



# National Fenestration Rating Council Bulletin

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This bulletin relates to the requirements for Air Leakage ratings published in *NFRC 400-2010\_E1A2: Procedure for Determining Fenestration Product Air Leakage* and *NFRC 700-2013\_E1A1: Product Certification Program*.

The following bulletin provides direction and clarity to the recent updated requirements to NFRC Air Leakage (AL) ratings.

The NFRC Executive Committee has approved the following for the requirement to use the updated required AL ratings ( $\leq 0.3$  for windows, skylights, and sliding glass doors and  $\leq 0.5$  for swinging doors):

- NFRC participants do not have to submit modified or revised reports with a 0.3 or 0.5 rating in accordance with the product type.
- When requested by a participant, IAs are authorized to round the values to one decimal (per NFRC 601) for AL ratings currently listed in the Certified Products Directory (CPD) and AL ratings listed in reports accepted by NFRC. New Certification Authorization Reports (CAR) must be sent to the participant as authorization of certification.
  - For example, a product line with an AL rating of 0.1 for a swinging door will be rounded and entered in the CPD as 0.5 by the IA.

The following is a status of the lab recognition process, CPD update, and deadline requirements:

1. The lab recognition process is complete and has been published in NFRC 701.11-2014. NFRC is accepting applications from non-NFRC 400 accredited laboratories for recognition to submit eligible reports with air leakage results. Fenestration manufacturers are encouraged to notify their air leakage testing laboratory of this new requirement. Review the [NFRC 701.11](#) for the laboratory recognition for Air Leakage testing process.
2. The CPD will be modified in two phases:
  - a. Phase I: The  $\leq$  symbol will be added to product line detail and public display. This update is tentatively schedule for implementation in March

2014.

- b. Phase II: On January 1, 2015, the CPD will display only AL ratings that meet the 0.3 / 0.5 requirement.

**Note: Beginning on January 1, 2015, if a product line in the CPD has an AL rating outside the required ratings, the AL listing in public search will be blank.**

3. Participants are authorized to continue to use the previous AL ratings of 0.1, 0.2, or 0.3. The deadline for Participants to have the proper AL ratings in the CPD and for use on temporary labels is January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the air leakage laboratory recognition process, please contact [Dennis Anderson](#), NFRC LAP Manager at 240-821-9514.

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