



FIELD TESTING POLICY FOR NEWLY INSTALLED WINDOWS AND DOORS

Contractual project specifications may require parties to engage in testing of newly installed fenestration products prior to completion. In the ordinary course, MI is not a party to a construction contract and may elect not to recognize any such testing absent its written agreement. Any agreement by MI to participate in testing is nonetheless subject to this Policy (revised July 15, 2020) which sets forth required minimum conditions to MI participation.

REQUIREMENTS. These requirements apply to any field-testing of newly installed MI Products:

- **Notice.** Written notice of the test date must be received by the MI Customer Care Manager **10 days** prior to testing.
- **Testing Standard.** Testing must be performed in compliance with the then-current version of AAMA 502. Any deviations permitted by AAMA 502 must be approved by MI in writing prior to the testing.
- **Newly Installed Products.** Products must be tested as soon as possible after initiation of installation, before installation of drywall or interior finish wall/roof materials, and prior to the issuance of the building occupancy permit. In no event may AAMA 502 testing occur beyond 6 months of initial installation.
- **Testing Agency.** Testing must be designed and performed by an AAMA LAP-3 accredited field-testing agency.
- **Specimens.** MI must be allowed to inspect specimen(s) to be tested prior to testing.
- **Nonconforming Specimen.** MI must be allowed to inspect on-site and, if appropriate, repair any non-conforming tested specimen. Repair plans that include proposed repairs to non-tested product are determined after review of the full test report and inspection.
- **Limited Scope.** Non-conformity attributable to installation, wall, flashing or perimeter sealant conditions is outside the scope of MI's participation and must be addressed by other parties.

INFORMATION TO MI. The following information shall be provided with the notice to MI Customer Care, or **at least 5 days** prior to testing if not reasonably available at the time notice is provided:

- Name of the party specifying the testing and the party responsible for testing costs.
- The AAMA 502 Short Form Specification shall be provided, if applicable.
- Identification of the MI product series, each configuration of all specimen to be tested, and their date of installation;
- Project details for the intended flashing and the intended installation method of the products.
- Any reports of prior observations or evaluations of the products at the project.
- Name of the AAMA LAP-3 accredited field-testing agency and any of its protocols.
- Additional information may be requested by MI prior to testing. MI reserves the right to determine if sufficient information has been provided for it to participate.

WARRANTY. In addition to the requirements herein, the MI Product Warranty establishes limitations and requirements relating to field testing of products which may affect warranty remedies. Testing pursuant to this Policy, or repair of any tested product by MI, does not affect the terms and conditions of the applicable MI Product Warranty or create any new warranty obligations or remedies.

OTHER. To offset some of the cost, MI charges a \$300 per day flat rate to attend testing. In no event will MI be responsible for the cost of testing, including re-tests, or any lift equipment/scaffolding needed to safely inspect a specimen or repair a non-confirming specimen. Repair decisions are case-by-case and depend on the type, severity and frequency of failure. Upon successful re-test of a specimen, MI will not undertake the same or similar repairs of other un-tested products unless it agrees in writing.

MI's participation at any testing of its products is voluntary and at MI's discretion. Any MI agreement with respect to field testing is limited by this Policy. This Policy does not create a contract, or any other obligations of MI. MI shall be provided a copy of comprehensive AAMA 502 reports within 7 days of testing. MI may disagree with the conclusions of any testing agency and may respond in writing. Unless expressly stated in writing, MI does not ratify or concede the validity of any conclusions derived from product testing or compliance with the Policy.

PRODUCT INSTALLED FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS MUST BE EVALUATED, IF AT ALL, PURSUANT TO THE THEN-CURRENT VERSION OF AAMA 511.

