

CAVEATS USING SMA SPECIFICATIONS

The SMA provides “Guide” specifications as a service to the design, code enforcement, consultant and contracting community at no charge. They are specifically in Word format to allow for modification by the architect of record to best suit the project.

QUALITY ASSURANCE/WARRANTY:

The Stucco Manufacturers cannot offer a warranty, express or implied, on the use of SMA specifications. The installing contractor must have the expertise and knowledge to properly install a successful stucco cladding. Architects and designers are not considered stucco experts and rely on the contractor or others for guidance. This should include the plastering contractor providing a site visit and noting to the architect in writing any obvious deleterious conditions that may impact the performance of the cement stucco.

REGIONAL: The SMA recognizes there are regional practices that may vary and could be accepted. Architects are encouraged to contact your local SMA stucco manufacturer for recognized and proven variations.

BIDS: Designers and building owners should know that cement stucco is a thin, brittle shell and subject to occasional cracking. Excessive cracking is not acceptable. Obtaining a square foot price in the bid process for a “Crack Reduction System” is recommended.

A pre installation meeting during the framing on control joint layout is recommended. Moving control joints should not incur additional costs. Additional footage will incur a justified change order. A price per lineal foot is recommended to be in the bid proposal.

Specifications are always evolving. It is strongly recommended to download the most current version for the stucco assembly desired. It is the responsibility of the specification writer to adjust the specification to the project requirements. The SMA and the SMA manufacturers are available for assistance.