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Job Specs and Newer Standards

I am bidding on a job with a specification that calls for compliance to ANSI/DASMA 102-1996. My manufacturer supplier said they offer products that conform to ANSI/DASMA 102-2004. What do I say to the people using the specification with the outdated DASMA standard?

Joe: First, the person responsible for creating the job spec should be informed of the latest DASMA standard. The industry typically manufactures products to the latest standards at the time of manufacture, even if it involves a voluntary standard such as ANSI/DASMA 102. In this case, “voluntary” means that the manufacturer may choose to manufacture any or all of its products to conform to the standard.

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Second, the source of the specification should be identified. It may be a “master specification” template published by a construction industry entity that has not updated the template.

Third, if necessary, the manufacturer should educate the job specifier on the latest DASMA standard and identify the means by which the product complies with the standard.

This situation has surfaced occasionally and will likely reappear as DASMA updates its standards. Meanwhile, DASMA will continue to update the construction industry’s master specification templates to reflect the latest DASMA standards. ■



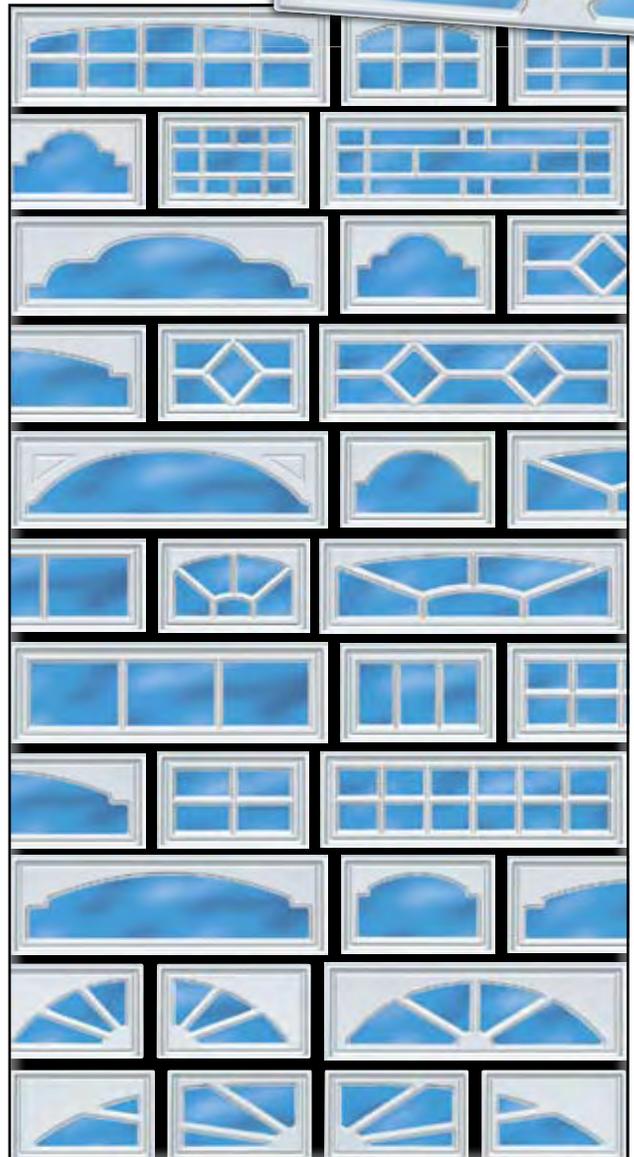
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