

QUALITY ASSURANCE OPTIONS

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Special Notice (continued)

Within Section 10:

Expansion of Exposed Surface definitions into Exposed Exterior Surfaces **and** Exposed Interior Surfaces, to better define the proper use of exposed materials.

Expansion of the grain or pattern direction of cabinet face components by Grade.

Please Note these Specific Changes within AWS, Section 10:

Glass clips, in lieu of a continuous stop, are now allowed at Custom Grade (see page 272, Item 4.4.6.10.4.1.1).

The *Manual of Millwork's* use of Cabinet Construction Nomenclature (Style A Frameless / Style B Face-frame, and Type I Multiple self-supporting units / Type II single length unit), have been replaced with:

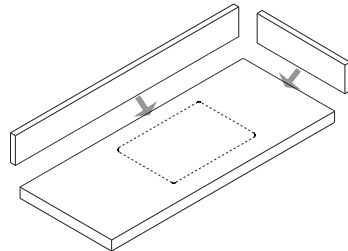
Construction TYPE A - Frameless construction and TYPE B - Face-frame construction.
Cabinet and door INTERFACE STYLE 1 - Overlay or STYLE 2 - Flush Inset.

(See pages 250-251; Items 1.2.17 and 1.2.18)

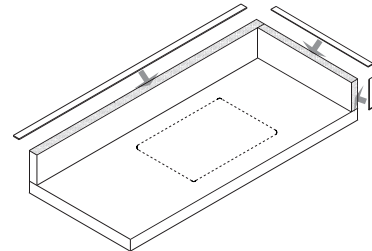
As is the case with most collaborations, not everyone gets all of what they want. Although the Institute is very pleased with the *Architectural Woodwork Standards* as published, there are a few particular areas of concern that the Institute believes need to be brought to the attention of all design and specification professions.

High Pressure Decorative Laminate (HPDL) Tops

The AWS now provides for two methods of HPDL countertop splash assembly which, regardless of Grade, become manufacturer's option if not otherwise specified:



ASSEMBLY 1
Wall Mount, Jobsite Assembled



ASSEMBLY 2
Deck Mount, Manufacturer Assembled

It is the Institute's position that you should always specify ASSEMBLY 2.

Laboratory Casework

The *Architectural Woodwork Standards* does not include a specific Laboratory Grade; however, AWS Custom or Premium Grade can be modified by plans and specifications for laboratory use.

Such modifications may include: Chemical Resistance which will specify that Exposed Vertical Surfaces and Semi-Exposed surfaces meet the requirements of the one hour chemical resistance test as found in the appendix of the AWS. Water resistant cabinet bases and all other materials within 3 inches of the floor shall be solid wood, water resistant MDF, or exterior plywood. Removable backs at base cabinets and mechanical chase provisions. Core material at sink cabinets should be water resistant particle board or MDF. Core material at laminated plastic countertops should be water resistant particleboard, MDF, or exterior grade hardwood plywood with a non-telegraphing grain, and drip groove with sealer.