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ENERGY STAR New Homes Final Specification Announced

Following a series of public comments and revisions, the final specification requirements for ENERGY STAR qualified New Homes was released, which includes requirements for fenestration products. For those windows partners supplying to the new construction market, this could be a great opportunity to increase your sales and promote the energy efficiency of your products.

In order to be labeled ENERGY STAR, a new home must meet the minimum specification requirements of either the National Performance Path or the National Builder Option Package (a prescriptive path), both of which are outlined below.

National Performance Path: Among other requirements, a new home must have ENERGY STAR windows; OR ENERGY STAR heating and cooling equipment; OR five or more ENERGY STAR light fixtures, appliances, ceiling fans equipped with lighting fixtures, and/or ventilation fans. It is highly likely that a combination of these three categories will need to be installed in order to meet the performance criteria.

National Builder Option Package: Among other requirements, a new home must have ENERGY STAR windows*, AND ENERGY STAR heating and cooling equipment, AND five or more ENERGY STAR light fixtures, appliances, ceiling fans equipped with lighting fixtures, and/or ventilation fans.

*IECC Climate Zones 2 and 4 have additional window performance requirements.

For complete specification requirements and climate zone details, please refer to the [ENERGY STAR New Homes Specification Update](#).