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Building Code Hint of the Week: Garage Doors

There are two new important items relating to garage doors. First, some manufacturers of garage doors are consciously choosing to overlook footnote 'd' to Table.R301.2(4) of the **Florida Building Code, Residential**. For some garage door manufacturers, this makes the difference of whether the **door meets the pressure requirements** or not. This footnote is very important when determining the design pressure for a garage door. There must be two feet of building wall on both sides of the door for the pressure in the table to apply. Second, Section R613.4.5 requires all **garage doors to be labeled**. The label is to be placed by the manufacturer of the door, that company or person who assembles the door, and must contain the following information: the manufacturer, the garage door model/series number, the positive and negative design pressure rating, indicate impact rated if applicable, the installation instruction drawing reference number, the **Florida Product Approval** or **Miami-Dade Product Approval** number if applicable, and the applicable test standards. Further the installation instruction must be available on the jobsite.