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Installation Memorandum

In our continuing effort to simplify the installation and inspection process of manufactured homes, the Department of Fire, Building and Life Safety ("Department") recently contacted all Arizona manufacturers in order to reduce the amount of confusion related to the placement of column supports of multi-wide units.

In the past there were several methods of figuring the marriage line column support loads for each manufacturer. One method was hanging tags along the rim joist with the weight written on the tag. These tags often fell off during transit or were removed on dealer lots which caused increased costs and delays due to improper installation and re-inspection(s).

To resolve these issues, the manufacturers have provided the following solutions for Installers to locate and determine the weights of marriage line column supports:

- Cavco Homes – Will use stickers marking the location and the weight to be supported and will be adhered to the chassis of the manufactured home.
- Clayton Homes – Will provide a floor diagram noting the location and weight to be supported and will include the diagram with the Manufacturer's Installation Instruction Manual.
- Champion Homes – Will provide a floor plan noting the location and weight to be supported and will include the plan with the Manufacturer's Installation Instruction Manual.

The manufacturers have already implemented the new processes. You should find the stickers on the chassis and the plans located with the document packet in all new homes coming from the factories.

Sincerely,

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