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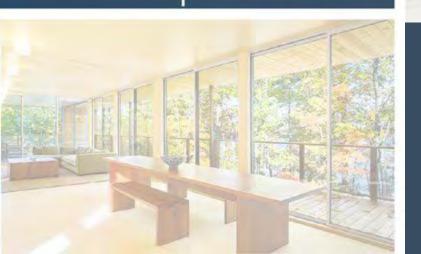
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Building Codes
 Standards
 In-Factory Compliance

**CODE COMPLIANCE FOR** 

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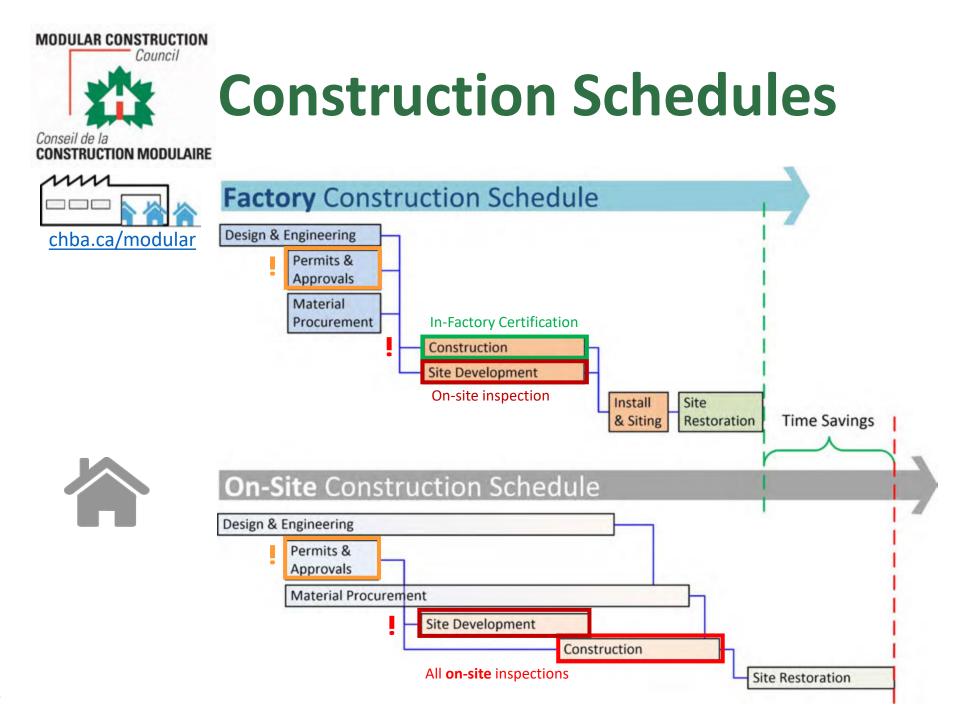
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### **Building Codes**

- Construction Process
- National Codes
- Regional Differences







## **2020 National Building Code**

CANADIAN COMMISSION OF BULDING AND FRE CODES

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#### **Division A of the NBC**

### 1.1.1.1. Application of this Code

[...]2) Except for farm buildings, this Code applies to both site-built and factory-constructed buildings. (See Note A-1.1.1.1.(2).)

- "Factory-constructed" is not defined in the NBC
- CSA A277 defines "factory" as: "a manufacturing facility that provides protection of construction materials, components, equipment, and products against adverse environmental effects during storage and fabrication."

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## **2020 National Building Code**



#### **Division C of the NBC**

#### 2.2.7.5. Off-Site Review

1) Where a building or component of a building is assembled off the building site in such a manner that it cannot be reviewed on site, <u>off-site</u> reviews shall be provided to determine compliance with this Code.



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#### CSA A277 references in building codes and regulations

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Provincial Codes – Alberta Government



#### Excerpt from National Building Code: Alberta 2019 Edition – Division C

- 2.4.5. **Off-Site Review**
- 2.4.5.1. **Factory-Built Assemblies**

**1)** Where a component of a *building* is assembled off the *building* site in such a manner that it cannot be reviewed on site, off-site reviews shall be carried out to determine compliance with this Code.

2) Except as provided in Sentence (3), factory-constructed and other off-site-constructed buildings that are constructed after 01 April 2019 shall be certified in accordance with CSA A277, "Procedure for Certification of Prefabricated Buildings, Modules, and Panels," by an organization accredited for this purpose by the Standards Council of Canada, to confirm that the building complies with the technical requirements, or objectives and functional statements, of this Code.

3) Every relocatable industrial camp *building* that is constructed after 01 April 2019 shall be certified by an organization approved for this purpose by the Provincial Building Administrator, to confirm that the building complies with the objectives and functional statements of this Code.



### **Provincial Codes – Québec**

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#### Excerpt from Quebec Construction Code: Chapter I : Building (amended)

(published in 2015)

#### DIVISION III PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS

- **1.06.** In this Division, "prefabricated building" means any building all of whose sections or panels are manufactured.
- 1.07. A prefabricated building must not be sold, rented, exchanged or acquired, <u>unless it has been certified</u> to Standard CAN/CSA-A277, "Procedure for Factory Certification of Buildings", published by the Canadian Standards Association.
- **1.08.** Every prefabricated building manufactured by a plant that has received certification by a certification organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada and whose certification seal or label attests to compliance with Standard CAN/CSA-A277, "Procedure for Factory Certification of Buildings", is deemed to be certified.





#### Ontario Regulation 451/22 - effective July 1, 2022

- recognizes CSA A277 certification for factory-built buildings
- applies to Part 3 and Part 9 occupancies
- applies to both residential and non-residential
- Includes amendments to
  - 9.1.1.9.(1) of Division B (deemed-to-comply for residential Part 9 occupancies)
  - 1.12.1.1.(1) of Division C (deemed-to-comply for Part 3)
  - 3.1.1.(2) of Division C (exempts in-factory *inspection* personnel)
  - 3.2.4.1.(3) of Division C (exempts in-factory *design* personnel)



## **Regulations – New Brunswick**

### NB Regulation under the Building Code Administration Act 2021-2 REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

#### 9 Stages of construction

(1) For the purposes of subsection 9(2) and section 10 of the Act, at least one inspection shall be made at each of the following stages of construction:

(a) on the completion of the footings and foundations, but before the commencement of any backfilling;

(b) or substantial completion of structural framing; and

(c) on completion of construction or before occupation of the building.

2) Factory-built homes, modular homes and manufactured homes that are constructed to the following standards are not subject to inspection at the stage of construction referred to in paragraph (1)(b):

(a) the National Standard of Canada CAN/CSA A277-16 Procedure for certification of prefabricated buildings, modules, and panels; and

(b) the National Standard of Canada CAN/CSA-Z240 MH Series-16 Manufactured Homes.



### **Standards/Guides**

- CSA A277
- CSA Z240 MH Series
- CSA Z240.10.1
- CSA Z250
- CSA Z252





## Standards/Guides—Administrative

#### **Compliance Assurance**

• CSA A277, Procedure for Certification of Prefabricated Buildings, Modules and Panels

**Delivery Process** 

• CSA Z250, Process for Delivery of Volumetric Modular Buildings

**Compliance Information Guide** 

 CSA Z252, "Volumetric modular construction—guide to compliance and approval processes" (Draft—currently in public review)

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#### Single-storey homes

- CSA Z240 MH Series, Manufactured homes
- Surface-mount foundations
  - CSA Z240.10.1, Site Preparation, Foundation and Installation of Buildings

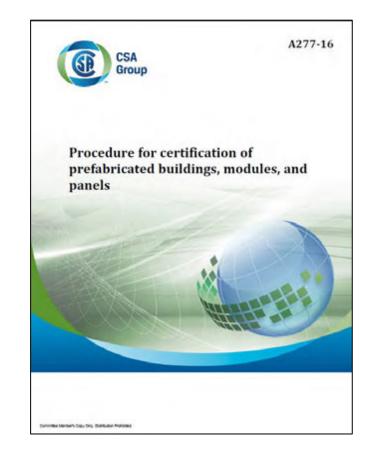




CSA A277 Procedure for Certification of Prefabricated Buildings, Modules and Panels

- Provides a framework for certification programs
- Enables conformity assessment
- Applies to residential and non-residential buildings
- Consistent with CAN/CSA-ISO 9001
- Discussed in NBC A-1.1.1.(2) Division A

CSA A277 certification may be relied on to confirm compliance



## CSA A277—Compliance Assurance



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#### **Certification to CSA A277**

#### 4.1.1 Local codes or regulations in force

Where codes or other regulations addressing building design and construction are in force at the installation location, prefabricated buildings, prefabricated modules, and prefabricated panels shall be designed and constructed to comply with those codes and regulations as applicable.

#### 4.1.2 No local codes in force

Meet National Building Code or CSA Z240 MH Series and other applicable national codes.

## **CSA A277—Compliance Assurance**

Specification sheet

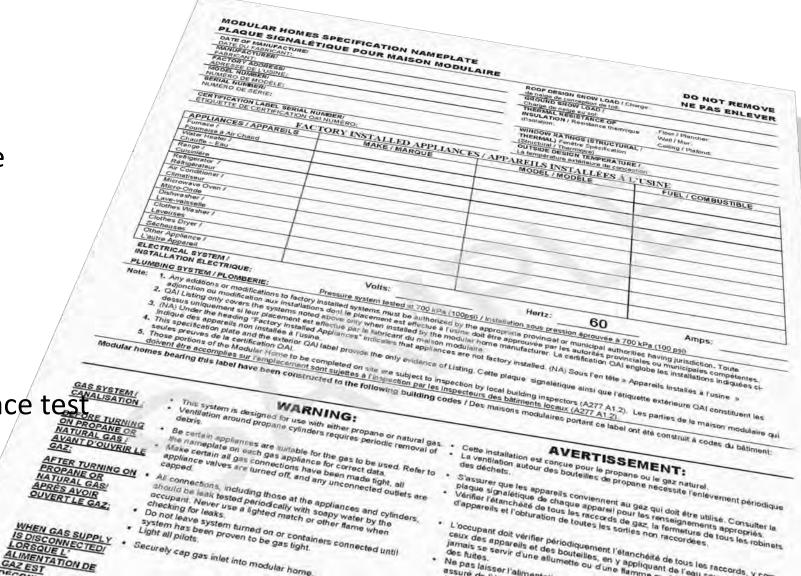
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- design snow load
- design wind pressure
- design seismic load
- capillary break
- energy efficiency
- appliances
- electrical rating
- electrical racing
   deformation-resistance test
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### CSA A277—Compliance Assurance

Application

- buildings of all types/sizes/occupancies/materials
- what is certified depends only on
  - scope of the plant certification, for example
    - Part 9 single family houses
    - all Part 9 buildings
    - Part 9 buildings and Part 3 assembly occupancy
  - certification body accreditation









CSA Group

panels

Procedure for certification of

prefabricated buildings, modules, and



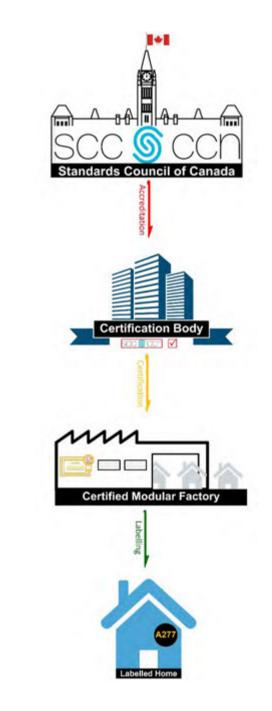


#### **Certification Bodies**

- accredited by the Standards Council of Canada
- oversee the in-plant quality process
- conduct annual audits and random inspections

#### Finding Certification Bodies for CSA A277

- ICS code used for CSA A277: **91.040.99**
- https://www.scc.ca/en/search/accredited\_bodies/91.040.99





## **CSA Z240 MH—Single-storey Homes**

Application

- single-family detached houses
- one-storey
- one or more modules
- constructed to withstand transport and installation loads
  - with inherent strength and stiffness
  - on longitudinal beam, or on a chassis
- may be installed on any code-compliant foundation

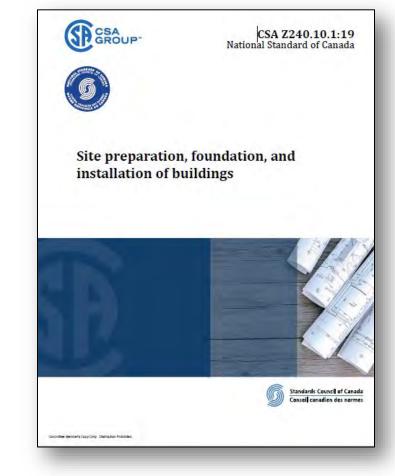




### CSA Z240.10.1—Foundations

# CSA Z240.10.1 Site Preparation, Foundation and Installation of Buildings

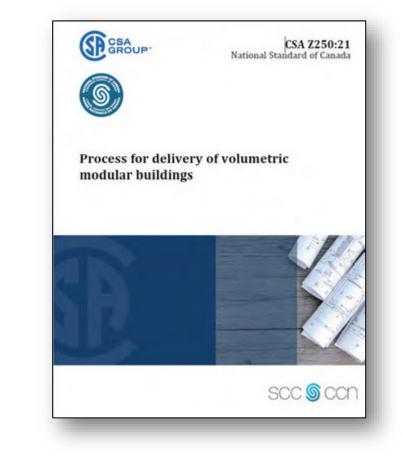
- Application and Scope
  - For buildings installed on surface-mount foundations:
    - site preparation
    - foundations
    - anchorage
    - skirting
  - For buildings on full-perimeter foundations:
    - references the NBC
  - For any multi-module building:
    - connection of modules





Process for delivery of volumetric modular buildings

- Specifies procedures for
  - design, quality control and approvals
  - logistics, transportation and storage
  - non-modular and modular sitework
  - lifting, placement and setting
  - installation and finishing
  - commissioning and handover
- Does not cover in-factory certification—this is covered in CSA A277





"Volumetric modular construction—guide to compliance and approval processes"

- Best practices for inspecting and approving modular construction projects
- Public review closes February 18, 2023
- <u>https://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/4793</u>





### In-Factory Compliance

- Code Checks
- Certification
- Quality checks





### Before we zoom into factory inspection

#### **Modular Construction**

- Built inside-out vs outside-in
- Construction process lends itsel to creating airtight building
- If change is requested, factory setting allows for a solution to k properly implemented without compromising building envelop
- Factory is temperature-controll



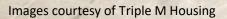
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### **In-Factory Inspections**

Factory built product is inspected by 3rd Party inspection agencies as required by the CSA A277 Quality Assurance Program





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### **In-Factory Inspections**

Modular

Home

Maison

As the label confirms the product is compliant, the local authority can concentrate only on those items completed on site.



### Documentation

Every unit built has a unique serial number assigned to it

- It identifies the unit
- Noted on all documentation of the unit
- Listed on the label for the unit

**Documentation includes** 

- Travel log with factory checklist
- Inspection and Testing completed
- Shipping Documentation

Design Documents include and not limited to:

- Roof truss design
- Floor truss design
- Ridge beam design
- Foundation details
- Plumbing schematics
- Electrical schematics and circuit locations
- Heatloss calculation
- Ventilation
- Cross sectional construction details
- Floorplans and construction drawings





### Documentation

Any change orders are documented and must follow proper process to ensure it is properly implemented

All documentation of unit when completed is stored digitally along with original copies for a minimum of 5 years

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Name	Date mc
📕 1.) Web Order	9/3/2021
2.) Quote costing sheet (if applicable)	3/24/201
📕 3.) Proposal & Confirmation out	9/10/202
📕 4.) Confirmed Order (Signed HC, Floorpla	9/16/202
5.) PCO & Communication	11/15/20
6.) Released to Production	10/15/20
7.) Customer Set	10/22/20
8.) Heat Loss	9/3/2021
9.) Service and Foundation with Calcs	9/29/202
10.) Stamped Drwg Set (if applicable)	3/24/201
📕 11.) BOM	3/24/201
📙 12.) Special Order Procurment Products	3/24/201
📙 13.) QC Checklist, Signed HC and Tests	7/19/202
📙 14.) Shipping Report Document	3/24/201
15.) Pre-Occupancy	3/24/201
📕 16.) WAWO	3/24/201
📕 17.) DPO	5/1/2017
18.) Warranty Communication	5/1/2017
📙 19.) Ship Kit Document	11/4/202





Checklist are used in factories to ensure proper procedures and processes are used and checked at each workstation

STEEL FRAMES	EMPLOYEE DOING WORK	<b>OBSERVATIONS</b>	
Check the main rails are straight			
Check they are the specified size and material			
Check that cross members, outriggers and hitch are welded			
Check all lag tabs are welded securely and in specified			
Extra lag tabs needed in Bogey area of 20 wides (Every 16			
Are the out riggers installed under bay window if needed			
Is width and Length of frame correct as per hard card?			
Actual Steel Frame			
LENGTHWIDTH			
Does this match the Hard card? YES or NO			
TRUSSES			
Actual Floor Truss HEIGHTLENGTH Does this match the Hard card? YES or NO			
Actual Roof Truss			
LENGTH HEIGHT			
Does this match the engineered drawing? YES or NO			
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Supervisor has checked the work the crew has completed			
Supervisor has checked the work the crew has completed			_

#### INSPECTION POINTS

	EMPLOYEE DOING	
FLOOR FRAMING (MANUFACTURED)	WORK	OBSERVATIONS
Check repairs to ducts are made of metal		
Have S-cleats been installed along bottom of the plenum?		
Are all main heat trunks and plenums min. 26 guage sheet		
Have all heat ducts been secured with metal straps in the		
middle of the branches as well as at the boots? (Bsmt.		
Circle R-value of insulation installed in the floor		
R-26 R28 R33 R40 Other		
Has insulation been installed between the floor joists and		
the main duct? (12 feet each side of plenum)		<u> </u>
Has belly bag material been predrilled to allow drainage of		
water out of the belly?		
Check insulation is DRY, and installed with no VOIDS		
Check floors are waterproofed in the appropriate areas		
Check under belly bag is sucured on all houses (Every 4 feet		
along joists)		
Does floor sheathing have certification stamp?		
Check floor sheathing has been glued and secured		
Pressure test waterlines before floor is sheeted at 100LBS. PSI		
for 15 minutes.		
Is floor decking staggered every 4 feet min?		
Units 20 feet and wider need belly paper strapped at the		
Has DWV system been installed as per blue prints?		
Supervisor has checked the work the crew has completed		
Quality Inspector confirms process is complete		



## In Factory Checklist

The checklist is over a 100 points and covers all parts of construction, including floor framing, wall framing, ceilings, roofing, insulation, plumbing, electrical, final finish

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FLOOR FRAMING (MANUFACTURED)	EMPLOYEE DOING WORK	<b>OBSERVATIONS</b>	PARTITIONS & PANELS	EMPLOYEE DOING WORK	OBSERVATIONS			
Have all DWV and waterline systems been checked for			Were the partitions squared while installing panels?					
certification stamp?			Are panels fastened every 8" o.c. on perimeter and glued in					
Has DWV system installed been graded and secured to meet code requirements? (MIN. 1/8 " PER FOOT)			the middle?					
Has waterline system been installed as per blue prints?			Drywall fastened 8" apart on butt joints					
Has waterline system been secured every 4 feet?			Is drywall fastened 24"o.c. in the middle of sheet?					
If the floor is built with joists, are F.F. tap waterlines			Is drywall glued on all studs in the middle of the sheet?					
installed along side of a heat duct?			When securing partitions together use min. 7 screws					
Have heat duct register holes been cut through decking as per			When securing partitions to the floor secure every 12"					
blue print?			Have partition walls been set straight (up & down)					
Have heat duct boots been stapled flush to the top of the			Has access for taps/wash center been cut out (min. 10x10)					
floor surface? (With no combustible material showing)			Has access for whirlpool been cut out (min. 16x16)					
Have all high screws or staples been removed or set flush?			has access for whitipoor been car out (init: 10x10)					
Have all flooring joints been filled and sanded smooth in								
Have waterlines, water closets and vents been cut out?								
Check only stainless steel fasteners are used on treated								
For dryers not on exterior walls, venting hole must be cut								
through floor			Supervisor has checked the work the crew has completed					
(2 story Contruction) Floor cavity between levels needs to be								
properly insulated with rigid foam and sealed to finish the								
Have waterlines been pulled up through the decking and stappled to the floor?			Quality Inspector confirms process is complete					
Was Systen Visual DVW inspection done and by who?								
Was System DVW air test been done & by who?								
Is System DVW test signed off on back of Hard card								
Supervisor has checked the work the crew has completed								
Quality Inspector confirms process is complete								

#### Inspecting incoming materials

- Materials used in homes must be approved to be used in Canada
- Purchasers, Material Receivers, and Quality Inspectors check to ensure proper certification labels are visible on the product, along with making sure they are not damaged
- Materials found to be substandard shall be tagged, and held for disposition. Supplier will be notified



Rough in Plumbing Test: Optional for Factories

- Many factories do this test voluntarily, to detect a leak immediately in the potable lines
- If factories wait to do it when unit is fully completed, very disruptive to do the repair
- Test is done once the potable lines have been in installed in the floor station
- Conduct an air test
  - System is plugged and is subjected to 100psi of air for 15 minutes
  - If pressure maintained, then there are no leaks, and unit can continue on the assembly line
  - If pressure drops, must find leak, repair, and re-test and ensure pressure holds
- Document results

### Drainage, Waste and Vent Test

- Cap all lines, then add 5psi of air into the system for 15 min and ensure there is no loss
- Alternative test is to
  - cap all lines,
  - fill entire system with water,
  - then add a 10-foot head water for 15 min.
  - Ensure no water has been lost
- Document results



### Moisture Test

Random checks will be done on lumber to ensure moisture content is acceptable and documented Electrical Tests: Insulation Resistance and Operational Tests

- Test done when unit is complete
- Insulation Resistance: Equipment used is a 3000V (AC) Dielectric tester. An AC Dielectric strength test is performed in which an AC voltage of 1080 V is applied for 1 second between all live parts and non-current carrying metal parts without breakdown occurring
- Document results



Electrical Tests: Insulation Resistance and Operational Tests

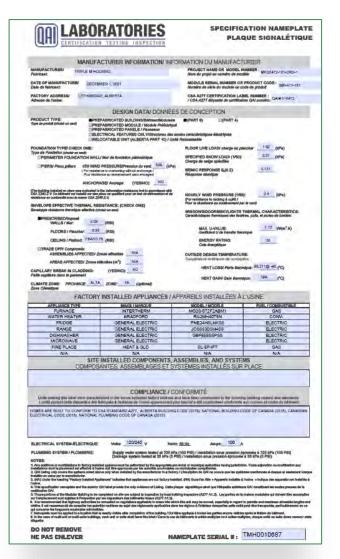
- Operational Tests
  - Test done when unit is complete
  - Continuity test is done by seeing that all the fixtures and appliances connected to them operate correctly and for receptacles a receptacle tester is used at each receptacle to determine if the receptacle circuit is continuous
  - Document results



### Final Plumbing Test

- Test done when unit is complete
- The potable water system is tested by plugging all openings and subjecting the system to air or water at 100 psi for 2 hours with leakage or loss of pressure
- Document results







### Labelling Unit

- Inspectors do a final walk, look at entire unit, and "red-tag" any cosmetic deficiencies that do not visually meet quality standard
- Inspectors review all documentation to ensure if any repairs were required, they were done correctly, and all testing documents are competed
- If unit is acceptable, label is placed on the electrical panel along with unit information (specification plate), and any other information required by the end user
- As the label confirms the product is compliant, the local authority can concentrate only on those items completed on site



### Summary

Every building must meet local code requirements

CSA A277 certification may be relied on to confirm compliance of buildings, modules and panels built off-site with local requirements

Factory-construction offers distinct benefits



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