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Approved Fastener Supply Update

In September, we published Technical Bulletin [T21-006](#). The bulletin outlined that we would make reasonable accommodations for non-JM branded fastener use in JM guaranteed systems. In response to the continued fastener/plate shortages, we will continue to make reasonable project specific accommodations for the use of non-JM branded fasteners in JM Peak Advantage® Guarantee systems to support our loyal customers and to offer flexibility to complete projects in a timely fashion.

Unfortunately, 2022 continues to deliver supply chain challenges within the commercial roofing industry as well as many other business sectors. We are optimistic that the supply of steel fasteners and plates will loosen over the next few months. Even with some positive news from suppliers, the improvement is yet to be seen and therefore, we will continue with accommodations when appropriate.

As a reminder, in order to be eligible for an accommodation, accepted alternate fasteners must be supplied by an established domestic source of commercial roofing fasteners and plates (e.g., OMG, TRUFAST®, SFS, Carlisle, Versico, Firestone and GAF). To remain eligible to qualify for a JM guaranteed system, these alternates must also bear the FM Global® FM Approved diamond logo on the packaging label. The FM Approved diamond logo on the packaging label ensures the fasteners are (a) tested in accordance with FM Approvals Standard 4470 - ensuring long-term corrosion resistance; and (b) produced in FM audited manufacturing facilities for quality control. Non-JM branded fastener and plate solutions that meet these criteria require written approval from the JM Regional Technical Specialist to be eligible for issuance of a JM Peak Advantage Guarantee. At the time of the approval request, customers will be asked to submit a data sheet of the requested substitute so it can be attached to the JM guarantee file. It is important to note, however, that JM's acceptance of these fasteners within our guarantees does not imply the overall roofing system itself meets local building code requirements (i.e. Miami Dade) or has FM approval or will perform to a minimum wind uplift standard. If a project is either FM insured or requires FM approval/performance, it is the sole responsibility of the customer to gain approval directly from FM for use of these alternative materials in their projects. We will not issue guarantees for roofing systems that utilize fasteners and plates that do not meet the manufacturing origin criteria outlined herein. JM Technical Representatives will be ensuring any non-JM branded fasteners and plates meet these manufacturing origin criteria during all jobsite inspections. To be clear, we will not inspect/insure whether these substitute systems meet code or FM requirements.

We anticipate this current process and consideration will be in effect through the first quarter of 2022. Our policy will stay in place until a formal communication is published requiring the use of JM branded fasteners and plates for all projects needing a JM Peak Advantage Guarantee.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership and look forward to continued success in 2022. Please contact your JM Representative with any questions.

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