

# TRACE THE SEAL PATH

## Quick Review Check Before It Becomes a Field Problem

Use this during shop drawing review, QA, PM handoff, or installer prep.

### 1. FOLLOW THE SEAL

Can you trace the seal path from start to finish without guessing?

**Check:**

- Head to jamb to sill
- Condition to condition
- Full path, not just one detail

**Red flags:**

- Seal shown in one detail only
- Break in continuity
- Missing handoff to adjacent condition

### 2. CHECK THE TRANSITIONS

Does the seal strategy stay clear when the condition changes?

**Check:**

- Storefront to curtain wall
- Receptor to frame
- Subsill, flashing, closure, splice conditions

**Red flags:**

- Different conditions treated the same
- Transition implied, not drawn
- Field expected to “figure it out”

### 3. REVIEW CORNERS, ENDS, AND SPLICES

These are where continuity usually breaks.

**Check:**

- Corners
- Terminations
- Splice locations
- Changes in direction

**Red flags:**

- Seal stops with no continuation
- Clean section, unresolved field condition
- No detail showing how the path carries through

### 4. MATCH THE FULL SET

Do the details agree with plans, elevations, and actual field layout?

**Check:**

- Orientation matches
- Frame location matches
- Adjacent sheets tell the same story

**Red flags:**

- "Typical" detail used in non-typical spot
- Detail does not match actual condition
- Gap between sheets

### 5. ASK THE FIELD QUESTION

Could the installer build it correctly without a phone call?

**Check:**

- Start point is clear
- Turns and stops are clear
- Intent is shown, not assumed

**Red flags:**

- Vague notes
- Missing sequence
- Waterproofing depends on installer judgment

## STOP IF YOU SEE THIS

- One sheet shows sealant, the next does not
- Corners or ends are not resolved
- Continuity depends on verbal explanation
- Detail works on paper, not across the system

## FIELD RULE

If the seal path is not clear on paper, it will not get clearer in the field.

## MP DRAFTING STANDARD

If the seal path cannot be traced clearly from condition to condition, the drawing set is not finished.

Drafter Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Checker Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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