

# Post-frame Construction Tolerances

# Today's Presentation:

- History Development of "Tolerance Documents"
- Part 1 Framing Tolerances
- Part 2 Cladding and Trim Tolerances
- Where to Find these Documents
- Audience Questions and/or User Experiences

### WHY did we get "Tolerance Documents"?

1969 – Indiana: Post-Frame Builders needed support for being allowed in the building code.

1993 – Wisconsin: A lawsuit about a poorly constructed post-frame building exposed the lack of appropriate quality standards.

### Timeline

1996 Begel and Bohnhoff measure Post-Frame Buildings (Framing)

1997 ASAE Paper #974087 "Accuracy of Post-Frame Building Construction"

1998 ASAE Paper #984002 "Construction Tolerances Standard..." (Framing)

2003/04 Bohnhoff and Cockrum measure Post-Frame Cladding and Trim

2004 Paper #044113 "Quality Assessment of Metal Cladding and Trim..."

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# Part 1 – Framing Tolerances

Marshall Begel and David Bohnhoff Developed between 1993-1998

### Post-Frame "specific" features considered:

- Post Embedment Depth
- Post & Footing Concentricity
- Posts: Plumb (2 directions), Spacing, Alignment
- Building: Length & Width, Diagonal (squareness)
- Trusses: Height, Bow, Plumb
- Girts: Alignment, slope, spacing, and sag
- Also, Girders and Purlins

### Post Embedment Depth



Post embedment minimum = 90% of specified depth.

(If exceeding depth, maintain minimum preservative treatment distance above grade)

### Post and Footing Concentricity



Source: NFBA Accepted Framing Practices



No portion of a post should extend past the footing edge

# Post Plumbness

Maximum deviation distance from plumb line: 1% of Post Height Maximum slope of any post surface:

1.5% from plumb



# Post Alignment

- Spacing within 2" of the specified field spacing
- Alignment: Each post within <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" of the average
- Difference between adjacent posts is within 0.8% of the spacing between posts.



# Building Size / Post Layout

Opposing Wall Lengths: within 2" of each other

Diagonals within larger of: 2" or 0.5% of the short side



Lengths of diagonals A and B should not differ by the greater of 2 inches or 0.005 times the short side length.

Figure 6 - Criteria for acceptable degree of squareness.

#### Source: NFBA Accepted Framing Practices

#### Truss Placement



Source: NFBA Accepted Framing Practices



# Girt Placement

- Installed within 3/8" of horizontal line.
- Spacing within ½" of target
- Splices not offset by more than ¼"
- Slope 1% or less at any point
- Sag to be 0.6% of span or less



#### Source: NFBA Accepted Framing Practices

### Girder and Purlin Placement

- Girder height within 1/2" of specified height
- Adjacent Girder bearing point heights within 0.5% of spacing between bearing points
- Spacing between purlin rows within ½" of specified spacing

# Part 2 Cladding and Trim Installation Tolerances

David Bohnhoff and David Cockrum UW-Madison Developed between 2002-2005

## Metal Panel Plumbness



### Wall Panel Positioning



### **Roof Panel Positioning**

- Adjacent roof panel edges not offset more than 0.38"
  95% of offsets less than 0.24"
- Roof panel overhang shall not differ from average by more than <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

### Metal Trim Positioning

- Orientation should not vary more than 1.0% from specified
- Camber shall not exceed lesser of: 0.3% of distance between the two points or .5"



### Metal Trim Positioning



### Wall Fastener alignment

• <u>Horizontal</u>: distance between any one fastener and a 12-foot line parallel to the row does not deviate from average by more than 0.38"

Vertical offset between adjacent fasteners shall not exceed 0.38"

 <u>Vertical</u>: Distance between an individual fastener and adjacent rib/seam shall not deviate from the average by more than 0.38"

### Wall Fastener Installation

- Sealing washer to be compressed to manufacturer's recommended level
- Drive angle shall not exceed manufacturer's specified limit, or 15 degrees if no limit exists
- Penetrate wood framing to greater of 0.75" or 75% of specified embedment depth
- Fasteners missing a component necessary to proper sealing shall not be used





Figure 5 - Fastener drive angle

### Scratches

- Aggregate length of all shallow scratches shall not exceed 0.5" per foot of panelized perimeter
- Aggregate length of all deep scratches shall not exceed .25" per foot of panelized perimeter





### Scuffs and Scrapes

- Total area of all scuffs shall not exceed
  0.02 in<sup>2</sup> per foot of panelized perimeter
- Total area of all scrapes shall not exceed 0.005 in<sup>2</sup> per foot
- No single scrape shall expose more than 0.1 in<sup>2</sup> of underlying metal





### Dents

- Total number of wall dents shall not exceed 1 per 100 ft
- 1.0" maximum dimension, 0.12" maximum depth
- If paint is cracked, panel must be replaced

### Rib and Edge Kinks

 Rib kinks not allowed unless covered by another component or will not affect structural integrity



Figure 3 - Example of edge kinking.

not exceed 1 per 100 ft

Total edge kinks shall

### Cutting of Panels

- Outwardly visible panel edge shall not be field cut
- Metal chips from drilling or cutting shall be immediately removed from panel and trim
- Any metal panel or trim edge that will be visible after building completion shall not be cut with an abrasive blade

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# EXPERIENCES WITH THE TOLERANCE DOCUMENTS OR RELATED ISSUES?

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