



## **Titan America® Masonry & Stucco Cements & Florida Code Approval**

There have recently been several instances in which Building Officials have asked for the Florida Building Code Approval number for stucco cement. It has been determined by the Product Approval Program Oversight Committee that approval numbers are not necessary or possible for this product for the following reasons:

- 1) Masonry and/or Stucco cement is a job-mixed material. Therefore, by definition, each batch could be slightly different from the previous.
- 2) Stucco is not a “stand-alone product. There are a myriad of systems to which stucco can be applied. Stucco is merely a decorative, weather-resistant finish over some other structural wall or ceiling system.
- 3) Stucco cement is already approved by the Florida Building Code, 2004 by virtue of that code’s adoption of ASTM C-926 (American Standards and Test Methods) “Standard Specification for Application of Portland Cement-Based Plaster” and all the referenced standards within, as the standard for stucco applications in the State of Florida. One of those referenced standards is ASTM C-91, “Standard Specification for Masonry Cement.” All stucco cements produced within the United States are made to meet or exceed that standard. Titan America LLC certifies that the stucco cement they produce will do so as well. A Letter of Certification is readily available from your local Titan America representative or from the Titan America Sales Coordinators at (800) 226-2057 or online at [www.titanamerica.com](http://www.titanamerica.com).
- 4) Masonry cement is already approved by the Florida Building Code, 2004, by virtue that code’s adoption of ASTM C-270 (American Standards and Test Methods) “Standard Specification for Mortar For Unit Masonry” and all the referenced standards within, as the standard for unit masonry application. Both this standard and ASTM C-91 referenced above are cited by ACI 530-02 code (“Building code Requirements For Masonry Construction”) as the reference standards for the application of unit masonry. Titan America LLC certifies that the masonry cement they produce will do so as well. All masonry cements produced within the United States are made to meet or exceed that standard. A Letter of Certification is readily available from your local Titan America representative or from the Titan America Sales Coordinators at (800) 226-2057.

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