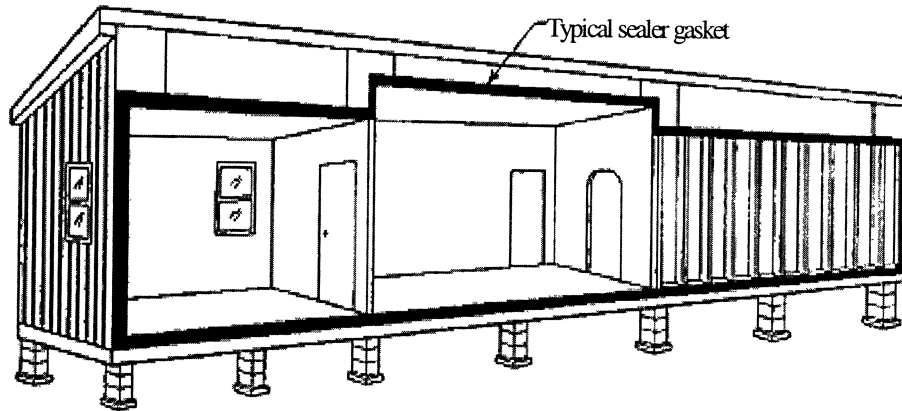


Figure B to § 3285.801 Mate-Line Gasket.



NOTE: On multi-section manufactured homes, install the sealer gasket on the ceiling, end walls, and floor mate-line prior to joining the sections together.

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**§ 3285.802 Structural interconnection of multi-section homes.**

(a) For multi-section homes, structural interconnections along the interior and exterior at the mate-line are necessary to join all sections of the home.

(b) Structural interconnection must be designed in accordance with the requirements located in § 3280.305 of this chapter to ensure a completely integrated structure.

(c) Upon completion of the exterior close-up, no gaps are permitted between the structural elements being interconnected along the mate-line of multi-section homes. However, prior to completion of the exterior close-up, gaps that do not exceed one inch are permitted between structural elements provided:

(1) The gaps are closed before completion of close-up;

(2) The home sections are in contact with each other; and

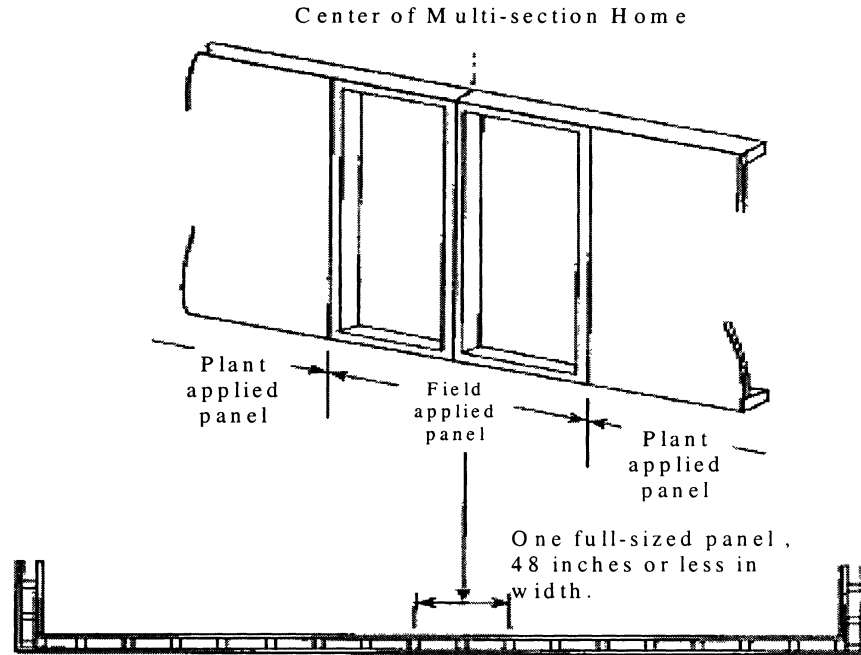
(3) The mating gasket is providing a proper seal. All such gaps must be shimmed with dimensional lumber, and fastener lengths used to make connections between the structural elements must be increased to provide adequate penetration into the receiving member.

**§ 3285.803 Interior close-up.**

(a) All shipping blocking, strapping, or bracing must be removed from appliances, windows, and doors.

(b) Interior close up items necessary to join all sections of the home or items subject to transportation damage may be packaged or shipped with the home for site installation.

(c) Shipped-loose wall paneling necessary for the joining of all sections of the home must be installed by using polyvinyl acetate (PVA) adhesive on all framing members and fastened with minimum 1½ inch long staples or nails at 6 inches on center panel edges and 12 inches on center in the field, unless alternative fastening methods are permitted in the installation instructions (see Figure A to § 3285.803).

**FIGURE A to §3285.803 - Installation of Interior Field-Applied Panels.**

NOTE: Specific designs must be approved by a DAPIA and included in the home manufacturer installation instructions.

**§ 3285.804 Bottom board repair.**

(a) The bottom board covering must be inspected for any loosening or areas that might have been damaged or torn during installation or transportation. Any missing insulation is to be replaced prior to closure and repair of the bottom board.

(b) Any splits or tears in the bottom board must be resealed with tape or patches in accordance with methods provided in the manufacturers installation instructions.

(c) Plumbing P-traps must be checked to be sure they are well-insulated and covered.

(d) All edges of repaired areas must be taped or otherwise sealed.

**Subpart J—Optional Information for Manufacturer's Installation Instructions**

**§ 3285.901 General.**

The planning and permitting processes, as well as utility connection, access, and other requirements, are outside of HUD's authority and may be governed by LAHJs. These Model Installation Standards do not attempt to comprehensively address such requirements. However, HUD recommends that the manufacturer's installation instructions include the information and advisories in this Subpart J, in order to protect the manufactured home, as constructed in accordance with the MHCSS.

**§ 3285.902 Moving manufactured home to location.**

It is recommended that the installation instructions indicate that the LAHJ be informed before moving the manufactured home to the site. It is