

UPDATE FOR THE 2007 FBC STORM PANEL PRODUCT APPROVAL

Wayne-Dalton is proud to be a leader in the storm protection industry by offering Fabric Shield opening protection solutions to protect homes and businesses. Wayne-Dalton is pleased to announce that all of our storm protection products have been approved for the new 2007 Florida Building Code going into effect March 1, 2009. Wayne-Dalton storm protection products are listed on the Florida Building Code website (www.floridabuilding.org).

The 2007 FBC incorporates a few minor changes that affect our product engineering. Our engineering documents have been updated as necessary as well as enhanced. The highlights of our new engineering documents include the following:

- Custom Storm Panels and Wide Weld DIY Storm Panels have been combined into one set of engineering drawings and one approval number, FL3227-R6.
- Anchor load tables have been added to all engineering documents which will assist consulting engineers and/or architects design custom supports when necessary for site specific design.
- Track mount conditions are now approved for Wide Weld DIY Storm Panels.
- Anchor schedules for mounting to light gauge metal framing and aluminum are available as an addendum document to be used in conjunction with storm panel engineering documents (FL3227-R6) for sites requiring these mounting conditions. The addendum documents are only available in original signed and sealed format and can be obtained by contacting your TSM.
- Anchor schedules have been modified as necessary to maintain code compliance.

In addition, the 2007 FBC has a new labeling requirement for storm protection products. One of the new requirements is for all labels on storm panels to be located on the outside of the panel. Beginning with all orders shipped beginning Monday, March 2, 2009, the Custom Storm Panel labels will be located on the outside of the panel in lieu of the inside as currently manufactured and Wide Weld DIY Storm Panel labels will continue to be shipped loose in the box and be applied to the panel in the field by the installer.

The most important changes to our engineering involve the grommet spacing. The new grommet spacing ranges from a minimum of 3" oc to a maximum of 12" oc. We are updating our order forms and order entry fields to require that a value for grommet spacing to be given or entered. Any order form with no grommet spacing specified will be entered at a 12" oc maximum spacing. Partner Connect/DOE customers will be required to enter a grommet spacing to complete the ordering process.

Wayne-Dalton is continually striving to improve our products and our service to the benefit of our dealers. As part of this improvement, we are currently in the process of enhancing our order entry and manufacturing capabilities to provide added benefits to our Fabric Shield Custom Storm Panel. We will send out an announcement soon regarding the implementation date of the following enhancements:

- Ordering to the nearest 1/2" increment on the span dimension only instead of the nearest whole inch increment as currently.
- Extending the non-span dimensions to a maximum of 240" (currently limited to 144").
- Equally space grommet placement for a more aesthetically pleasing appearance as opposed to our current process with grommets evenly spaced except on one end where the spacing is less than when the dimension is not evenly divisible by 12. Our new process will involve using the maximum grommet spacing entered either on the order form or in the DOE dialog and equally space the grommets in such a manner as to not exceed the 12" maximum spacing. Please note that the actual grommet spacing will typically be slightly less than the maximum entered. For example, a 60" non-span panel with a maximum grommet spacing of 10" oc will have an actual grommet spacing of approximately 9.5". In no case will the grommet spacing exceed the maximum entered spacing.