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ANSI/SPRI Wind Design Standard (WD-1) now available

Waltham, MA, December 2008 – SPRI, the association representing sheet membrane and component suppliers to the commercial roofing industry, has announced that “The Wind Design Standard Practice for Roofing Assemblies ANSI/SPRI WD-1” has been updated and accepted as an American National Standard as of December 2008 after the removal of permissive language.

This Wind Design Standard Practice is the work of several industry partners and provides a two-part methodology of designing for wind uplift resistance of non-ballasted built-up roofing, modified bitumen, and single-ply roofing system assemblies installed over any type of roof deck. (Refer to the ANSI/SPRI RP-4 Standard for wind design requirements of ballasted single-ply roofing systems). This standard was originally approved as an ANSI standard in 2007. The recent changes removed permissive language which would prevent the standard from being accepted into building code.

"This wind design standard provides an excellent tool to assist architects and consultants with the design and installation of roof systems that are compliant with the wind resistance requirements of the International Building Code (IBC)," says SPRI Technical Director Mike Ennis. "This standard contains easy-to-read tables that were developed using the calculations contained in ASCE-7, as required by the IBC. This standard also contains prescriptive enhancements that can be used under defined conditions for the perimeter and corner areas of the roof."

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