



Focus on GIS

Most specifications across Canada make reference in section 6400 to the Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS) for their quality assurance requirements. At AWMAC we believe that “good architectural woodwork” does not happen by accident, but is the result of everyone involved in the process doing their job in a professional manner.

By also specifying the AWMAC Guarantee and Inspection Service program (GIS), the design professional has a great tool to monitor projects, making sure that work is manufactured and installed to the AWS. This program consists of inspections and reports starting with the shop drawings and ending with a final site inspection.

The GIS program continues to grow and evolve. Here are some of the latest developments:

1. The ICQ

ICQ stands for Inspection Certification Questionnaire and is one of the components of a six part procedure to certify AWMAC GIS inspectors. The ICQ takes the inspector through the six hundred page standards manual from beginning to end.

2. Requirements for members to obtain the AWMAC Guarantee

Only AWMAC Manufacturer Members are able to attain the 2 year AWMAC Guarantee. (Inspections are required for both members and nonmembers. It is recommended that nonmembers obtain a maintenance bond in lieu of the Guarantee). There are two new developments in this area. In order to obtain the Guarantee a member must now

- Complete the MSQ or Manufacturer Standards Questionnaire. This is a somewhat less daunting task than the ICQ but again takes the member through the AWS from beginning to end.
- Submit a record of temperature and humidity readings from the time the millwork is shipped to site until the project is complete.

3. Submissions and shop drawings

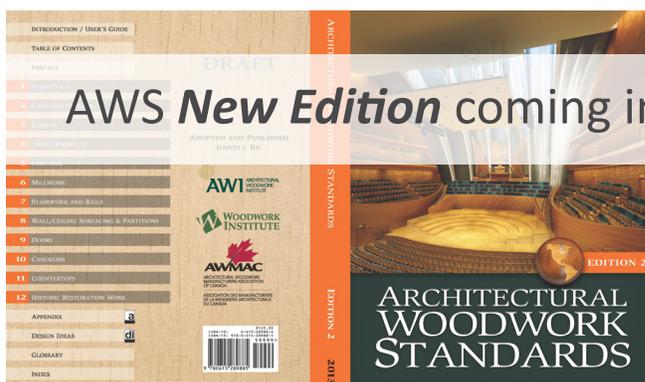
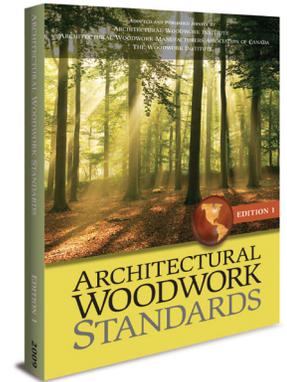
These were not clearly defined prior to the AWS 2009 edition. Now, with AWS submission standards, your shop drawings become a definitive part of the GIS procedure and you can look forward to the inspectors being more diligent upon review.

4. A new edition of the Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS)

AWMAC has been publishing quality standards since the 1960s. In 2009 AWMAC published the AWS as a joint venture with the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) and the Woodwork Institute (WI) -producing one set of standards for North America. A new edition of the AWS will be issued in 2014. Along with a total review of each standard, with updates as required, there have also been two major changes:

- The AWS has been reformatted for readability
- Each section has its own educational component complete with many new and revised illustrations

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AWS New Edition coming in 2014!

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