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### **NuAir Manufacturing Cites Fast-Growing Interest in Impact Resistant Windows**

(TAMPA) – With another hurricane season now underway, homeowners, builders and remodelers are more interested than ever in the advantages of impact resistant windows. Nowhere is the growing demand for impact resistant windows more evident than at NuAir Manufacturing, where impact resistant windows are a leading product.

“The demand for impact resistant windows and doors has never been higher,” said Scott Henderson, the company’s president. “We are seeing increased interest in both new construction and retrofit applications.”

NuAir’s NuImpact™ line of impact resistant windows and doors is ideally positioned to respond to the demand, since they are offered in such a broad array of styles, he noted. What’s more, since NuAir manufactures its products in both standard and impact resistant designs, builders can offer both types of windows on the same house without any difference in the aesthetics of the products.

Henderson explained that this feature makes NuImpact products ideal for use on two-story homes, where homeowners may choose to install NuImpact windows on the upper floor, while using hurricane shutters on the easier-to-reach first floor windows.

“Offering design flexibility and maximizing customers’ choices have been key ingredients in NuAir’s success over the years,” Henderson noted. “That same philosophy is serving us well today, as more and more homeowners migrate to impact resistant windows and doors.”

NuAir's NuImpact windows and doors are manufactured using laminated glass with a clear PVB (polyvinyl butyral) interlayer that provides continuous protection even if the glass is broken. The flexible interlayer helps absorb impact-related force, reducing the damage inside a home and minimizing the risk of injuries.

This eliminates the need for unsightly, inconvenient, and expensive shutters. NuImpact™ products have been tested and certified to meet the stringent requirements of Miami-Dade County Testing Protocol PA 201, 202, and 203.

“These are the most demanding wind resistance standards in the industry, and we are proud to note that NuImpact products have met these challenging test requirements,” said Henderson.

Because safety and performance are such crucial issues to NuAir, the company is leading an industry-wide campaign for uniform testing and labeling.

“Where high winds and hurricanes are a way of life, accurate product testing and labeling are essential to assure necessary strength,” Henderson said. “That’s why we view product safety so seriously. We want the consumer to know how to avoid substandard products that don’t compare with our strict standards.”

In addition to the safety benefits, NuImpact laminated glass products also provide a security benefit by offering intrusion resistance and deterring break-ins. Laminated glass products also significantly reduce noise transmission by acting as a vibration damper, which lessens the level of outside noise.

The laminated glass in NuImpact windows also helps control ultraviolet (UV) rays that can fade carpets, draperies and furniture. Moreover, by using tinted laminated glass, homeowners can also diminish solar heat gain and lower their energy costs.

“Interest in the advantages of impact-resistant windows and doors has grown steadily ever since Hurricane Andrew in 1992,” said Henderson. “But in recent years, with several severe storm seasons and new, more stringent building codes, the interest has skyrocketed.”

NuAir's NuImpact product line includes single-hung windows, horizontal roller windows, French doors, sidelites and sliding glass doors, along with designer picture windows in virtually every shape and size. In addition to choosing either white or bronze frame color, purchasers can also choose from several available thicknesses, and can select from a wide array of glass colors including clear, obscure, various tints, reflective and Solar E™ Low-E Glass, which helps reduce cooling costs.

All NuAir products are fully warranted, and are tested for air leakage, water penetration and uniform structural loading. NuImpact products are tested using both the large missile impact test and cyclic wind pressure test, as well as forced entry resistance.

Founded in 1946, NuAir Manufacturing today offers more than 250,000 door and window products for residential and light commercial applications. Its products are distributed through a network of more than 100 distributors throughout Florida, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. For more information write NuAir Manufacturing, 8105 Anderson Road, P.O. Box 15436, Tampa, Florida USA 33684; or call toll-free at 800-282-6627, or visit the company's Web site at [www.NuAir.com](http://www.NuAir.com).

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