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Fifth Edition Florida Energy Conservation Changes

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The main change as it affects the window industry will be the enforcement of a new Energy Code for Florida.

- The 30% rule has been clarified and will now be null and void.
- All replacement products will now have to meet the energy code. No exceptions.
- New construction will have a choice for following the performance path for compliance or the prescriptive path.

What does this mean? ...

Zone 1 (Dade, Broward, Monroe, Palm Beach, Collier, Lee, Hendry Counties)

Non-Impact windows U .65 SHGC .25

- Aluminum will still be available but will be Insulated High Performance LowE. No option for Monolithic glass in non-impact windows,
- Vinyl will be more widely introduced into the market to meet codes.

Impact windows U .75 SHGC .25

- Aluminum will still be available but most manufacturers will have to use Insulated Impact – High Performance LowE.
- Vinyl will be more widely introduced into the market. Limitation will be structural DP Ratings.
- Zone 1 Products - (Lami IG and LowE Required)
 - All Vinyl Products
 - Aluminum WinGuard
 - Non Impact Aluminum

Zone 2 (All of Florida outside of Zone 1)

Non-Impact windows U .40 SHGC .25

- Aluminum will no longer be able to be used outside Zone 1 for replacement applications.
- Zone 2 will become a vinyl market.

Impact windows U .65 SHGC .25

- Aluminum may still be available, but some current products cannot meet the .65 U value. .25 SHGC can be achieved with High Performance IG Glass.
- Most jobs will require vinyl impact, which will have High Performance IG Glass.
- Zone 2 Products – (Lami IG and LowE Required)
 - All Vinyl Products
 - Aluminum WinGuard
 - Non Impact Aluminum

200 and 600 series will not comply!



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