BUILDING OFFICIAL DETERMINATION

Stucco and Masonry Veneer

**Issue:** Must control joints, casing bead, weep screed, furred lath and other accessories be used on the base coat (brown coat, ground) for stucco and adhered masonry veneer applications?

**Rule:**
2012 IRC 703.6 Exterior plaster. Installation of these materials shall be in compliance with ASTM C 1063 and ASTM C 926 and the provisions of this code. IRC Table 703.4: Adhered veneer: concrete, stone or masonry. See IRC 703.6.1 or manufacturer’s instructions for material application method.

**Application:**
The American Standards Testing Materials (ASTM) has tested and approved methods recommended by manufacturers for application of Portland Cement in the different zones and areas of the united States, taking into account the variety of weather and temperature patterns.

**Determination:**
Portland Cement base installations for masonry finishes shall comply with ASTM C 1063 and ASTM C 926 provisions, and the manufacturer’s instructions. When a conflict occurs between ASTM and the manufacturer’s instructions, the most restrictive procedure shall apply.

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