

**INTERPRETATIVE BULLETIN F-1-77**  
**AIR INFILTRATION AT WALL-TO-WALL,**  
**WALL-TO-CEILING, AND**  
**WALL-TO-FLOOR CONNECTIONS - 3280.505(a)(2)**

Joints not designed to limit air infiltration between wall-to-wall, wall-to-ceiling, and wall-to-floor connections shall be caulked or otherwise sealed.

Where a method other than caulking is used to seal joints between major envelopes not themselves designed to limit air infiltration between wall-to-wall, wall-to-ceiling, and wall-to-floor connections, that method of sealing shall provide a level of protection against air infiltration equivalent to that which would be provided by caulking or the forming of a pressure envelope on the outside of the wall cavity.

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