



TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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CODES AND LOADS

Under no circumstances should anyone *assume* the code or loads required on any given project. As the manufacturer USA must rely on our customers to confirm the proper loading for any project. This requirement not only protects USA but also our customers.

The Metal Building Manufacturers Association outlines the following in their Metal Building Systems Manual:

“The End Customer is responsible for identifying all applicable building codes, zoning codes, or other regulations applicable to the Construction Project, including the Metal Building System.”

While sometimes USA is only supplied a zip code our customers must still approve the code and loads utilized when USA, as the manufacturer, is left to assume the project requirements.

The website below can be used as a tool to *help* identify the proper codes and loads required by region:

<https://hazards.atcouncil.org/>

Regardless of how we obtain wind speeds, snow loads, collateral loads, or seismic data, at the end of the day we must rely on our customers to confirm the proper loading required on each project.

Lastly, if at any point anyone is suspect of a code requirement noted on a contract or work order you must communicate your concern with those upstream from your team to get clarification from the customer. We all know what happens when we assume something.

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