



# **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

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### ***Identification of Safety Glazing***

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The California Building Code (CBC) requires identification for safety glazing since it is usually incorporated in assemblies not manufactured on the job site. The requirement carries specific details for identification since improperly installed glazing in areas subject to human impact can create a serious hazard. It is important that the material be identified so that everyone can be assured that the proper glazing material is in place. Not only does proper marking assist in the inspection process, it also helps identify a location where safety glazing must be installed should future replacement be required. The CBC specifically requires the use of permanent labels and identification marks for glazing installed in hazardous location. When no such identification “bug” is visible, the glazing should be assumed to be other than tempered glass.

#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

In all cases where a visible “bug” does not exist on alleged temper glass either the glazing will be replaced with acceptable material or proof of acceptable glazing must be provided and retained with permit records. The proof must be job specific and verified by staff. Proof of acceptable glazing may consist of documents from appropriate parties, removal of stops and trim to observe the “bug” or other methods.

Approval may be granted under the alternate methods provisions of the code. The absence of the “bug” should not be the sole cause for non-acceptance where acceptable proof of tempered glass has been provided. This limited special case approval is not intended to permit acceptance of written statements or invoices as an alternate to visual verification of code required identification.

#### **REFERENCES**

1998 California Building Code Section 2406  
Sonoma County Residential Construction Handbook Section 18.8

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