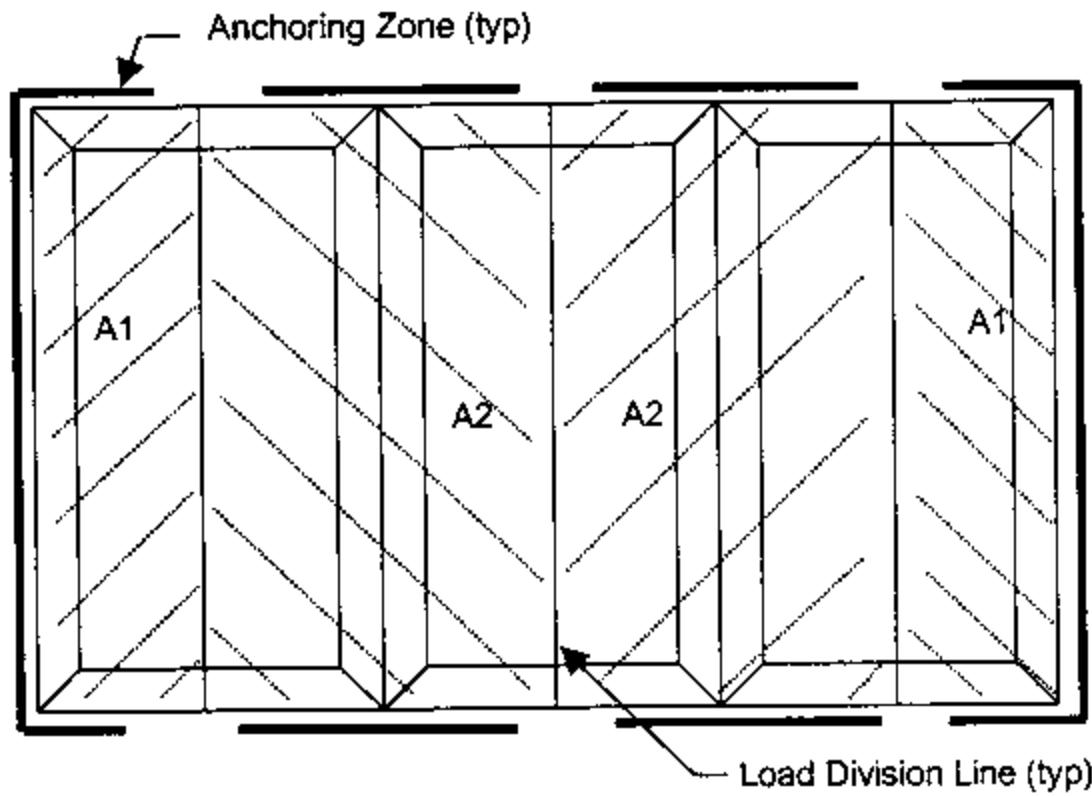


WINDOW FRAME ANCHORING

The 2001 FLORIDA BUILDING CODE requires window and door assemblies to be anchored according to the manufacturer's recommendations to achieve the design pressures specified (see Section 1707.4.4 Anchorage Methods). The sketches below represent the load paths used to calculate this anchoring.

WINDOW TYPE: Muller Triple Fixed Frame (single and double muller similar)

Load Path Sketch:



Muller Triple Fixed Frame Window

Anchoring Formula:

NA = Number of Anchors Required per Zone

P = Design Pressure (psf)

A1, A2 = Area (sq. feet) per zone

FV = Fastener Shear Value (lbs.)

NA1 = A1 * P / FV

NA2 = A2 * P / FV

Example:

72" high X 108" wide

Design Pressure = 50 psf

FV = 180 lbs.

A1 = 9 sf

A2 = 18 sf

NA1 = A1 * P / FV

NA1 = (9)(50)/180 = 2.25 (round up to 3)

NA2 = A2 * P / FV

NA2 = (18)(50)/180 = 5.0 (round up to 6)

Therefore, a minimum of 3 anchors in each zone A1 and 6 anchors in each zone A2 are required (18 total).

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