

Siding with Codes

Building codes established by the ICC require vinyl siding, polypropylene siding, and insulated vinyl siding (a form of insulated siding) to be certified and labeled by an approved quality control agency to show it conforms to ASTM D3679, ASTM D7254 and ASTM D7793 respectively. Federal, state and local building code entities throughout the United States adopt the ICC model codes.

If the 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.

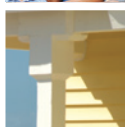


Certified Products and Installers Ensure Quality

Since 1998, vinyl and other polymeric siding products certified through the *VSI Product Certification Program* are verified by an accredited quality control 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, polypropylene siding and insulated siding meet or exceed their respective ASTM standards. The standards include tests for weatherability, windload, R-value (for insulated siding), impact resistance and heat shrinkage, among others. The credibility of these ASTM standards, combined with this third-party verification, gives added confidence to vinyl and other polymeric siding purchasers and sets them apart from other exterior cladding products.

Furthermore, vinyl siding (including insulated vinyl siding) is the only exterior cladding with both third-party product certification *and* a certified installer program. >>>

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DID YOU KNOW?

More than 400 colors of vinyl and insulated siding are certified for color retention. 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 and ASTM D7793, VSI's color retention certification process requires an outdoor weathering study be conducted for each color being considered.



VSI's 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.

Currently, more than 2,400 installers are certified by an independent, third-party administrator. They are listed on VSI's online registry at www.vinylsiding.org.



Meeting Rigorous Standards for Performance

ASTM D3679, ASTM D7254 and ASTM D7793 were 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 and other polymeric siding that meet these ASTM standards will:

- Withstand the impacts of recommended installation procedures
- Lay straight on a flat wall and not buckle under normal conditions
- Withstand winds of 110 mph, and most achieve a wind rating higher than that
- Weather the effects of sunshine and rain
- Meet manufacturers' advertised specifications, including length, width, gloss, thickness and others
- Demonstrate a minimum thermal resistance, or R-value, of at least R-2.0 (insulated siding only)



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 Labels

To make sure that you are working with quality products, simply look for these product labels on cartons or VSI's certified product logo on promotional materials.

Or visit VSI's website at www.vinylsiding.org for a current list of certified products and colors.

