

Storm Window Task Group notes
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Thom Zaremba reviewed past history of task group, including the different ballots and proposals on how to rate storm windows.

Previous discussions included:

- whether to rate storm windows by center-of-glass or whole product,
- whether to use standard reference windows or rate storm windows alone,
- whether to generate relative rankings or actual U, SHGC ratings

Willie DuPont gave a presentation on the work of the Attachment Base Case Product Working Group. Presentation will be posted on website.

- This effort began with defining standard reference windows for interior attachments, but they are now also considering exterior attachments.
- It may be possible to develop a set of universal reference windows that could be used across NFRC for all attachments, including storm windows.
- The approach they are proposing would result in whole product ratings for U, SHGC, VT of the attachment mounted over standard reference windows.
- Proposing 4 residential and 4 commercial window base case products. 4 of these would be the same as the current film reference products.
- How these ratings over 8 reference windows would be used on a label is not yet determined. It may vary for each attachment type, and perhaps only a subset of the 8 would be used.

Comments:

Some are concerned about calculating 8 cases. Are they all necessary for each attachment type? Will this lead to overly complicated labels?

One possibility is that each attachment type could limit their procedure to just what is needed, but still chosen from a consistent set of standard reference windows.