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37/3-UU 7204 Spruce Avenue  
(Takoma Park Historic District)

Windows - Historic?  
Mr. Nicholas Stammfelder  
Match @ internet -

or are you changing  
anything

Why are you replacing  
condition

cell: (443) 857 9539

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DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES

Douglas M. Duncan  
County Executive

Robert C. Hubbard  
Director

HISTORIC AREA WORK  
PERMIT

IssueDate: 11/21/2002

Permit No: 290369  
Expires:  
X Ref:  
Rev. No:

Approved With Conditions

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT: COLIN NORMAN  
7204 SPRUCE AVE  
TAKOMA PARK MD 20912

HAS PERMISSION TO: ALTER

PERMIT CONDITIONS: Replace the proposed windows with simulated true divided lites with an exterior wood grill; 2/2 windows will be on the second story with 6/1 on the first story, except for the 1 lite casement window located in the kitchen.

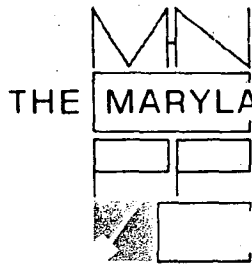
PREMISE ADDRESS 7204 SPRUCE AVE  
TAKOMA PARK MD 20912-0000

LOT P1 BLOCK 8 PARCEL ZONE R-60  
LIBER ELECTION DISTRICT PLATE GRID  
FOLIO SUBDIVISION  
PERMIT FEE: \$0.00 TAX ACCOUNT NO.:

HISTORIC MASTER: Y  
HISTORIC ATLAS: Y

HISTORIC APPROVAL ONLY  
BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED

Director, Department of Permitting Services



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

Date: 11/13/02

MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM: Gwen Wright, Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Section

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval of Application/Release of  
Other Required Permits

HAWP # 37/3-02UU  
DPS 290369

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) of approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit from the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) at 255 Rockville Pike, second floor, in Rockville. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by DPS before work can begin.

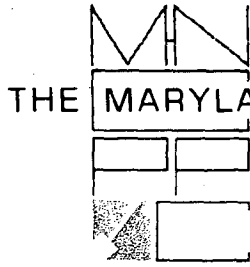
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If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 301-563-3400.

Please also note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DPS/Field Services at 240-777-6210 or online @ [permits.emontgomery.org](http://permits.emontgomery.org) of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience and good luck with your project!

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Robert Hubbard, Director  
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SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit

HAWP # 3713-02UU  
DPS # 290369

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for an Historic Area Work Permit. This application was:

           Approved

Approved with Conditions: Replace the proposed windows with simulated true divided lites with an exterior wood grill; 2/2 windows will be on the second story with 6/1 on the first story, except for the 1-lite casement window located in the kitchen.

and HPC Staff will review and stamp the construction drawings prior to the applicant's applying for a building permit with DPS; and

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT (HAWP).

Applicant: Colin & Anne Norman

Address: 7204 Spruce Avenue, Takoma Park

and subject to the general condition that, after issuance of the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) permit, the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County DPS Field Services Office at 240-777-6210 or online @ [permits.emontgomery.org](http://permits.emontgomery.org) prior to commencement of work and not more than two weeks following completion of work.



DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES  
2 ROCKVILLE PIKE, 3RD FLOOR, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850  
240/777-8370

DPS - #0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
301/563-3400

APPLICATION FOR  
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Person: ANNE NORMAN  
Daytime Phone No.: (202) 939 3399

Tax Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Property Owner: COLIN & ANNE NORMAN Daytime Phone No.: (202) 939 3399  
Address: 7204 SPRUCE AVE. TAKOMA PARK 20912  
Street Number City State Zip Code

Contractor: RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN Phone No.: 301 913 0100  
Contractor Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent for Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lot: Pc. 1 & 2 Block: 8 Subdivision: LIPSCOMB AND FARNEST TRUSTEES' ADDITION TO TAKOMA PARK  
Libert: \_\_\_\_\_ Folio: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Alter/Remove
- Move
- Install
- Wreck/Retire
- Revision
- Repair
- Revocable

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- A/C
- Slab
- Room Addition
- Porch
- Deck
- Shed
- Solar
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- Woodburning Stove
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I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

ANNE NORMAN  
Signature of owner or authorized agent

13 October 2002  
Date

Approved: [Signature] For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission  
Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/13/02  
Application/Permit No.: 290369 Date Issued: 10/18/02 Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

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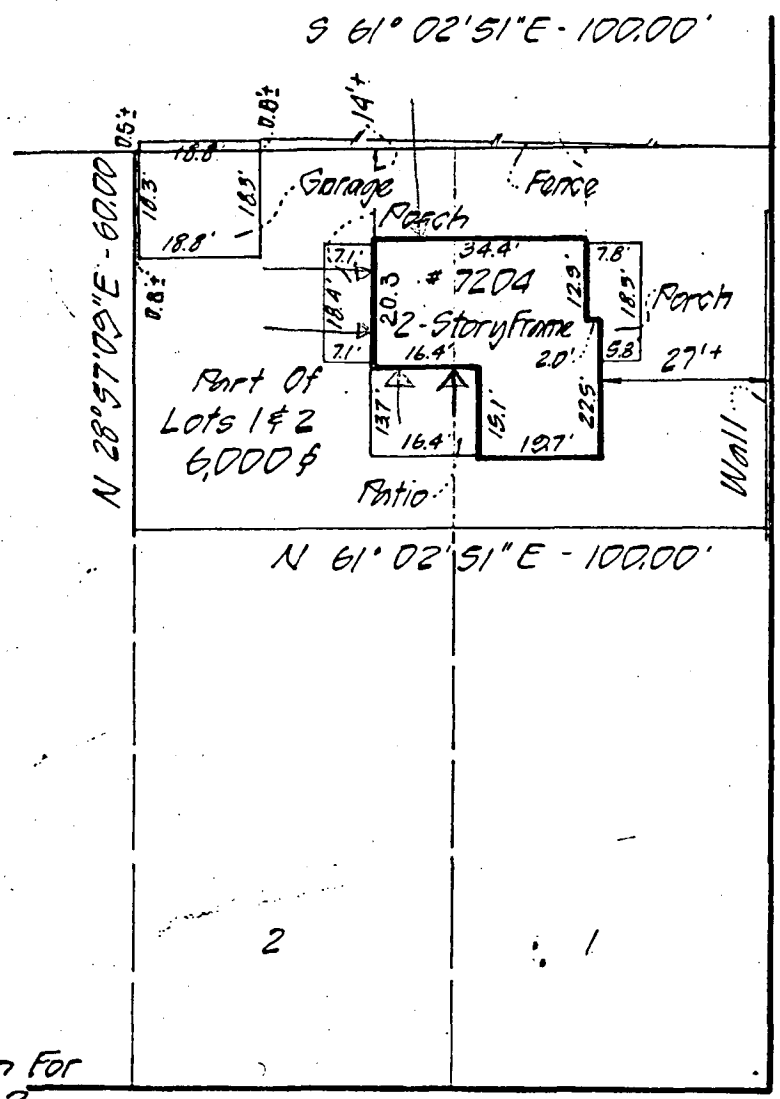
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IRIS GORMAN  
7206 SPRUCE AVENUE  
TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912



NOTE: This survey for title purposes only - not to be used for determining property lines. Property corner Markings not guaranteed by this survey.

LOCATION OF WINDOWS TO BE REPLACED  
MARKED BY ARROWS



SPRUCE AVENUE  
50'  
FORMERLY POPPLAR AVENUE

TULIP AVENUE  
50'

House Location For  
PART OF LOT 1 & 2  
BLOCK 8  
LIPSCOMB & EARNEST,  
TRUSTEES  
ADDITION TO TAKOMA  
PARK  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE POSITION OF ALL THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ESTABLISHED BY A TRANSIT-TAPE SURVEY AND THAT UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN, THERE ARE NO ENCROACHMENTS.

*Jefferson D. Lawrence*  
JEFFERSON D. LAWRENCE  
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR  
REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR MARYLAND #5216

**REFERENCES**

PLAT BK. *W*  
PLAT NO. *46*  
LIBER  
FOLIO

**ANDJON ASSOCIATES**

PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR  
LAND PLANNING CONSULTANTS

11748 ASHWORTH COURT  
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND 20767  
(301) 428-0481

DATE OF SURVEYS  
WALL CHECK  
HSE. LOC.: 8-7-76  
BOUNDARY:  
SCALE: 1" = 30'  
DRAWN BY: *B.A.*  
JOB NO.: *91176*

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**

<b>Address:</b>	7204 Spruce Avenue	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11/13/02
<b>Applicant:</b>	Colin & Anne Norman	<b>Report Date:</b>	11/06/02
<b>Resource:</b>	Takoma Park Historic District	<b>Public Notice:</b>	10/30/02
<b>Review:</b>	HAWP	<b>Tax Credit:</b>	Yes
<b>Case Number:</b>	37/3-02UU	<b>Staff:</b>	Corri Jimenez
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Window Replacement		
<b>RECOMMEND:</b>	Approve with conditions		

**CONDITION**

1. Replace the proposed windows with simulated true divided lites with an exterior wood grill; 2/2 windows will be on the second story with 6/1 on the first story, except for the 1-lite casement window located in the kitchen.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**SIGNIFICANCE:** Contributing Resource  
**STYLE:** Colonial Revival  
**DATE:** 1915-25

**PROPOSAL**

The applicant proposes to:

1. Replacing six true divided lite, double hung windows on the rear and side of an enclosed 2-story sleeping porch. One Andersen 2/2 simulated true divided lite window will be installed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story on the north side. Three Andersen 2/2 non-simulated true divided lites windows will be added to the rest of the story, which will not be visible from the street. On the first story, one 6/1 Andersen non-simulated true divided lite window, which will not be visible to the public right-of-way, will be installed adjacent to a 1-lite casement window. The building materials of all the windows are a composite wood-vinyl composite called "Fibrex," which has a wood facing (see Circle 15-20).

## STAFF DISCUSSION

7204 Spruce Avenue is a Contributing resource to the Takoma Park Historic District as a 2-story Colonial Revival farmhouse. The house has been altered with the enclosure of a sleeping porch on the west, as well as adding smaller additions on many of the rear and side elevations.

The applicant proposes to replace six windows on the south and west elevations. According to the applicant, these windows are in bad condition, although staff did not get the opportunity to review them. All of the windows in the house appear to have been replaced at a later time, and may have been originally 2/2 double hung wood windows. Older windows are visible on the second story of the house (see Circle 10). It is unclear if the visible 2/2 windows are original or reused, but appear to match the house's architectural style and other properties in the historic district. The rear west elevation of the house was once a 2-story sleeping porch, which was enclosed in the 1940s and it was at that time when these windows were added. 2/2 double hung windows are being proposed for the second story with 6/1 double hung windows on the first story and the window material is known as "Fibrex," a wood/vinyl composite (see Circle 15-20). One window facing the street is proposed to be a 2/2 simulated true divided lite, which overlooks the driveway on the north side. The rest of the windows are proposed to be non-simulated with encapsulated muntins. A casement 1-lite window will be added over the kitchen on the first floor and is smaller than the other 6/1 double hung windows (see Circle 11).

Staff approves the project overall with the condition that all the windows be simulated true divided lites with an exterior wood grill. Non-simulated true divided lite windows are not approved by the HPC as replacements, and Staff concurs with this because the windows will not be visually compatible with the rest of the elevation. In regards to the use of "Fibrex" as a chosen window material, Staff does not have an opinion and is unfamiliar with the building material as a whole. The Takoma Park Historic District Guideline accepts new building materials "on a case-by-case basis" for contributing resources, particularly if not visual from the public right-of-way.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission *approve with conditions* the HAWP application as being consistent with Chapter 25A-8(b) 1:

The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district.

and with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards #7*:

New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

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240777-8370

DPS - #0

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AN Norman  
Signature of owner or authorized agent

13 October 2002  
Date

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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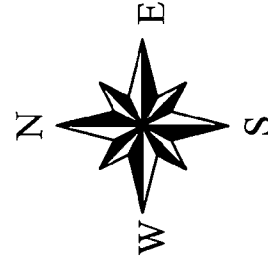
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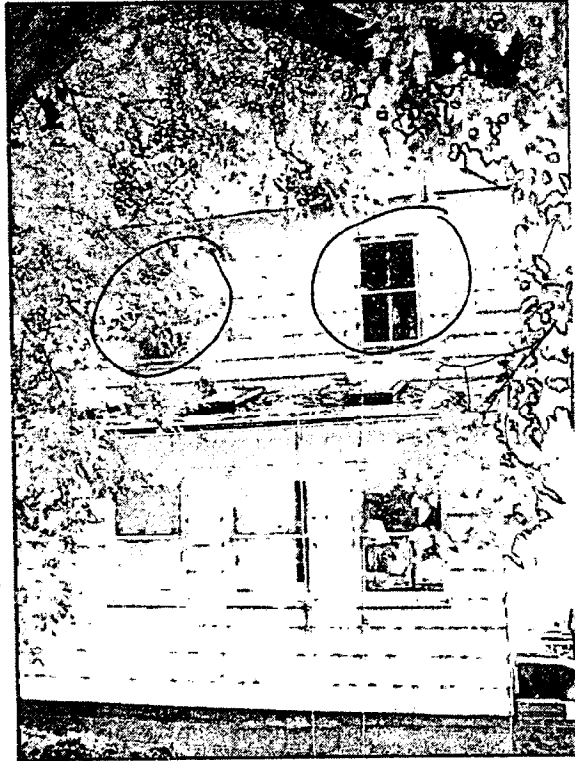
# Takoma Park Historic District



FRONT VIEW

(No replacements planned)





REAR VIEW  
(WEST)



NORTH  
SIDE  
VIEW



SIDE VIEW  
(SOUTH)

WINDOWS TO BE  
REPLACED ARE  
CIRCLED



SIDE  
VIEW  
(SOUTH)

KITCHEN  
WINDOWS  
(both to be  
replaced)  
I will be a  
6/1, non simulated  
true divided like  
with a smaller  
like casement  
window.

# Renewal by Andersen®

Window and Patio Door Replacement



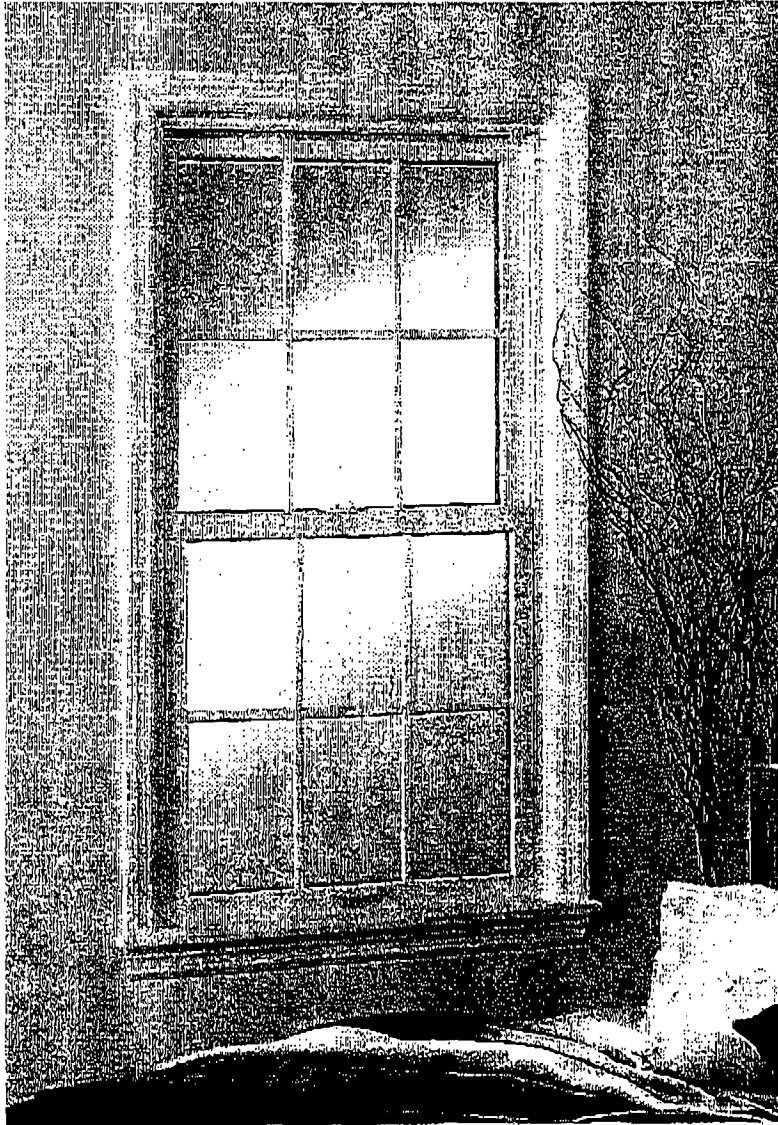
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## SPECIFICATIONS AND TECHNICAL MANUAL

**Double-Hung Replacement Windows**

A double-hung window consists of two vertically sliding sash in a single frame. Both sash are counterbalanced by a spring-powered block-and-tackle balance concealed behind side jamb covers. Tilt latches for each sash allow inward tilting for easy cleaning. Upper and lower sash are securely closed by use of a cam-type sash lock. A full insect screen is installed into the outside track.

**ADVANTAGES**

- Both sash can be operated for ventilation at top and bottom of window.
- Both sash can be tilted inward for easy cleaning.
- Patented Fibrex™ composite material is stronger than vinyl, allowing more glass area.
- Fibrex material with low-maintenance capstock gives a rich, low-luster finish to sash and frame, similar to painted wood.
- Smooth radius surfaces on frame and sash are pleasing to the eye and easier to clean.
- Mortise-and-tenon appearance on interior sash corners gives a hand-crafted traditional look.
- Full-perimeter bulb weatherstrip provides superior weathertightness while still allowing easy sash operation.
- Sash are counterbalanced by a spring-powered block-and-tackle balance concealed inside the side jamb and matched to the weight of every sash.

**APPLICATIONS**

- Excellent choice for homes and condominiums where traditional styling is important; appropriate for many restoration projects.
- Suitable in areas facing walkways, decks and other traffic areas because sash do not project outward.
- Convenient in areas where the sash need to be cleaned from the interior.
- Visually compatible with other Renewal by Andersen® product.



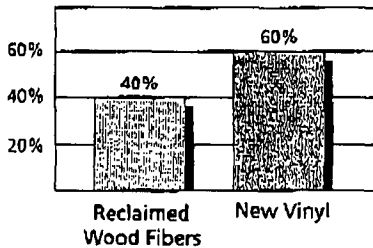
Keep in mind that window manufacturers voluntarily test their products for performance and durability. It's important for customers to look for and ask for specific compliance to established test standards to make sure they are getting accurate, reliable information. Renewal by Andersen® products are tested thoroughly, and the results are referenced throughout this manual.

### How Windows and Window Components are Tested

Several professional, nonpartisan national associations have established test standards to accurately and consistently measure the relationship of products and materials to performance. They include the following:

- AAMA/WDMA—American Architectural Manufacturing Association / Window and Door Manufacturing Association
- ANSI—American National Standards Institute
- ASTM—American Society of Testing Materials
- NFRC—National Fenestration Rating Council
- CAN / CSA—Canadian Standards Association

#### FIBREX™ COMPOSITE MATERIAL



### Fibrex™ Composite Material

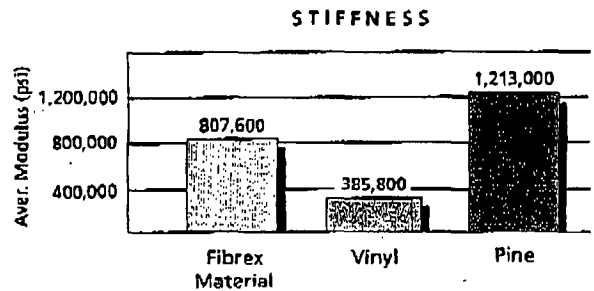
Renewal by Andersen windows are made of our exclusive Fibrex material. Developed by Andersen, it is a composite blend of reclaimed (not recycled) and new vinyl and wood that provides excellent strength, durability and low maintenance.

Window materials are exposed to many atmospheric elements such as wind stress, moisture, and temperature extremes. The following data demonstrates how Fibrex material performs under these elements.

### STIFFNESS

Modulus is the scientific term for a material's stiffness. The higher the number, the stiffer the material. The average modulus for Fibrex material is twice the average for vinyl, making it a far more stable and rigid material for windows. And though wood's average stiffness is higher, it is far less predictable than Fibrex material since wood possesses natural variations such as grain, knots, pitch pockets, and moisture content. All of which means we can make our window frames and sash narrower than competitive windows gaining more glass area and light from the same size opening.

The graph below demonstrates the superiority of Fibrex material over other materials.



**Material Strength.** Fibrex material offers excellent long-term stability and durability. The Modulus far surpasses vinyl and approaches that of pine.



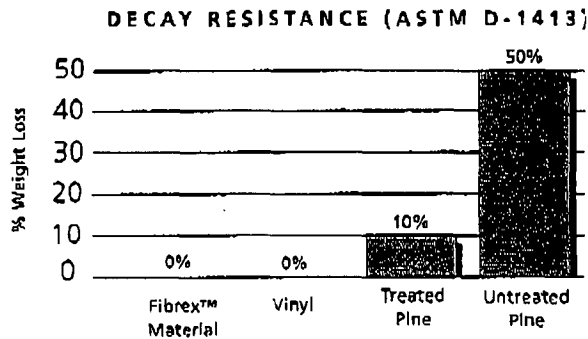
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**DECAY RESISTANCE**

Eventually, without maintenance, even treated wood can be subject to decay. Fortunately, Fibrex™ composite material is not. Our special composite formulation surrounds and coats each wood fiber in the manufacturing process, providing resistance to rot. And windows made of Fibrex material are warranted not to flake, rust, blister, peel, crack, pit or corrode.\*

\*See the Limited Warranty for Renewal by Andersen® Products and Services.

The change in the mass of material is measured according to ASTM D-1413, which demonstrates that Fibrex material is comparable to vinyl in resistance to decay.

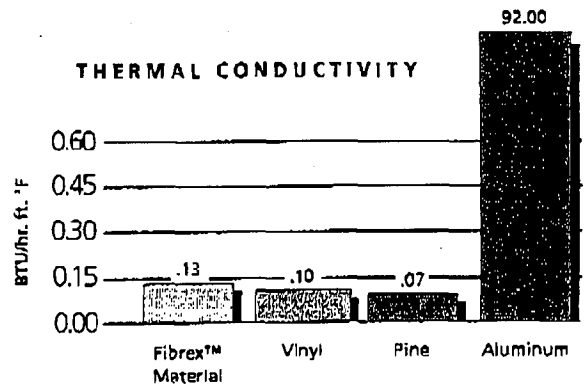


**Decay Resistance.** Our special polymer formulation surrounds and coats each wood fiber in our Fibrex manufacturing process providing long term resistance to rotting, chipping, peeling, or blistering.

**THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY**

Fibrex composite material has a very low thermal conductivity ratio—or in other words, excellent insulating properties—that put it on a par with pine or vinyl. Unlike aluminum, windows made of Fibrex material will resist the effects of cold and heat.

Insulating efficiency is measured by the amount of heat transferred or conducted through a material. A lower value means less transfer and greater insulating efficiency.



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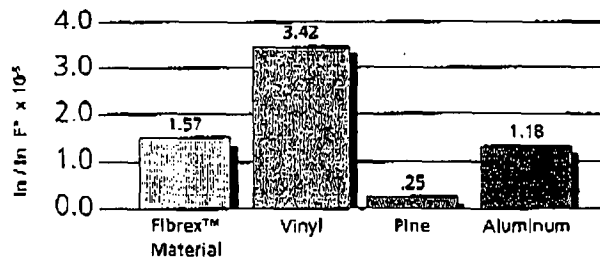


**THERMAL EXPANSION**

Thermal expansion is the degree to which a given material expands and contracts with changes in temperature. Pine has a very low thermal expansion rate. With a rate of 1.57, Fibrex™ material, like aluminum expands and contracts very little. Vinyl, however, with a thermal expansion rate of 3.42, may expand and contract markedly, resulting over time in bowing, cracks and, possibly, leakage of air and water. Darkening the color of a material can also increase its surface temperature and make the material more likely to expand. This color change greatly affects vinyl, but does not affect Fibrex material.

In testing expansion rates, the smaller value indicates the least change to the material.

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Thermal Expansion. Fibrex material has a very low rate of expansion due to temperature (1.57 x 10<sup>5</sup> in/in F°) similar to that of aluminum (1.18 x 10<sup>5</sup> in/in F°). Hollow vinyl, however, (3.42 x 10<sup>5</sup> in/in F°) expands and contracts markedly, which, over time can result in bowing, cracks, and eventually, leakage of air and water.



# Fibrex™ Material

A better alternative, a better window

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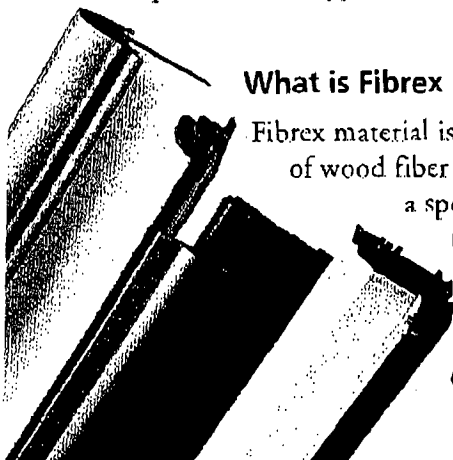
BY ANDERSEN  
window replacement

## Reinventing the window

It used to be that all windows were made of wood. Beautiful, durable, and a great insulator, wood was the material of choice for homeowners. But over the decades, changes in consumer needs led Andersen Corporation to search for new materials with which to make windows. Andersen pioneered the use of vinyl in windows in the 1960s when we introduced our low-maintenance Perma-Shield® cladding for wood windows. Andersen's experience in working with vinyl and in designing windows has led us to recognize the limitations of vinyl.

## Introducing Fibrex™ material

After years of intensive research and development that include over two dozen patents, Andersen introduces Fibrex™ material—a revolutionary composite that combines the strength and stability of wood with the low-maintenance features of vinyl. Revolutionary in every sense of the word, Fibrex material not only consistently performs to exacting specifications, but saves raw materials by utilizing reclaimed wood fiber from our 65-acre Andersen Corporation manufacturing operations in Bayport, Minnesota.

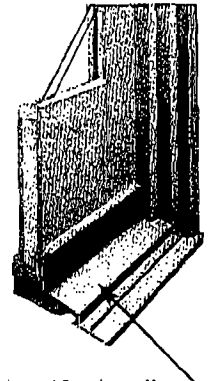


### What is Fibrex material?

Fibrex material is a blend of wood fiber and a specially formulated thermoplastic polymer. Over seven

years in development, Fibrex material is a whole family of materials—each formulation customized to meet the unique needs of many window products and components. For Renewal by Andersen windows, we incorporate over 40% reclaimed materials from our other window manufacturing operations into the formulation.

The first Fibrex material part used in an Andersen product was the sill support for our Frenchwood® hinged patio door. This part, shown in the photo at right, makes use of 100% reclaimed materials. Incorporated into the patio door in 1993, the Fibrex material sill support has performed exceptionally well in this demanding role.



Andersen® Frenchwood® Hinged Patio Door cross section with a Fibrex material sill support.

## The "material" difference

Renewal by Andersen™ replacement windows made of Fibrex material offer several clear advantages.

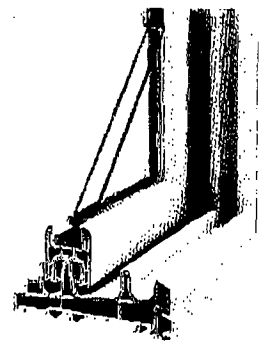
**Strength** - Because Fibrex material is strong we can make our sash and frames narrower and allow up to 20% more glass area than many competitor's windows.

**Insulation** - Fibrex material has superior thermal insulating properties which, combined with Andersen High Performance™ glass, help keep your home warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

**Low Maintenance** - Since Fibrex material never needs scraping or painting, your windows will continue to look beautiful for years to come.

This "material" difference makes Renewal by Andersen windows the best replacement windows you can buy.

*"Fibrex™ material is revolutionary in every sense of the word"*



Renewal by Andersen Fibrex material Gliding Window corner section.

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# Engineered Wood

## Seeing Increased Industry Demand

Advances in adhesives technology, manufacturing processes, and wood science have led to some significant performance enhancements

By E.L. (Pete) Walker, J.M. Huber Engineered Woods

Advances in materials, designs, and manufacturing have produced a generation of fenestration products that substantially outperform those that were produced as little as 10 years ago. Products are more energy efficient, more durable, more weathertight, more secure, and easier to operate than ever. And, they deliver all of this while requiring less maintenance from the consumer than ever before.

Substantial advances in the materials used in nearly every component of a window, door, or skylight have provided manufacturers the ability to produce this generation of better performing products. Material advances have been made in glass, metals, and plastics. Perhaps nowhere have the changes been more pronounced than in one of the oldest materials used in the industry—wood.

Manufacturers have expanded into a wide variety of species utilized in the production of wood windows and doors. This has been driven by a variety of factors, including the need to maintain quality of supply in the face of greater reliance on new-growth timber, the need to control escalating wood costs, and the desire to produce better-performing, more durable wood window and door products.

Better growing and harvesting methods, combined with improved milling, drying, and treating techniques, have produced some improvements in solid lumber components. Improvements in finger-jointing and adhesives technology have helped improve yields in wood component usage. But perhaps the greatest advances in wood components have been made in the area of engineered wood products.

The idea of somehow improving on wood has been around a long time, perhaps as long as wood itself. Coatings, treatments, and other methods have been employed in a variety of unique ways over the years to accomplish that objective. What is new are the advances made in the last few years in engineered wood products technology.

The concept is simple. Take a piece of wood and "reconfigure" it to deliver a specific set of properties that enhance

its performance in one, or several, designated areas. Over the years, a variety of methods have been employed to accomplish this. Everything from simply gluing two pieces of wood together to enhance strength or achieve a larger dimensional piece to more sophisticated, multi-layered laminating (plywood, laminated lumber, etc.) to increase strength and stiffness, achieve greater size, support greater loads, or achieve other specific objectives.

Today's engineered wood products benefit from significant advances in adhesives technology, wood forming, content utilization and control, advances in manufacturing techniques and capabilities, and an even greater understanding in wood science that have produced some remarkable performance enhancements. Significant research and development within the industry has culminated in a wide variety of new products being available not only to window and door manufacturers, but to the furniture, cabinet, transportation, and construction industries as well.

### WHAT ARE ENGINEERED WOOD PRODUCTS?

The term "engineered wood products" refers to wood-based products that are combined with various resins,

➤ An engineered wood product can be manufactured to provide the specific properties you are looking for.

glues, and adhesives to produce solid wood substitutes. "Engineered" implies being designed to meet a specific task. The product is engineered within specific strength and durability parameters to achieve optimum efficiency for a specific end use.

Engineered wood products are composites. They combine a variety of different materials with wood fiber to pro-

duce a product that is as strong or stronger than the traditional material being replaced. Just as different species of wood are recognized as more desirable than others for given jobs, different engineered wood products are designed for specific types of applications.

Engineered wood products encompass a number of product types. One of the larger and better known categories is laminated veneer lumber (LVL). This type of product is used for everything from headers and long laminated wood beams in construction to window jamb parts, door stiles, and other fenestration components. Other engineered wood categories include laminated-strand lumber and oriented-strand lumber, which encompass everything from oriented-strand board (OSB) building panels to structural composite lumber (SCL) products utilized throughout the millwork industry.

This last category of product is finding ever-increasing use in the residential construction industry and industrial markets (including millwork applications), where it has become the product of choice, largely replacing plywood in many applications.

What distinguishes an engineered wood product from other manufactured wood products such as MDF (medium density fiberboard) and particle board is that engineered wood products are designed/engineered/produced to provide certain structural properties, while the basic manufactured wood products have little or no true structural charac-

teristics. They are merely wood fibers pressed together with resins to form a board or other shaped product. While these types of manufactured wood products have applications in the fenestration industry, their lack of strength limits their utility as a solid wood replacement.

#### **BENEFITS FOR MANUFACTURE IS**

Why would a manufacturer use an engineered wood product? What benefits do they provide? An engineered wood product can be produced (engineered) to deliver a specific set of properties. Say you wanted greater stiffness, enhanced screw-holding capabilities, greater water resistance, enhanced dimensional stability, more flexibility, or other specific properties. An engineered wood product can be manufactured to provide the specific properties you are looking for in your component and finished product.

Because engineered wood products are a manufactured product, they can be made to specific sizes, densities, etc. They also can provide consistent product quality and uniformity with no low-density pockets, core voids, or defects common to conventional lumber and plywood products. This provides the manufacturer with improved yields and greatly reduced waste, as virtually 100 percent of the product is usable.

Depending on the product and the manufacturer, engineered wood can deliver the best of wood's qualities, such as easy machining, strength, and screw-holding capability.

FRONT VIEW

(No replacements planned)





SIDE VIEW  
(SOUTH)

WINDOWS TO BE  
REPLACED ARE  
CIRCLED



SIDE  
VIEW  
(SOUTH)

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REAR VIEW  
(WEST)



NORTH  
SIDE  
VIEW