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“Making Mitigation Work”

Written Questions and Answers after the May 12, 2020 Webinar
Communication for Community Resilience: The Homeowner’s Handbook to Prepare for
Natural Hazards

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Question from Adele Chong:

My house is single wall, there is no siding. The SDWC structural screw would not apply to my house, right?

Hi Adele – Yes the structural screw retrofit example shown is for double-wall houses, primarily tying the roof members to the double top plate (usually 2” x 4”s); also the double top plate to 2” x 4” studs; and the studs to the sill plate. The target configurations can be found in the Simpson Strong-Tie Wood Construction Connectors catalogue, which you can be found online. Look forward to seeing the retrofit work on your house!

Question from Dolan Eversole:

Are the Polycarbonate hurricane panels available in Hawaii? What about cost?

Hi Dolan - The Polycarbonate panels are available in Hawaii at Hardware Hawaii. You can also order them online. They are roughly 3 times, the cost of plywood for a 4’ x 8’ sheet, depending on where you get them. Good luck on protecting your windows!

Comments, Suggestions, or Questions for the Natural Hazard Center?

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