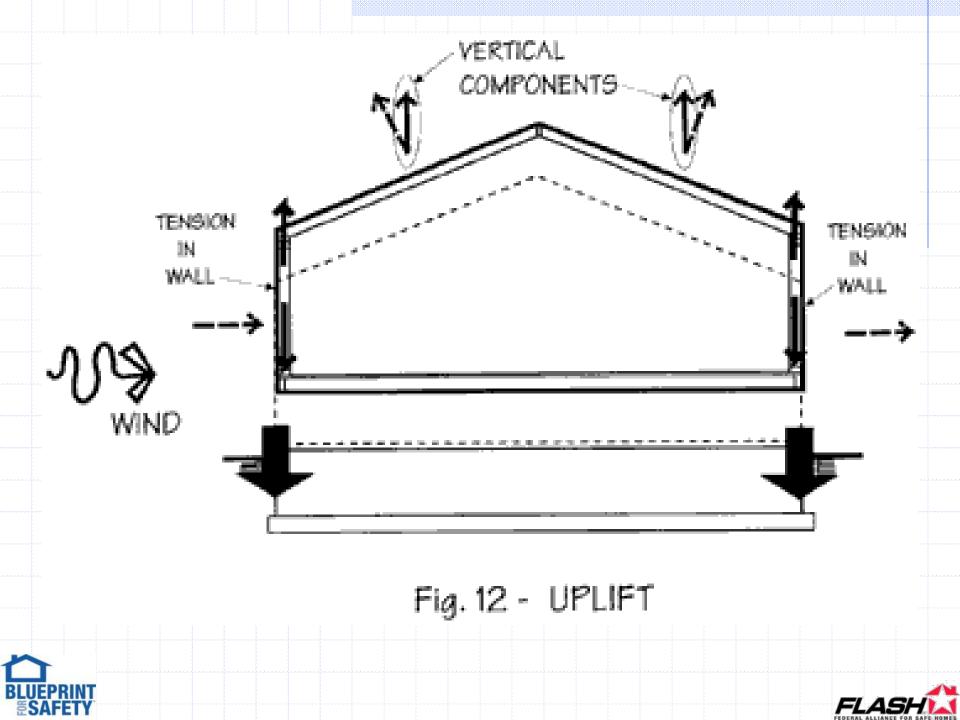


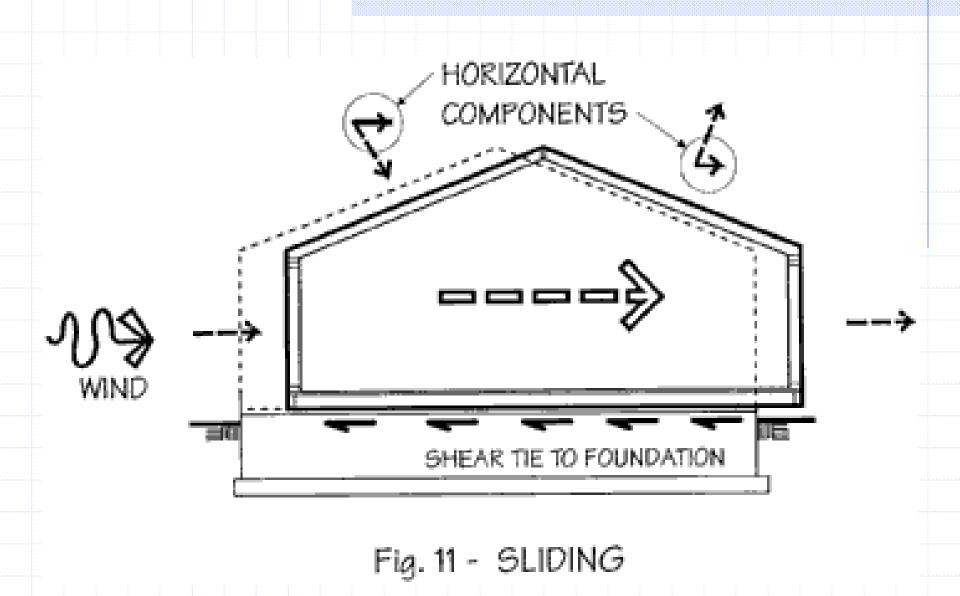






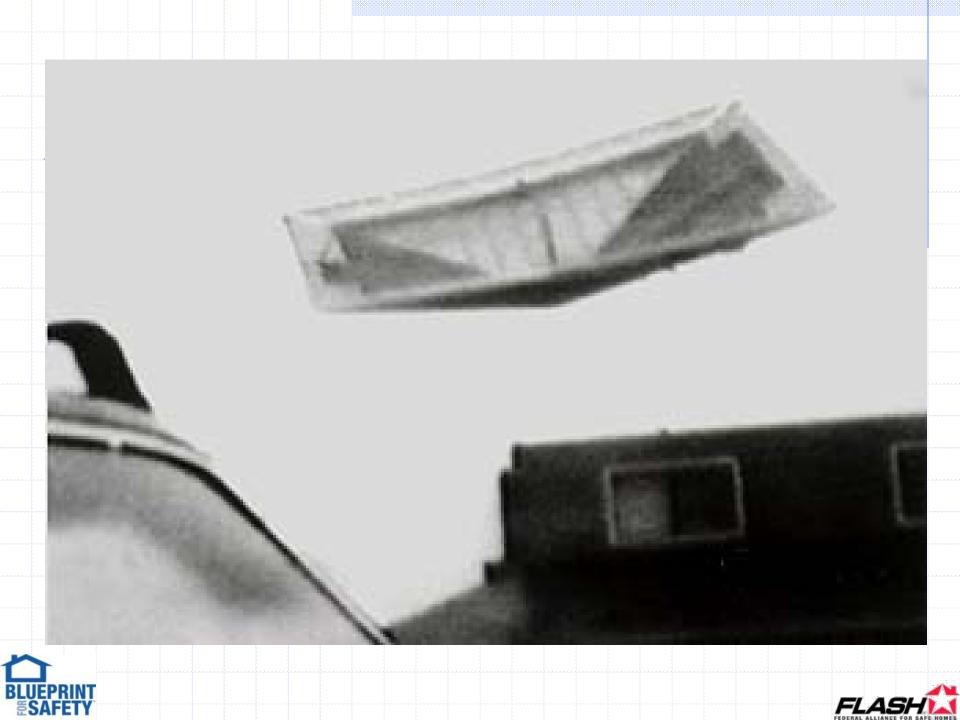














# **SO WHAT CAN WE DO???**







#### **Continuous Load Path**

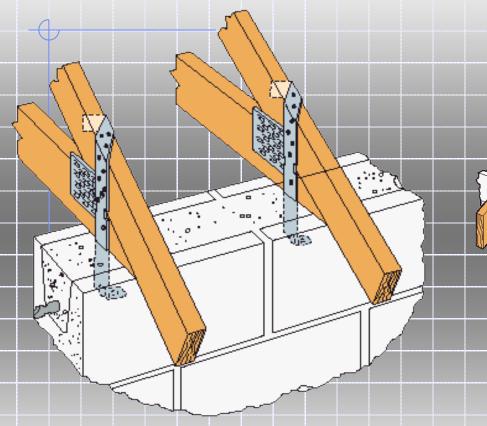
- A way to visualize what is needed is to think in terms of how you would connect the roof if you intended to turn the house upside down and shake it up and down.
- Hurricane straps are used to anchor the roof trusses or rafters to the tops of the walls.
- It's not enough to just connect the roof to the tops of the walls. The uplift loads have to be carried far enough down into the house so that the weight of the house including the floors becomes greater than the uplift forces caused by the wind.





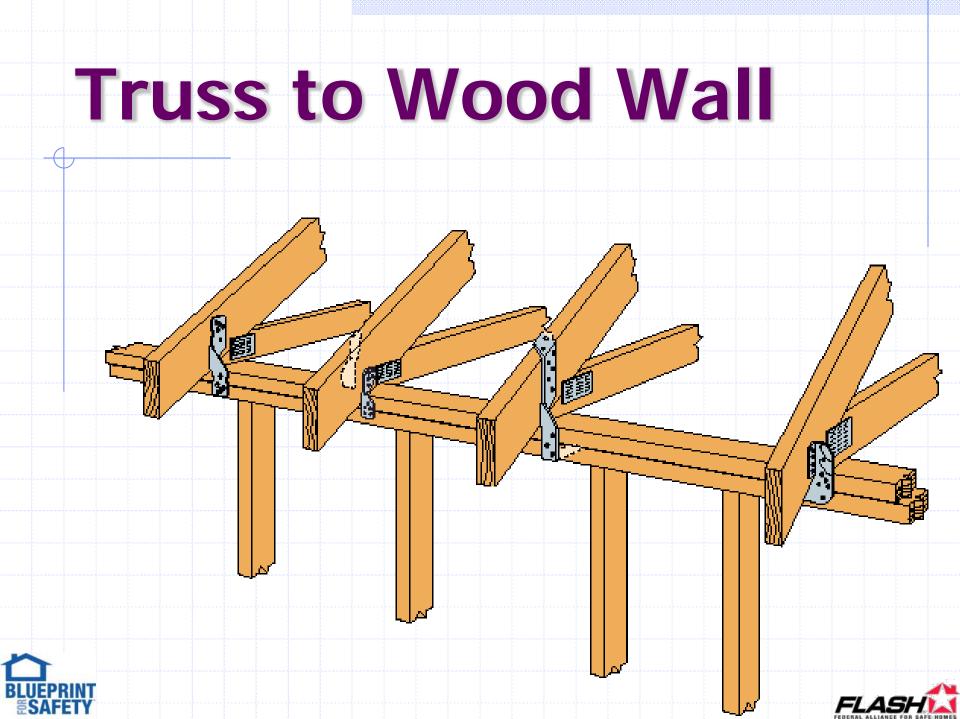


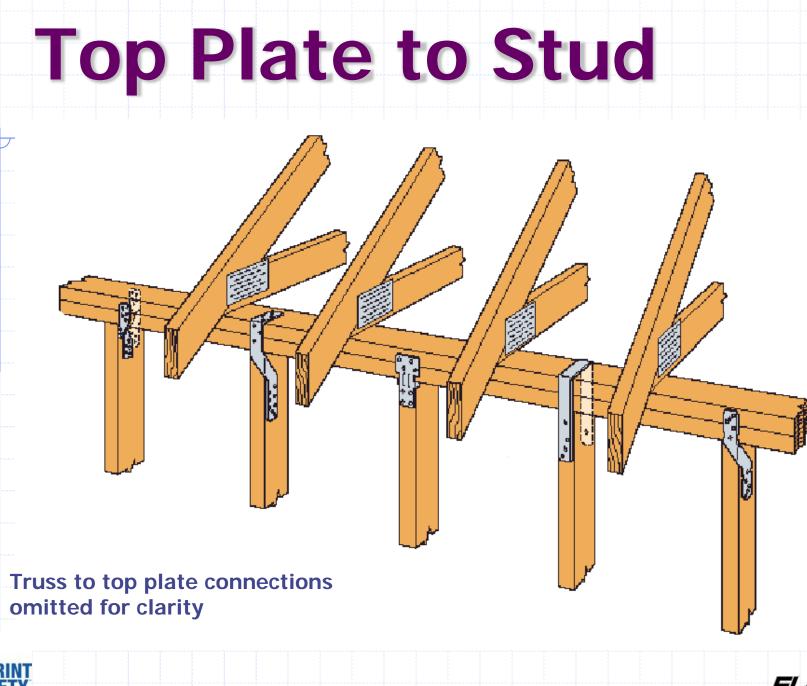
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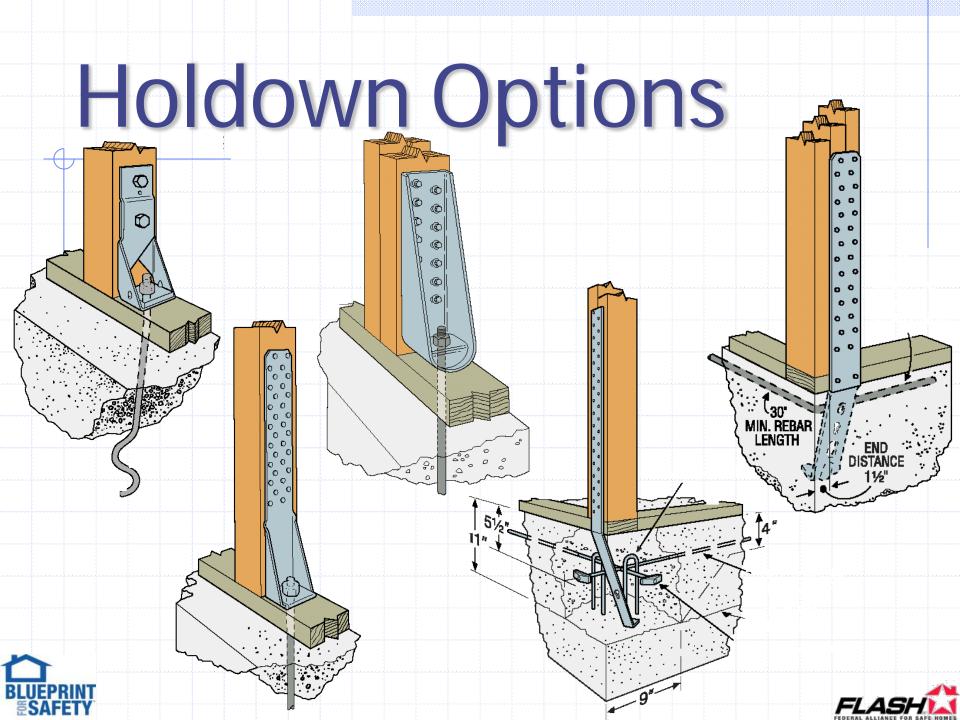
Straps embedded in masonry (New Construction) Connectors fastened to masonry with masonry screws (Retrofit)



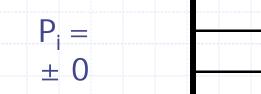






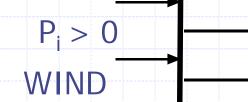






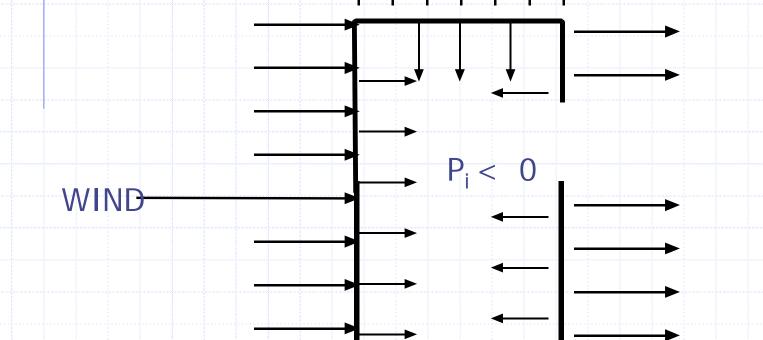








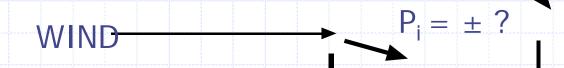






(c) SUCTION OPENING









(d) OPENING ON MORE THAN ONE SIDE

#### Wood-Frame vs. Masonry

Retrofit	Wood-Frame	Masonry	When
Windows	х	х	Any Time
Entry Doors	х	х	Any Time
Garage Doors	х	×	Any Time
Gable-End Roof Vents	х	х	Any Time
Gable End Walls	х	×	Any Time
Reinforcing Walls	х	Difficult	Remodeling
Wall Foundation Tie-Downs	Difficult	Difficult	Remodeling
Between Story Tie-Downs	Difficult	Difficult	Remodeling
Roof-Wall Tie-Downs	Х	×	Re-Roofing or Remodeling
Roof Sheathing	х	х	Re-Roofing
Roof Secondary Water Barrier	Х	х	Re-Roofing

# Long term residents???







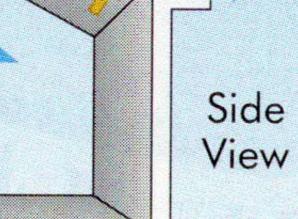
# Effects of Openings in Building Envelope

Depending on the location of openings in the building envelope with respect to the wind direction, external and internal pressures act in the same direction on some walls and the roof to produce high outward acting pressures Some internal pressure exists in all buildings due to permeability





# **Effect of Opening**







Openings in the Building Envelope & Structure Design

Enclosed Buildings

#### Partially Enclosed Buildings







#### **Envelope Protection**

 Blueprint for Safety does not recommend designing buildings as Partially Enclosed

Overall Structure may survive...but won't protect against

- Flying debris breaking windows
- Water and wind infiltration of the building





# Windborne Debris





# More Windborne Debris



Glazed Opening Protection Florida Building Code 2007

**1609.1.2 Protection of openings.** Glazed openings in buildings located in wind-borne debris regions shall be protected from wind-borne debris. Glazed opening protection for wind-borne debris shall meet the requirements of SSTD 12, ASTM E 1886 and ASTM E 1996, ANSI/DASMA 115 (for garage doors and rolling doors) or TAS 201, 202 and 203 or AAMA 506 referenced therein.





Glazed Opening Protection Florida Building Code 2007 (cont'd)

1. Glazed openings located within 30 feet (9144 mm) of grade shall meet the requirements of the Large Missile Test.

**2.** Glazed openings located more than 30 feet (9144 mm) above grade shall meet the provisions of the Small Missile Test.





#### Glazed Opening Protection Florida Building Code 2007 (cont'd)

**3.** Storage sheds that are not designed for human habitation and that have a floor area of 720 square feet  $(67 \text{ m}^2)$  or less are not required to comply with the mandatory windborne debris impact standards of this code.

**4.** Openings in sunrooms, balconies or enclosed porches constructed under existing roofs or decks are not required to be protected provided the spaces are separated from the building interior by a wall and all openings in the separating wall are protected in accordance with Section 1609.1.2. Such spaces shall be permitted to be designed as either partially enclosed or enclosed structures.





#### Protecting the Building Envelope

Provide Protection for:

Windows
Exterior Doors
Garage Doors
Gable End Vents





## Impact-Resistant Options for Windows

#### 2 Options:

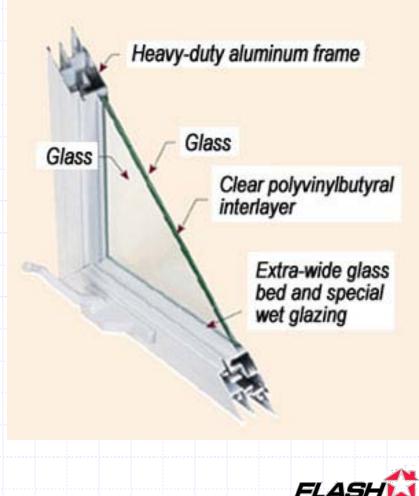
- Impact resistant glazing
  - More expensive option
  - Always in place providing continuous protection
- Shutters
  - Economical option
  - Must be installed or engaged when storm is coming





### **Impact Resistant Windows**

Windows made from glazing that is impact resistant (usually an interlayer laminated between two sheets of glass) Tested window assembly includes the frame and installation method



### **Impact Resistant Windows**

### Important components

Glazing
Frame
Hardware





### Attachment

Inspect framing around opening to ensure adequacy to support impact resistant window





### Shutters

Permanent
Roll
Colonial
Bahama
Accordion

Temporary
Steel
Aluminum
Polycarbonate
Screen Products





### **Roll Shutters**







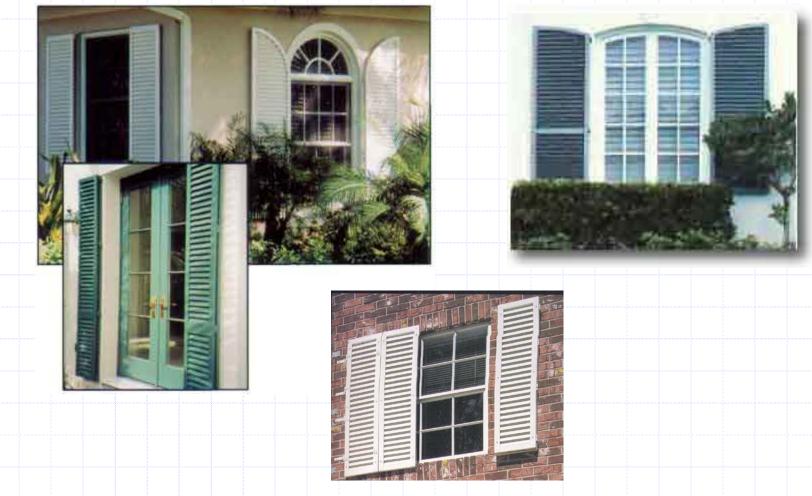








## Colonial (swing) Shutters







### **Bahama Shutters**



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### **Accordion Shutters**







### **Commercial Panel Shutters**









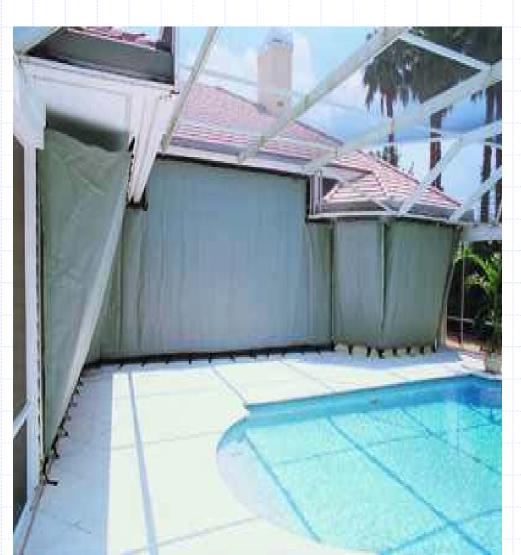
## Hurricane Panels







### Flexible Screen Material ArmorScreen







### Wayne Dalton Fabric-Shield<sup>™</sup>





### **Exeter Storm Shield**







### **Protech Screens**







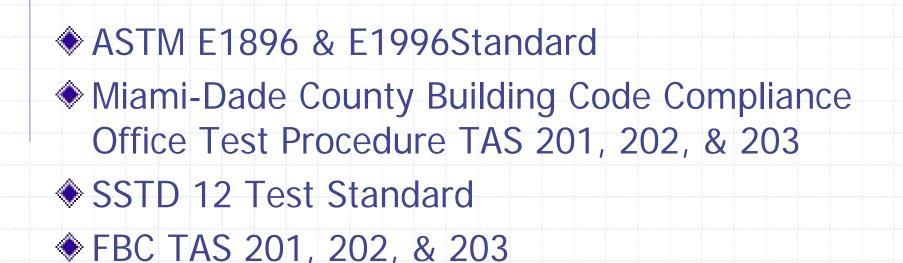
### **Storm Busters**







### Hurricane Impact Product Test Standards







### Hurricane Impact-Resistant Tests and Standards



### Pressure Cycling Test







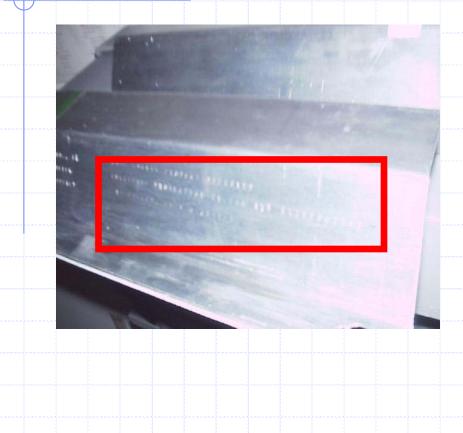
Hurricane Impact-Resistant Tests and Standards

Large Missile • 9 lb 2x4 at 50 fps • Assembly height  $\leq$  30 ft Small Missile 2 gram (+/- 5%) steel balls at 130 – 132 fps Assembly height > 30 ft





### **Impact-Resistant Product Approvals**





### MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA METRO-DADE FLAGLER BUILDING

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Your application for Product Approval of: "Hurricame Series 7000" - Window Screen

under Chapter 8 of the Code of Miami-Dade County governing the use of Alternate Materials and Types of Construction, and completely described herein, has been recommended for acceptance by the Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Office (BCCO) under the conditions specified herein.

This approval shall not be valid after the expiration date stated below. BCCO reserves the right to secure this product or material at anytime from a jobsite or manufacturer's plant for quality control testing. If this product or material fails to perform in the approved manner, BCCO may revoke, modify, or suspend the use of such product or material immediately. BCCO reserves the right to revoke this approval, if it is determined BCCO that this product or material fails to meet the requirements of the South Florida Building Code.

The expense of such testing will be incurred by the manufacturer.

Acceptance No.: 99-1001.03

Expires:07/20/2003

Chief Product Control Division

THIS IS THE COVERSHEET, SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR SPECIFIC AND GENERAL CONDITIONS BUILDING CODE & PRODUCT REVIEW COMMITTEE

This application for Product Approval has been reviewed by the BCCO and approved by the Building Code and Product Review Committee to be used in Dade County, Florida under the conditions set forth above.

Francisco J. Quintana, R.A. Director Miami-Dade County Building Code Compliance Offic

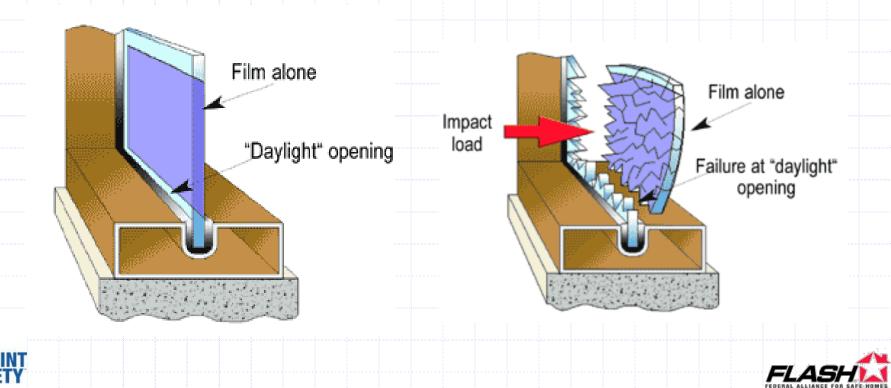
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### Window Film

- The most common method of installing window film is known as "daylight installation."
- This type of installation does nothing to keep the window attached to the frame, so it provides very little or no additional protection from winds and rain entering the house.



### Garage Doors

3 Potentially Weak Areas

- Deflection under wind loading
- Track strength
- Impact resistance









### Garage Doors are a Weak Link





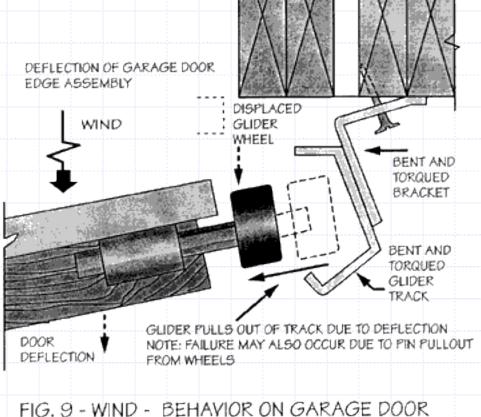


FIG. 9 - WIND - BEHAVIOR ON GARAGE DOOR TRACK ASSEMBLY

As door is pushed in or sucked out, track deflects and either bends enough for door to come out of track, or track pulls away from framing show

# Replace standard (weak) garage doors with a wind and impact resistant model



Wind and impact resistant garage doors are reinforced and have a stronger track, fastened to framing more often.





### Garage Doors



**Vertical Post system** 

(After-market)

Vertical reinforcement in door design

Horizontal bracing

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### **Braced Garage Doors**

Heavy duty track mounted with 5-6 brackets per side

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# Maintaining the Integrity of the Roof System

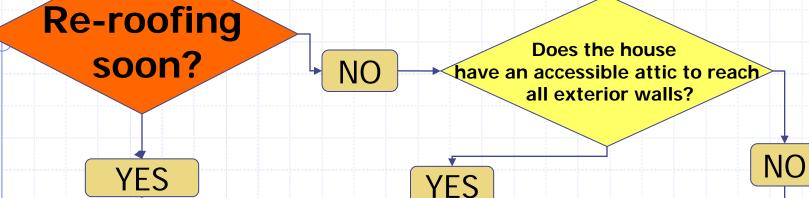


Roof Covering
Roof Framing/Decking
Gable Ends





### **Retrofit Evaluation Chart**



Conduct these activities during re-roofing:

- 1. Refasten roof sheathing
- 2. Re-roof with a windresistant covering
- 3. Install hurricane straps at roof-wall connections
- 4. Brace gable end walls that have ceiling diaphragms.

Conduct these activities with

- attic access:
- Apply construction adhesive to glue roof sheathing to rafters/ trusses
- 2. Install hurricane straps at roof-wall connections
- 3. Brace gable end walls

Evaluate feasibility of installing hurricane straps at roof-wall connection:

- Is it feasible to install hurricane straps at roof-wall connections from the exterior?
- Is it feasible to install hurricane straps at all roof-wall connections from the interior?

### **Roof to Wall Connection**

Install hurricane straps when re-roofing by removing bottom row of sheathing.







### **Choosing Connectors**





# Install straps at roof to wall connection





### **Tie Down NOT Properly Installed**







## Four Ply Girder--Straps Missing







### **Typical Wood Framed Gable End**





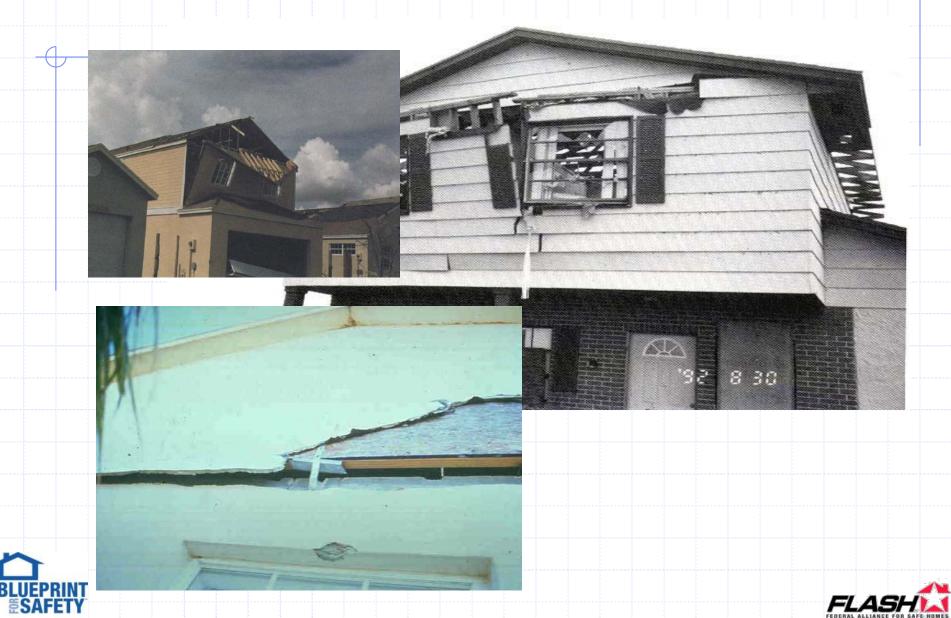


### Gable End Wall Failure





#### Gable End Wall Failures...



# **Gable Endwalls**

Gable end wall with cathedral ceiling – note the horizontal joint running across the wall just below the semicircular window





### Gable End Wall- A Better Method

The red lines indicate where continuous wall framing members could have been used by the builder to avoid the weak connection between the rectangular wall at the bottom and the triangular wall at the top.





### Bracing at the top

#### Two methods

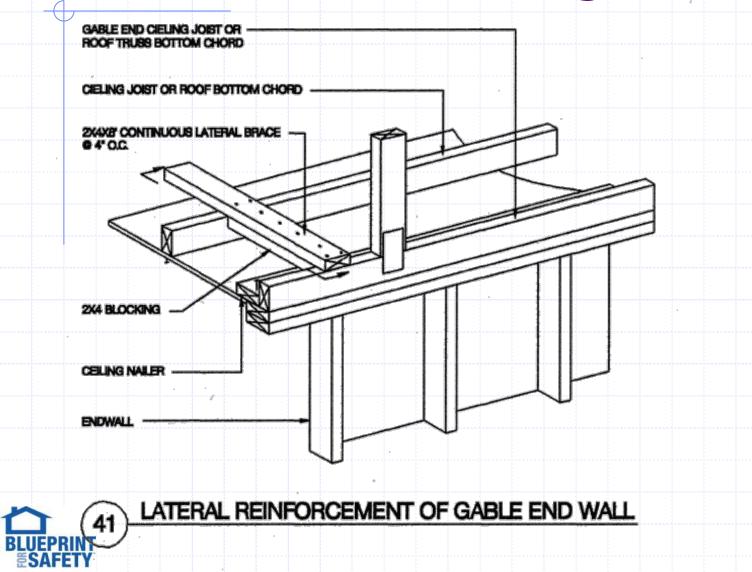
# 2x4x8 at 6ft o.c. on the underside of top chord

 2x4 blocking at 48 in. o.c. between gable end framing and first two rafters or trusses

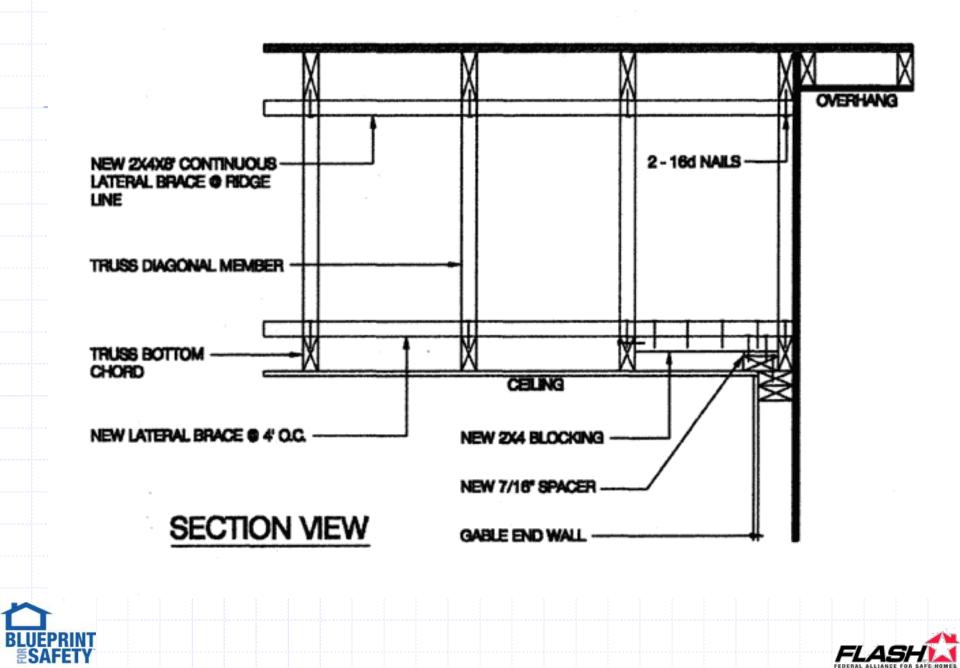


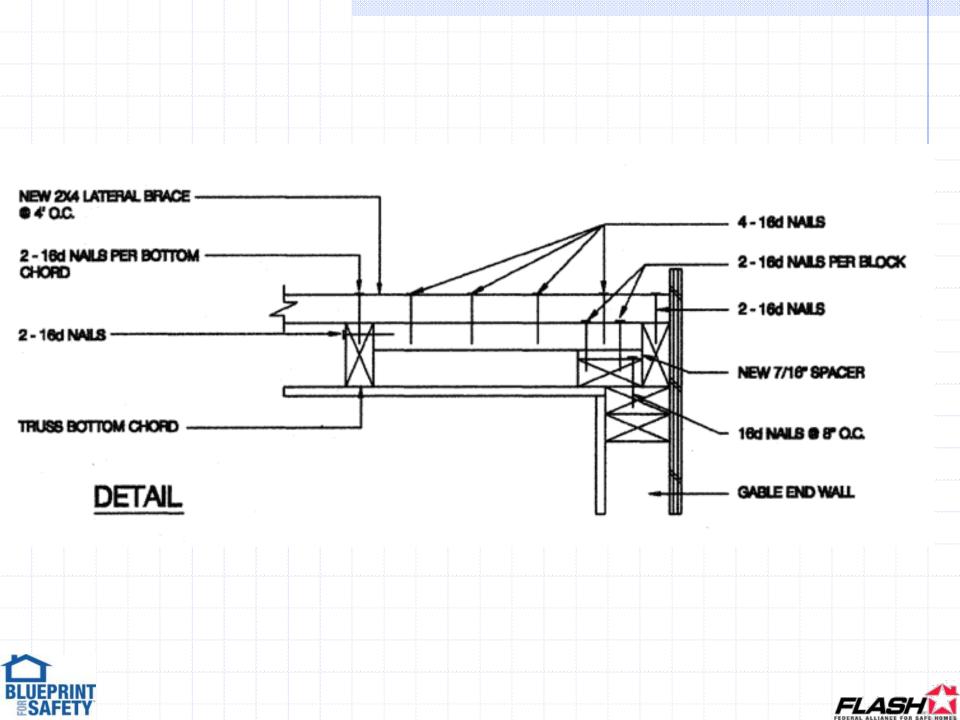


### Gable end bracing









## Gable End Walls







#### Gable End Walls



HGA10 Installation to a 2x4 Wall

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# **Roof Sheathing**







# **Refasten Roof Sheathing**

With roof covering removed, inspect for Fasteners size Fastener spacing Sheathing thickness Remove damaged or rotted sheathing





# Look for "Shiners" in attic space

# Two Nails Missed

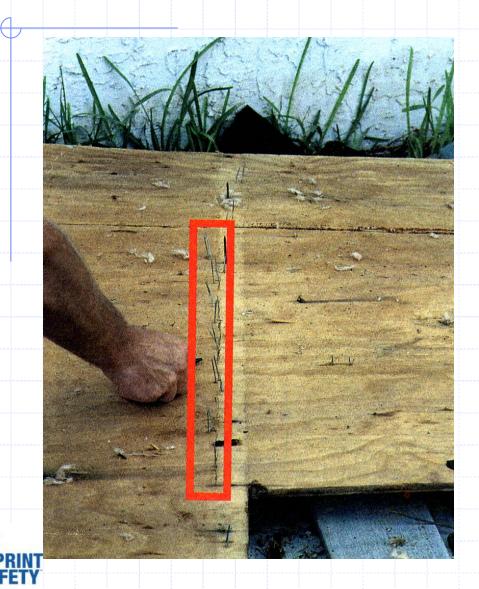


# **All Nails Missed**





# **Roof Deck Failures**



- Staples no longer permitted for high wind areas
- Staples missed framing



#### Blueprint for Safety Recommendations for Re-Roofing

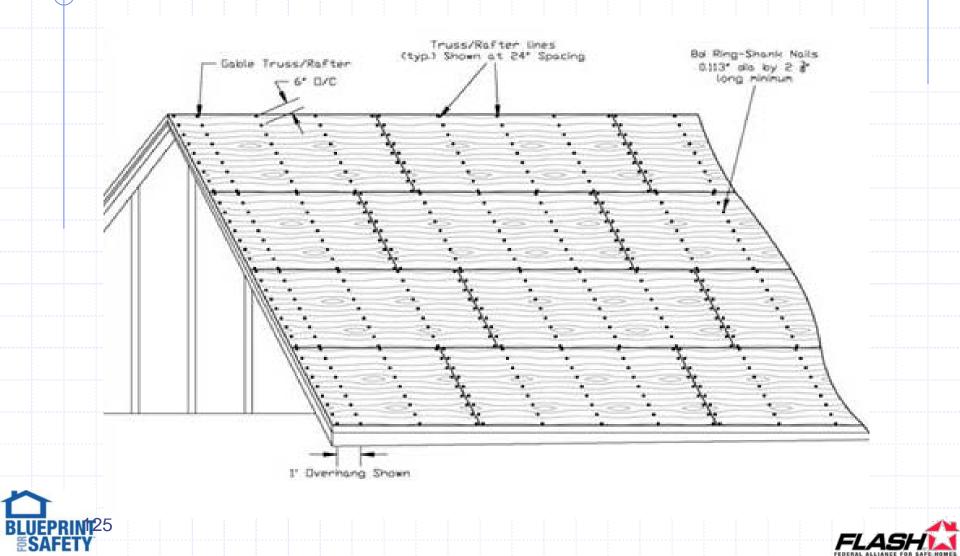
Roofing requirements

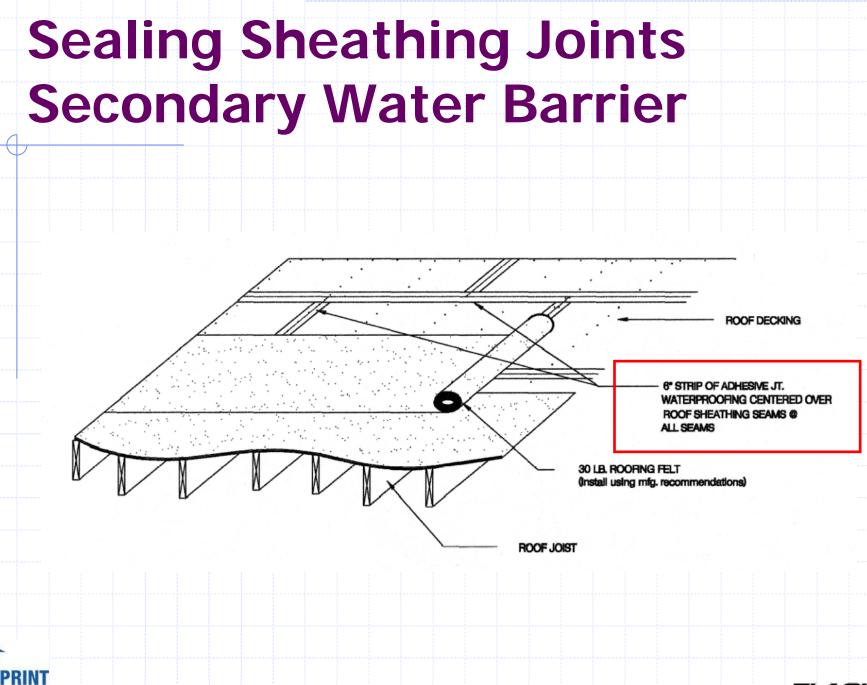
- 5/8" min. CDX plywood sheathing
- 8d ring shank nails @ 6" and 6" inch spacing (6" on the edge and 6" in the field)
- Edgewise Blocking at all horizontal sheathing joints 6 ft from gable end





# 8d Ring Shank nails @ 6 inch spacing











For the ultimate in water resistance, seal sheathing joints with flashing tape for Secondary Water Barrier





#### **Roof Covering Performance**







#### Roof Covering – Asphalt Shingles

Standard shingles rated for 60 mph
 Well below hurricane force winds
 Use shingles tested to:

 Miami-Dade PA 107
 ASTM D 3161 (modified to 110 mph)





# Asphalt Shingle Requirements – FBC

**1507.3.7 Attachment.** Asphalt Shingles...For roofs located where the basic wind speed per Figure 1606 is 110 mph (49 m/s) or greater, special methods of fastening are required. Unless otherwise noted, attachment of asphalt shingles shall conform with ASTM D 3161 (modified to 110 mph) or M-DC PA 107-95.





Retrofitting when Re-roofing is Years Away

With attic access

With no attic access

Access from the exterior

Access from the interior





#### With Attic Access

 Install straps connecting roof framing to top plate (or wall below)
 Install straps connecting top plate to wall below
 Brace gable endwalls
 Construction Adhesive





### **Roof Sheathing Enhancement**

#### Construction Adhesive

- AFG 01 rated
- ¼" bead along intersection roof sheathing and truss/rafter. Both sides.
- 200 psf uplift capacity
- Use quarter-round, 1x, or 2x pieces
  - embedded with adhesives at gable ends
    - Increases capacity by 50%



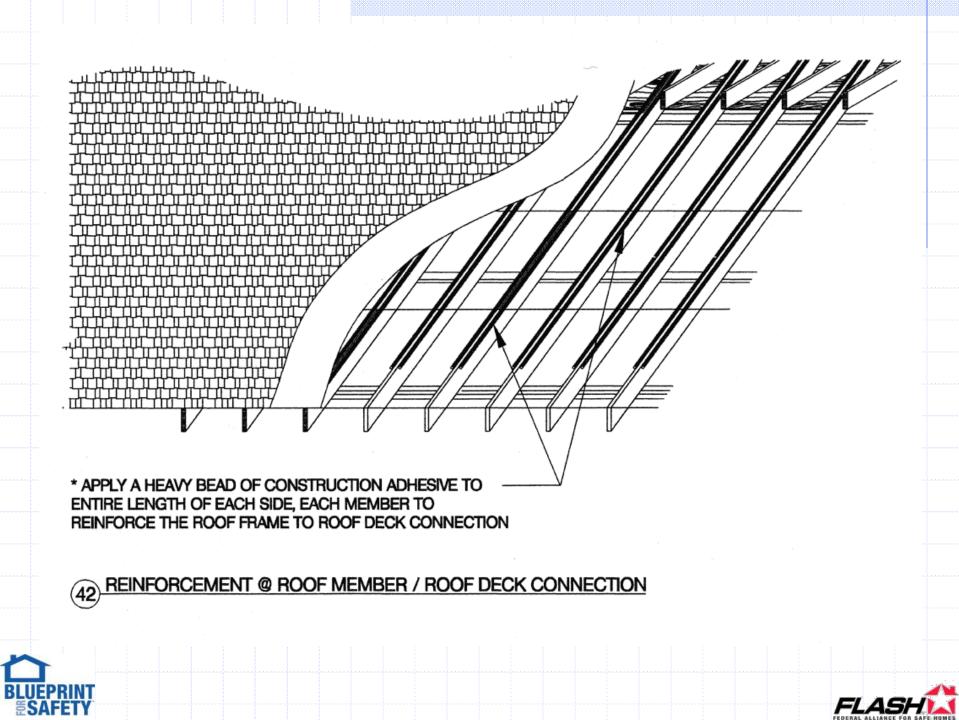


#### Deck to framing connection can be strengthened by adding a bead of Construction Adhesive









#### No Attic Access

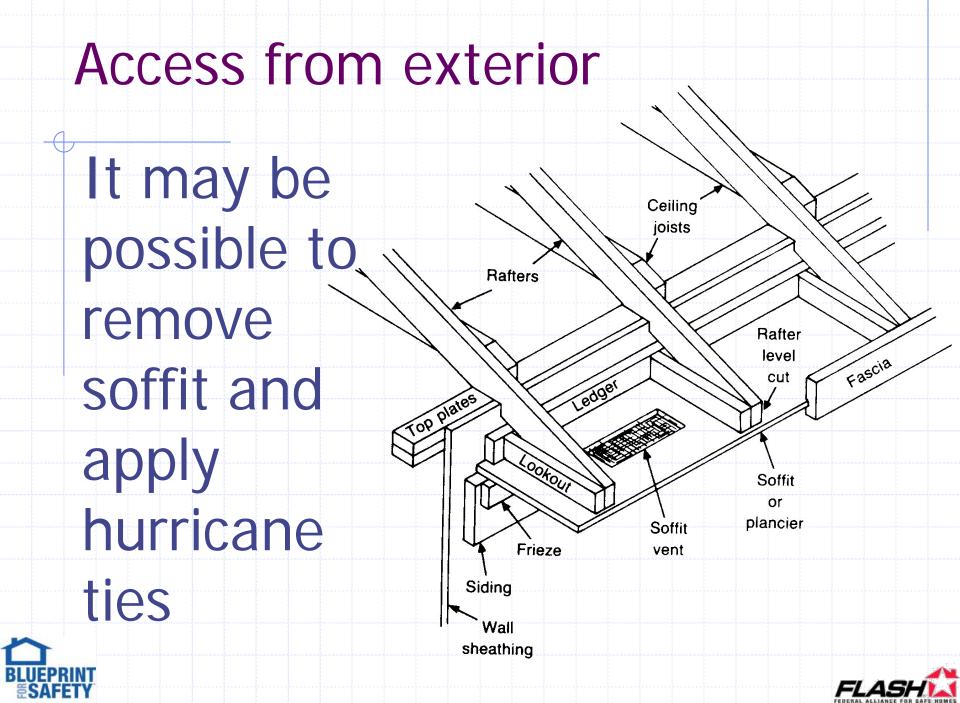
Access from exterior
 Examine soffit and exterior cladding

 Cost
 Degree of intrusion
 Time

 May have to remove some of exterior siding









- FEMA 320 Taking Shelter From the Storm: Building a Safe Room Inside Your House
- SSTD 10-99 Standard for Hurricane Resistant Residential Construction
- AF&PA Wood Frame Construction Manual for One- And Two-Family Dwellings, High Wind Edition
- FEMA Technical Bulletin 8-96 Corrosion Protection for Metal Connectors in Coastal Areas







# Thank you!!!



