

Siding with Codes

Building codes established in 2006 by the International Code Council (ICC) require all vinyl siding to be certified and labeled by an approved quality control agency to show it conforms to ASTM D3679. Federal, state and local building code entities throughout the United States are adopting the 2006 ICC model codes.

Concerned about how these changes affect you? If the vinyl siding you inspect or specify is one of thousands of products certified through the Vinyl Siding Institute's (VSI) product certification program, your job just got easier.



Certification for Vinyl Siding Ensures Quality

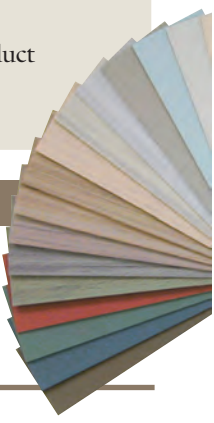
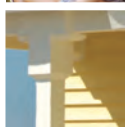
Since 1998, vinyl siding products certified through the *VSI Product Certification Program* are verified by an accredited inspection agency, Architectural Testing, Inc. (ATI) of York, Pennsylvania. ATI conducts two unannounced inspections at each plant every year, reviews quality test data, pulls siding right off the production line, and conducts performance tests in its accredited laboratory to ensure that vinyl siding meets or exceeds ASTM D3679, the standard for quality. The credibility of the ASTM standard, combined with this third-party verification, gives added confidence to vinyl siding purchasers and sets vinyl siding apart from other exterior cladding products. ASTM D3679 includes tests for weatherability, windload, impact resistance and heat shrinkage, among others.

Furthermore, vinyl siding is the only exterior cladding with both third-party product certification *and* a certified installer program (see back for more details). >>>

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 350 colors of vinyl siding are certified for color retention. The *VSI Product Certification Program* includes certification based on the performance standards for color retention, ASTM D6864 or D7251. In addition to meeting the performance requirements for ASTM D3679, VSI's color retention certification process requires an outdoor weathering study be conducted for each color being considered.

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VSI Certified Installer Program



Certified products perform best when installed by a qualified installer. The VSI Certified Installer Program trains and tests experienced vinyl siding installers on their knowledge of proper vinyl siding installation techniques based on the industry standard, ASTM D4756.

Certified Installers are listed on VSI's online registry, which has reached the milestone of more than 3,000 VSI Certified Installers and continues to grow. For more information and to find Certified Installers in your area, visit www.vinylsiding.org.



Meeting Rigorous Standards for Performance

ASTM D3679 was developed by consensus through ASTM International, one of the largest standards development organizations in the world and a trusted source for technical standards for materials, products, systems and services. Vinyl siding that meets this ASTM standard will:

- Withstand the impacts of recommended installation procedures
- Stay on the house in heavy winds of at least 110 miles per hour
- Lay straight on a flat wall and not buckle under normal conditions
- Withstand the effects of normal seasonal temperature fluctuations
- Meet manufacturers' advertised specifications, including length, width, gloss, thickness and others



Building products specifiers want assurance that the homes they're designing will look beautiful and are durable with the passage of time. With independent certification programs for products, colors and the professionals who install them, vinyl siding is specified more than any other exterior cladding.

Look for the Label

To make sure that you are working with quality vinyl siding, simply look for this product label on cartons of vinyl siding or VSI's certified product logo on promotional materials. Or visit VSI's website at www.vinylsiding.org for a current list of certified vinyl siding products and colors.

