

# Florida Product Approval System

## Statewide Product Approval Links

[http://www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr\\_srch.asp](http://www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr_srch.asp)  
<http://www.boaf.net/pdf/PAGuidelines-Final.pdf>

The following category of products must be approved by the State of Florida

- Panel Walls
- Exterior Doors
- Roofing Products
- Sky Lights
- Windows
- Shutters
- Structural Components
- New and Innovative building Envelope Products

### Expectations:

Structural components covered by the United States Department of Commerce Products Standards (such as softwood, plywood, and structural wood panels); and structural components comprised of materials or products that are assembled or placed in the field (such as concrete/masonry) and are subject to standardized field testing procedures contained within nationally recognized standards adopted within the code may demonstrate compliance by a batch ticket or bill of landing made available at the site of assembly or placement.

These categories of products must be approved using the standardized Florida Product Approval System *either by the local Building Department for local use, or by the Florida Building Commission for statewide use.*

# There are two methods for demonstrating compliance with the Florida Building Code:

## **Method 1 – Products with code performance criteria and standardized test, or comparative or rational analysis using one of the following four options.**

(Be aware that windows, skylights, and exterior doors must be tested in accordance with FBC 1707.4)

1. Products submitted with a certification mark or listing.
  - Product certification mark or listing from an approved certification agency.
  - Code compliance certified to standards adopted by the code.
2. Products submitted with test reports.
  - A product test report from an approved testing lab.
  - Identifies which products are covered by the report.
  - Verifiable documentation that the product complies with the code.
  - The product is manufactured under an audited quality assurance program.
3. Products submitted with an evaluation report from an evaluation entity.
  - Product evaluation report from an approved evaluation entity.
  - Based on testing or comparative or rational analysis (or a combination).
  - Report indicates that product to be in compliance with the intent of the code.
  - Product is manufactured under an audited quality assurance program.
4. Product submitted with an evaluation report from a Florida Architect or Engineer.
  - Signed and sealed product evaluation report from a Florida Registered Architect or Florida Professional Engineer
  - Based on testing or comparative rational analysis (or a combination of both)
  - Report indicated the product to be in compliance with the intent of the code and at least equivalent to that required by the code.
  - Product is manufactured under an audited quality assurance program.

## **Method 2 - Products which have NO standardized test or comparative or rational analysis using one of the following two options:**

(Be aware that windows, skylights, and exterior doors must be tested in accordance with FBC 1707.4)

1. Products submitted with an evaluation report from an Evaluation Entity.
  - Products evaluation report from an approved product evaluation entity.
  - Provides verifiable documentation that the product complies with the code.
  - The product is manufactured under an audited quality assurance program.
2. Products submitted with an evaluation report from a Florida Architect or Engineer.
  - Signed and sealed product evaluation report from a Florida Registered Architect or Florida Professional Engineer.
  - Based on testing or comparative or rational analysis (or a combination of both).
  - Provides verifiable documentation that the product complies with the code.
  - Product is manufactured under an audited quality assurance program.