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**Inspection of EIFS**

**Code:** 2018 NC Residential Code

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**Section:** R703.9

**Question:**

Is a special inspection required on Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS)?

**Answer:**

Yes, the inspection would need to be certified by a design professional or a certified installer stating that the EIFS was installed as required by manufacturer's installation requirements and Section R703.9. The NC Building Code Council ruled that exterior finishes could be installed prior to the framing inspection; so, it may not be possible for the local inspector to verify the installation and historically there have been issues with EIFS in North Carolina. Also, there are often specific manufacturer installation instructions that apply.

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