

#### **TB1881**

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Parex USA only allows the adhesion of any of our EIF systems to Parex USA WeatherTech products or directly to approved substrates as listed in the specific system specifications.

Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) are assemblies of components (a system) that is manufactured and/or supplied by a single manufacturer. The performance of EIFS always depends on the contributions of the various component materials that are incorporated into the system as specified by the manufacturer. Changing one component material can change the performance of the system.

This has long been recognized by EIFS industry members and code compliance agencies, and for this reason, code compliance of EIFS is evaluated based on a specific combination of materials and system tests. Fire-resistant-rated and EIFS assemblies for noncombustible construction are recognized for building code compliance based on the actual materials and configurations tested.

Mixing materials from different manufacturers in the same assembly is not permitted since the resulting EIFS is no longer a tested system. Also, when this occurs, neither manufacturer can provide a warranty.

In summary, all products used to construct EIFS on a given project should be manufactured or supplied by a single EIFS manufacturer as part of a system of integrated products, in fact, using untested substitutes can result in unknown and, in some cases, very serious performance deficiencies. Therefore, adhesive attachment to weather resistive barriers other than a Parex USA product is not permitted.

If product from another source is currently installed, the System must be mechanically fastened.

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