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Application of Figure AM 103.1

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Question: Does the flashing requirement in AM 103.1, as shown in Figure AM103.1 Apply even if there is no siding below the deck band?

Answer: Yes it is still required. AM103.1 states:

AM103.1 Flashing. When attached to a structure, the structure to which it is attached shall have *a treated wood band for the length of the deck, or corrosion-resistant flashing shall be used* to prevent moisture from coming in contact with the untreated framing of the structure.

- If no treated band is present on the structure at the point of attachment, non-aluminum flashing is always required.
- If the house band is treated but there is siding below, then flashing and a kick out would be required.
- If pressure-treated sheathing complying with R317 completely covers the untreated band, flashing would not be required *unless there is siding underneath* the deck band, in which case the requirement for flashing with a kick-out would still be mandatory.

The intent of this requirement is to prevent water intrusion so the the framing of the structure is not damaged and meet the water-resistive barrier requirement in R 703.1.

The right side of Figure AM 103.1 shows the required flashing when a treated band is not present. Even though the sketch does not specifically show siding underneath the band, the flashing and kick out requirements still apply.

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