



**Florida Building Code  
Protection of Openings**

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JOB NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The building(s) for this project is located in a wind-borne debris region.

Section **1606.1.5 Definitions** defines a wind-borne debris region as:

1. Areas with one mile of the coastal mean high water line where the basic wind speed is 110 mph or greater.
2. Areas where the basic wind speed is 120 mph or greater except from the eastern border of Franklin County to the Florida-Alabama line where the region includes areas only within 1 mile of the coast.

Section **1606.1.4 Protection of openings** requires in wind-borne debris regions, exterior glazing in the lower 60 feet in the building shall be assumed to be openings unless such glazing is impact resistant or protected with an impact-resistant covering meeting the requirements of SSTD 12, ASTM E 1886 and ASTM E 1996, or Miami-Dade PA 201, 202 and 203 referenced therein as follows:

1. Glazed openings located within 30 feet of grade shall meet the requirements of the Large Missile Test.
2. Glazed openings located more than 30 feet above grade shall meet the provisions of the Small Missile Test.

**Exceptions:**

Wood structural panels with a minimum thickness of 7/16 inch and maximum panel span of 8 feet shall be permitted for opening protection in one- and two-story buildings. Panels shall be pre-cut to cover the glazed openings with attachment hardware provided. Attachments shall be designed to resist the components and cladding loads determined in accordance with Table 1606.2B. Attachment in accordance with Table 1606.1.4 is permitted for buildings with a mean roof height of 33 feet or less where wind speeds do not exceed 130 mph.

By my signature, I certify that the glazing provided for this project shall comply with the above FBC requirements.

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Signature

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Date