Trends

Building Wind Performance Post-

Hurricanes Hugo (89) and Andrew (92)

(Excluding Tornadoes)

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Significant Wind Performance Improvement





Model Building Codes

 Pre-Andrew: Very Few Building Envelope Requirements

 2015 IBC and IRC: Many Envelope Requirements

ASCE 7: new Post-Andrew Provisions

- Wind-borne debris
- Topography
- Coefficients for hip, monoslope, sawtooth, multispan gable, stepped roofs, domes, open canopies
- Rooftop equipment
- Parapets
- Roof zones: 2016 revisions

New Post-Andrew Test Methods

- ASTM E 1896 glazing debris impact
- ASTM D 3679 vinyl siding
- ASTM D7158 asphalt shingles
- FMG 4470 (revised) low-slope roof
- SPRI ES-1 edge flashings
- SPRI GT-1 gutters

New Post-Andrew Design Guides

- AIA: Buildings at Risk ...
- IBHS: Fortified
- FEMA: P-55 (revised), 424, 499, 543, 550,
 577, 804
- National Research Council of Canada: NRC-IRC-16785

Improvement Implications on Complexity of Design & Construction

 Challenging for envelope designers & contractors to keep up with improvements
 & properly execute them

Vulnerability
assessment
tools, workforce
development, &
robotics

