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To: Valued Buildex Customer

From: Tony Czarkowski, Technical Services Manager

Re: ACQ Treated Wood Applications

ACQ (Alkaline Copper Quaternary) pressure-treated wood is more corrosive to metal fasteners than CCA pressure-treated wood. However, during extensive laboratory testing results indicate that most of our barrier coatings appear to hold up well in ACQ treated wood applications.

We suggest the use of the following fasteners and coatings for ACQ treated wood applications:

- DEC-KING® Exterior Wood Screw with Climacoat
- Rock-On Cement Board Fasteners with Climacoat
- Tapcon® Concrete Anchor with Blue Climaseal or White Ultrashield
- Wood-To-Metal TEKS® with Grey Spex
- Grid-Mate Fasteners with Climacoat

As we continue to test other coatings and alternative preservative treatments, updates will be provided.

Due to the many variables involved, including the chemical retention level in the wood, species of wood and environmental factors, estimates of the service life of our fasteners in these applications cannot be provided. In addition, this does not change any of the terms of our existing warranty. The ITW Buildex warranty can be found at: <http://www.itwbuildex.com/BuildexWarranty.pdf>

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the Technical Services Department at (800) 323-0720 x3259.