Our primary purpose has been to develop performance standards and certification programs that provide quality assurance for the fenestration industry.
Since 1936, the American Architectural Manufacturers Association has been a champion for quality in the fenestration industry. In support of the department, AAMA members have written performance standards for windows, doors, skylights, curtain and system components and training materials. Based on these standards, we’ve established certification and verification programs that provide a comprehensive quality assurance system for the industry.

The AAMA Certification Program was developed through a consensus process as a method of testing window and door manufacturers. Since 1972, AAMA Certification became the first program of its kind to be accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and is the most established quality assurance program available to window and door manufacturers.

AAMA certification is a recognized seal of integrity and quality by builders, architects and specifiers. What’s more, the certification label ensures a product meets local code requirements. To begin the certification process for your products, call us at 847-303-5664 or go to www.aamanet.org.

AAMA Certification is independent, third-party validation through two unannounced plant inspections each year, has continually monitored the product production and quality assurance procedures. To qualify as an AAMA Gold Label Indicator, the laboratory must:

- Be AAMA-inspected and accredited to specific ASTM International and/or AS/NZS International standards for performance and quality assurance procedures.
- Contract with AAMA that it will properly and responsibly maintain the AAMA Certification Program.
- Allow periodic lab inspections, quality and document control, and calibration and testing equipment.
- Ensure the laboratory undergoes a self-maintenance of its own quality assurance and certified programs, which can be accessed free of charge alongside the AAMA Gold Label Certification.

AAMA Gold Label Certification consists of four parts:

1. Manufacturer's Name Specification Identification Primary Designator Manufacturer's Series Number
2. Performance Class
3. Performance Grade
4. Maximum Size Tested

In addition, all accredited labs can have no business affiliation with the window and door manufacturers except for contracts for testing services.

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