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Capillary Break

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9.27.2.2., 9.27.2.3.

Question:

Is capillary break required with metal siding and house wrap?

Interpretation:

No.

Clause 9.27.2.2.(1)(c) considers hollow-backed metal or vinyl and are horizontally oriented and loosely fastened to the backing substrate deem to have a capillary break between the cladding and the backing assembly.



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