

Architect, specifier &  
contractor **Guide to  
SAF Panel  
Systems.**







### Architectural Panel Systems for any project...

Wet Seal or Dry, SAF offers both aluminum metal panels and well-known, brand name ACM (Aluminum Composite Material) panel systems. Choose from a large selection of standard colors including metallic finishes, or an almost limitless array of factory-applied custom colors. SAF glazed and rain screen systems come with time-tested securing systems.

By using a pre-engineered system approach, SAF can quickly design and fabricate a panel and extrusion system that is easy to install, enabling smooth work flows on the job site.

ACM quality-to-price ratio is extremely favorable when compared to materials such as marble, granite, brick and pre-cast. Weighing less than 1.5 lbs./sq. ft., installation goes quickly. ACM is fused under tension to resist deflection and provide maximum flatness, structural integrity and stability. It is weather resistant, easy to maintain, deadens sound, and is available with a fire-rated core. ACM is available in 3mm, 4mm and 6mm thicknesses in either a standard polyethylene (PE) or fire resistant (FR) core.

As a mill-direct aluminum buyer and an approved fabricator for major ACM manufacturers, SAF is your most dependable choice for any panel job!

### About SAF

With manufacturing plants in Georgia, Tennessee and California, SAF is an integrated supplier of architectural aluminum sheet, aluminum extrusion, aluminum finishing and fabricating services. Visit [www.SAF.com](http://www.SAF.com) to learn how we can impact your business. Or just give us a call and put more than sixty five years of family-owned service to work for you.

## SAF Wet Sealed (Caulked) Systems

SAF is a manufacturer of caulked, also known as 'wet', panel systems. SAF supplies systems made from Aluminum Composite Materials (ACM), anodized, painted aluminum and a wide ranging variety of other metals such as zinc or stainless. SAF fabricates composite materials by Reynobond®, Alpolic®, Alucobond®, FormaBond® or Alucoil®. SAF is unique because we have our own in-house anodizing and painting facilities. With metal panels choose from smooth, perforated or embossed textures. For aluminum SAF also offers custom color matching using polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) coatings with Kynar 500® or Hylar 5000® resins. SAF can provide a manufacturer's 20 Year finish warranty on request.



### Series C-3000 ACM, or M-3000 Glazed Plate

The SAF Series 3000 wet sealed (caulked) panel system is designed for better structural integrity and better water/vapor protection. While no panel system is completely impervious to vapor/water penetration, the caulked 3000 system adds an extra level of protection. Additionally, this system is designed for higher wind loads and flatter panels. This system uses continuous “male” and “female” extrusions factory attached along the routed and returned edges of the panel, requiring a progressive installation method. The 3000 system may be manufactured with factory applied stiffeners to prevent “oil-canning.”

The SAF Series 3000 Wall Panel System in conjunction with the use of Alpolic Aluminum Composite Material, when constructed as tested, complies with the South Florida Building Code.

### Series NM500 Easy Clip ACM Panel System

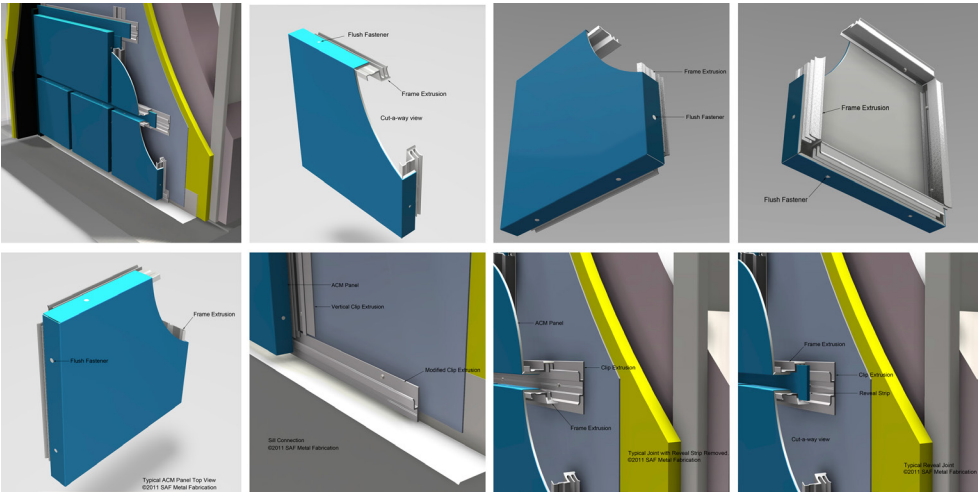
SAF Series NM500 easy clip system is our least expensive wet seal (caulked) system. The system uses a series of staggered clip angles along the routed and returned edges of the panel. The clip angles are factory attached in such a manner to allow for non-progressive installation and removal of any panel without disturbing adjacent panels. This system can also be offered with shipped loose clip angles for field attachment to the panels giving installers more flexibility of clip angle location and panel installation. Also, the NM500 system allows the building owners to quickly and easily replace a damaged panel in the future.





# SAF "Dry" ACM Panel Systems

So called "Dry systems" use gaskets, caulk, extrusions, painted metal strips, and combinations of these - typically when a reveal is desired. Rain Screens are a facade, and the installer must apply a weather barrier between the panel system and structural wall. Specify ACM panel dimensions up to 5' x 16' in 3, 4, 6 mm standard polyethylene (PE), or fire-rated core material by Reynobond®, Alpolic®, Alucobond®, FormaBond® or Alucoil®. SAF also offers custom color service with a slightly longer lead-time. Designer finishes feature Kynar 500® or Hylar 5000® polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) resins. SAF can provide a manufacturer's 20 year finish warranty on request.



SAF offers two kinds of rainscreens: drained-and-back-ventilated and pressure equalized. Both can be rated using the AAMA 509 rating system.

## Series 4000 Rainscreen Panel System

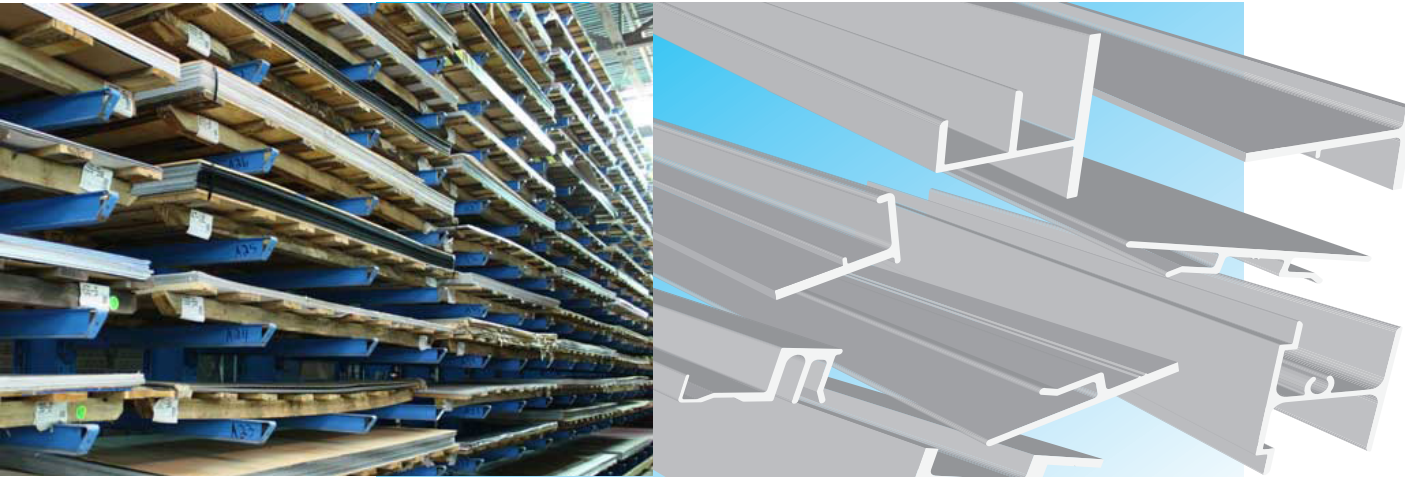
SAF Series 4000 Rainscreen Panel System is a drained and back ventilated rainscreen incorporating a strip of composite material in the reveal between each panel (instead of caulk) resulting in a more uniform appearance. The Series 4000 Rainscreen system comes with fabricated panels and shipped-loose "track" extrusions. The fabricated panels include a "frame" extrusion, factory attached to the routed and returned edges of the panel that fits conveniently into the field installed horizontal and vertical "track" extrusions. SAF's Series 4000 Rainscreen is designed to allow moisture to permeate the outside wall, but subsequently drain through weep holes along the bottom edge of each panel. While any remaining moisture is designed to evaporate, the outside wall is not designed to act as a water/vapor barrier for the building.

## Series 4500 Pressure Equalized Rainscreen

SAF Series 4500 Pressure Equalized Rainscreen is similar to the 4000. It uses the same "track" and "frame" extrusions, but is manufactured with mitered frame extrusions and additional reinforcement in the corners of the panels. If the panels are manufactured by SAF and are properly installed the resulting rainscreen will comply with AAMA 508. Like the 4000, the 4500 comes with fabricated panels and shipped-loose "track" extrusions. Contact SAF for details on our new Series 4500 panels.

# SAF believes an educated customer is our best customer.

SAF gives the installer control over their own destiny. We provide flat panels and stock length extrusions to experienced fabricators and installers. We also fabricate complex jobs, from submittals to job site deliveries. We even provide classroom instruction for the fabrication of our two most common systems, the Series 4000 and 4500 Rainscreen Panel Systems.



## SAF E Wall Panel System

SAF Series E Wall Panel System is made from sheared flat panels and an exterior extruded frame. The panels are not route-and-return panels, so fabrication goes quickly. The frame extrusions are exposed and typically spray coated and the finish will not perfectly match the finish on the panels.

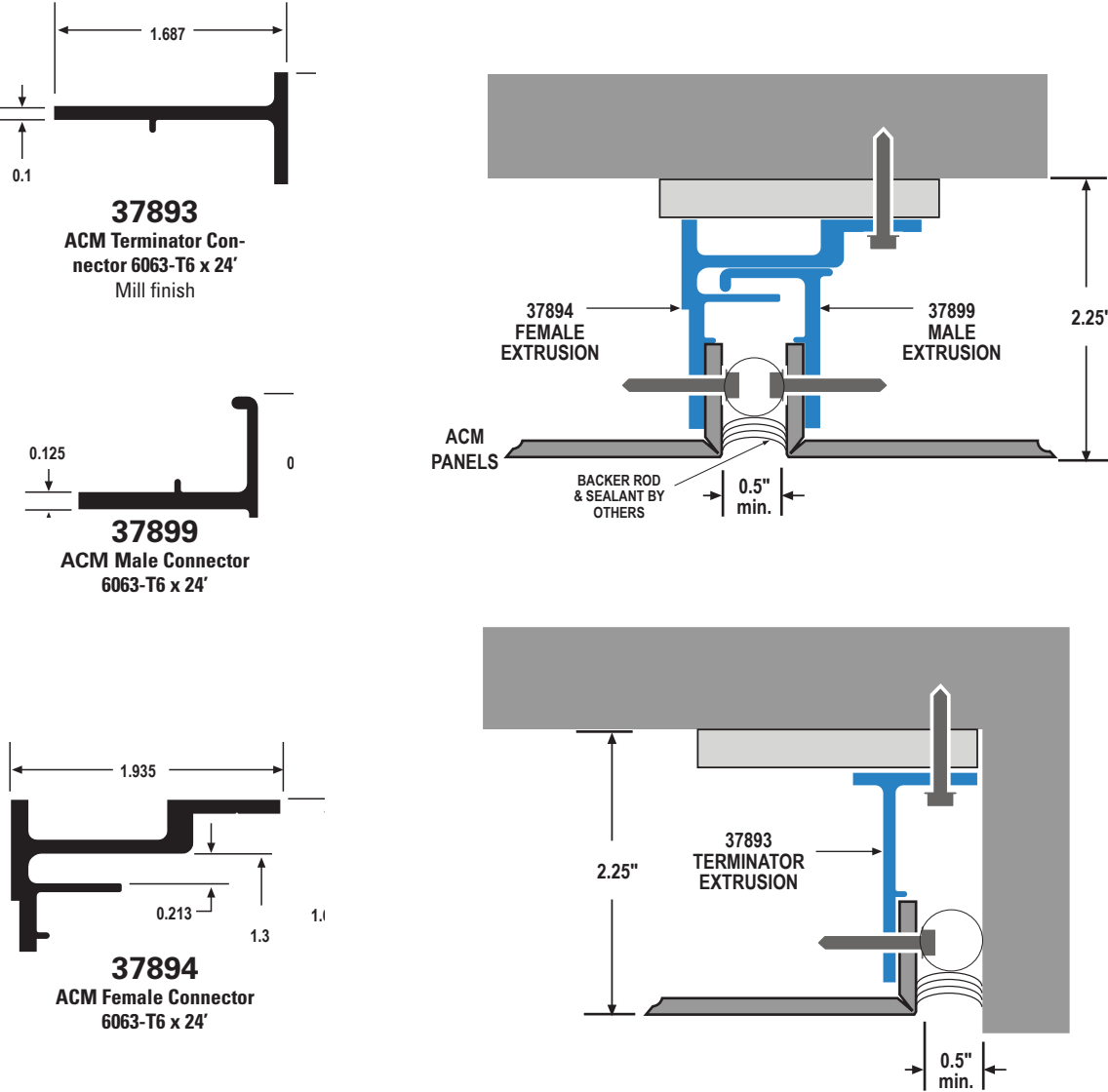
## SAF Flat ACM Sheets, Panel Extrusions

Want to save time and money by fabricating your own panels? That's fine by us! SAF is one of America's leading metal distributors. We offer ACM and MCM sheets from all the major manufacturers. We also offer stock length panel extrusions along with all our other extrusions. For small orders panel extrusions are normally shipped out the next day. If you order 100 lbs. or more, SAF will cover the freight. We have no minimums. SAF's extrusions are taped together, wrapped in plastic, and packed in cardboard boxes. Pieces shorter than 8' can even be shipped overnight.

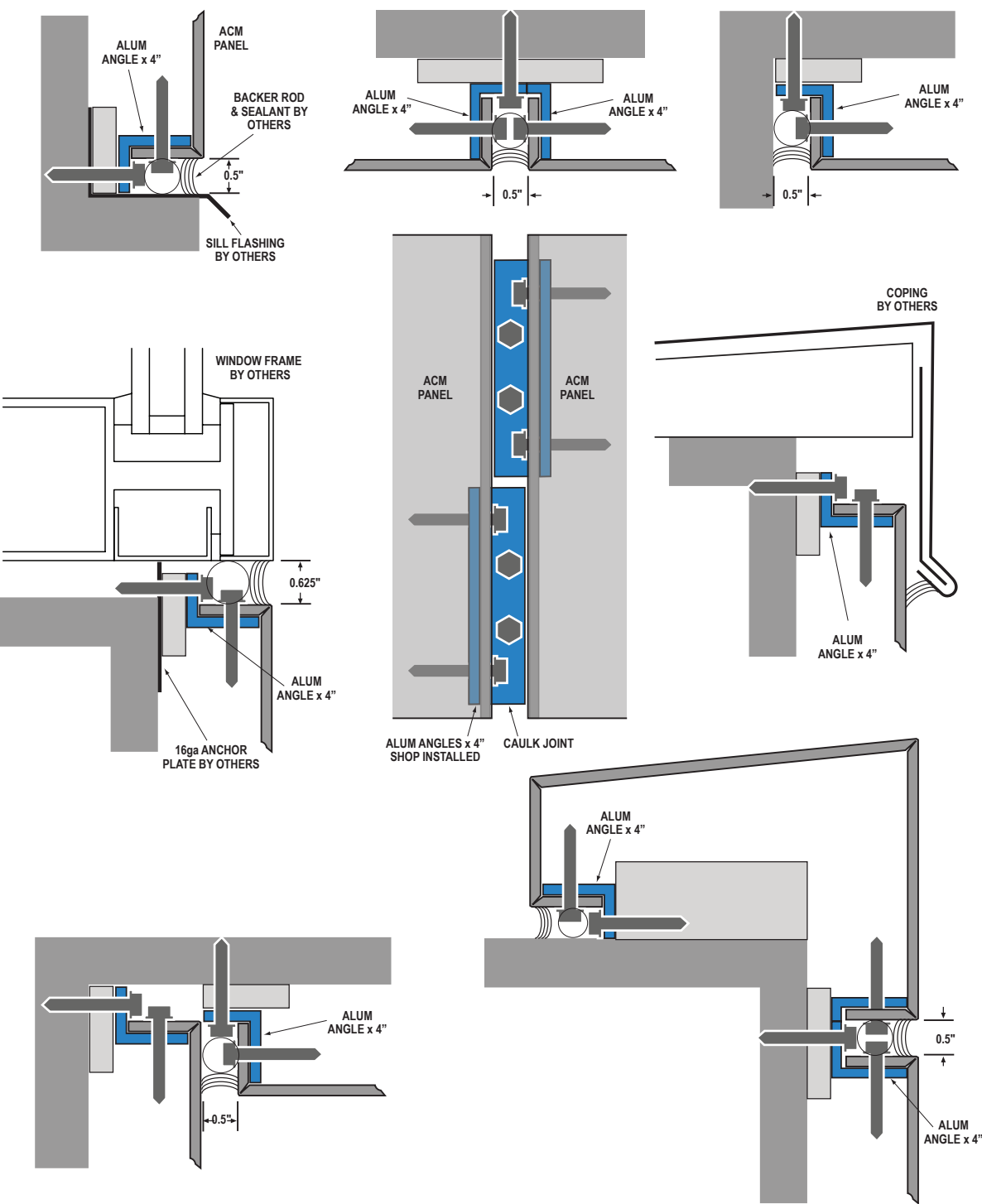




Series 3000 Panel Systems

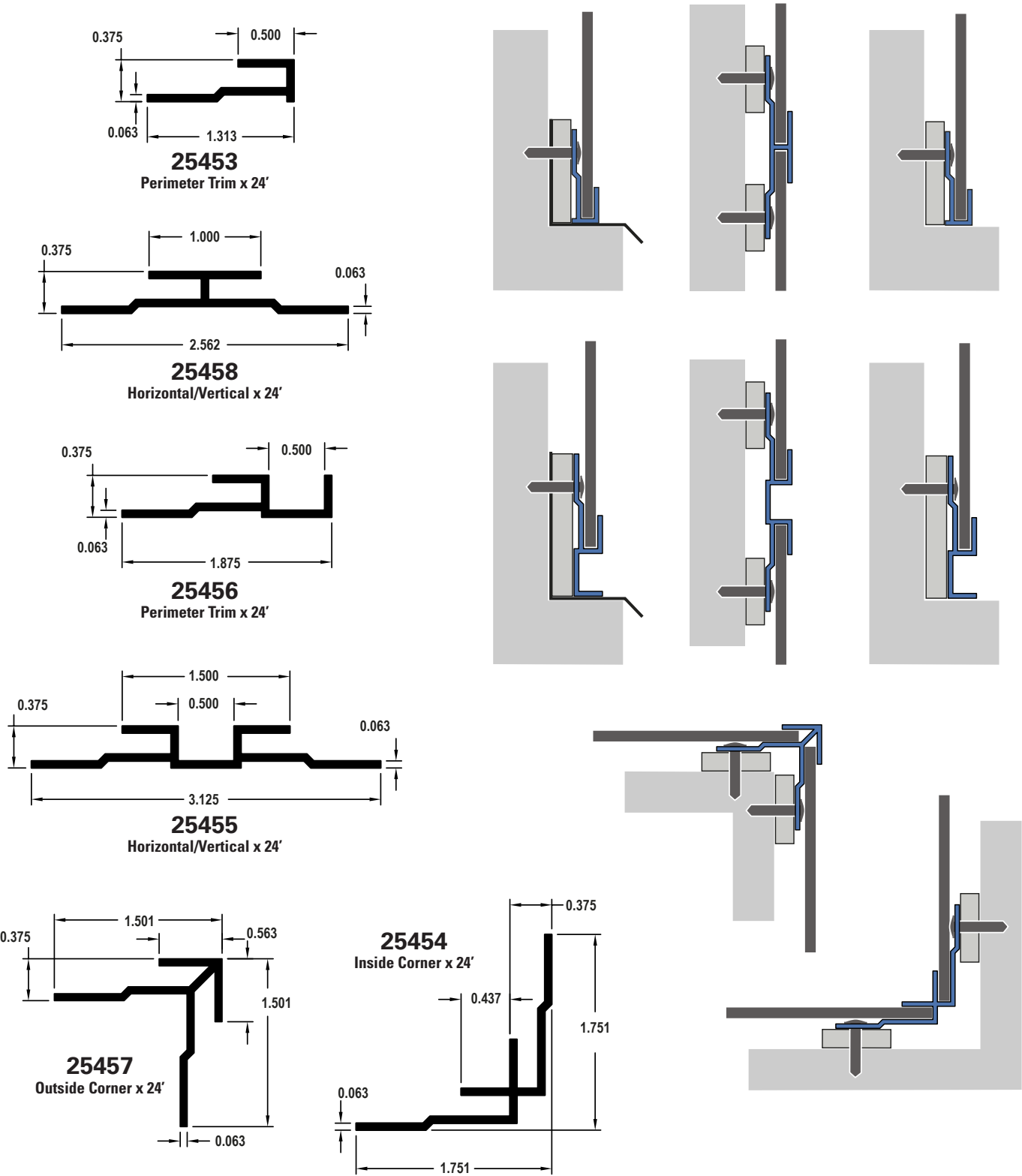


Series NM500 Easy Clip Panel System

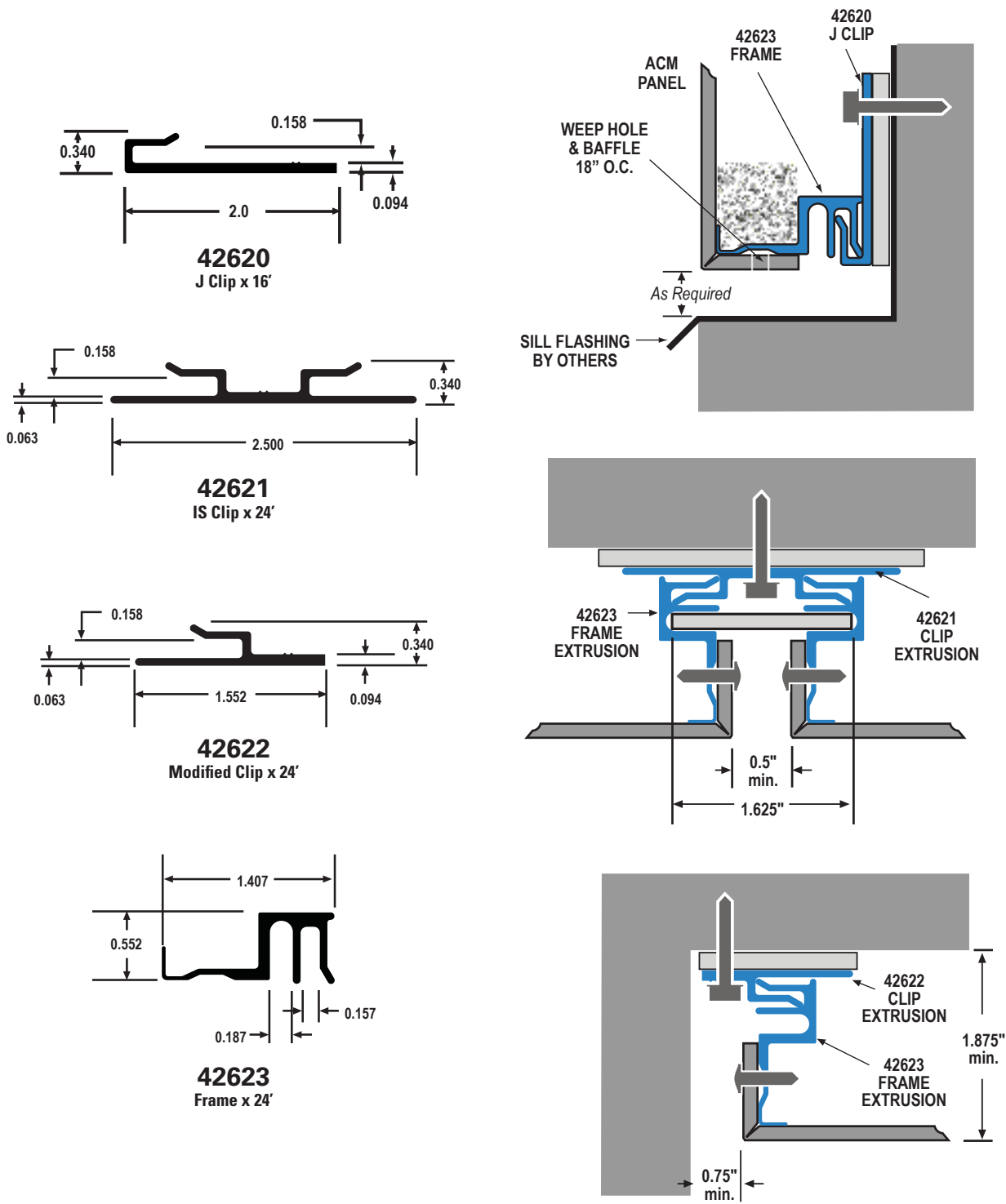




Series E Wall Panel Systems



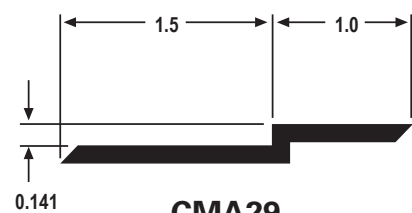
Series 4000 & 4500 RAINSCREEN Panel Systems



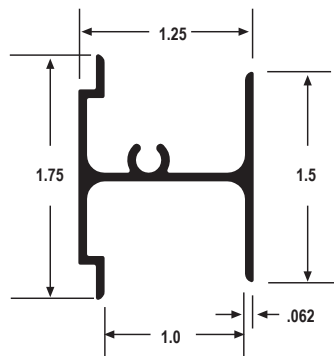


# SAF PANEL EXTRUSIONS & Application Guide

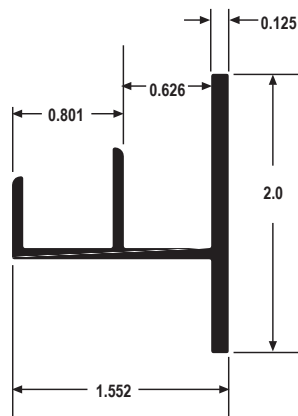
## Universal SAF Panel Extrusions



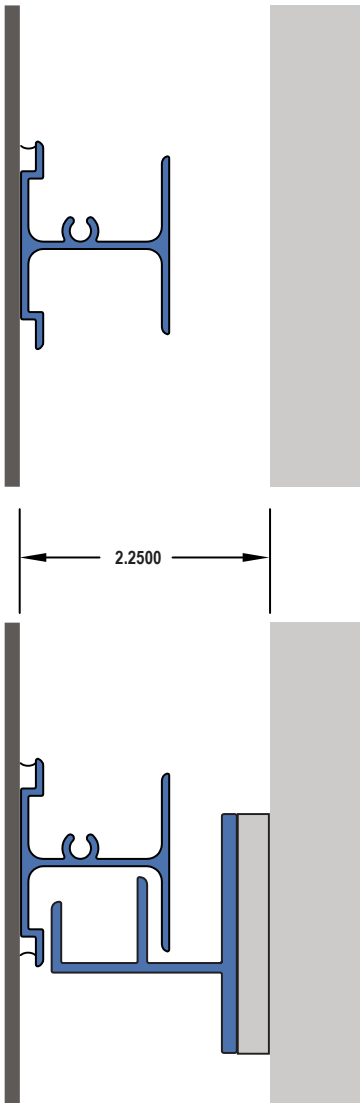
**CMA29**  
Panel Z Clip x 16'  
Choose finish: Mill, 204r1, Dark Bronze, Black 2-step



**38500B**  
ACM Stiffener 6063-T6 x 24'



**38499A**  
ACM Stiffener Retainer  
Clip 6063-T6 x 16'



## SAF Custom Fabrication

Give us a design challenge and our fabrication and finishing experts will create a solution. SAF's complete inventory, fabricating, anodizing and finishing facilities offer customers unparalleled benefits in speed, quality and enduring aesthetics. Simply provide us with drawings or sketches and we will respond with a complete written proposal and schematic representation of our products for your building, typically in less than one business day.



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