THE BUY AMERICA ACT CHECK LIST

The Buy America Act is designed to ensure that American manufactured products are used on projects where public funds are being used. Please do your part to ensure that the Buy America Act and your specifications are complied with.

- The rules are straight forward:

1. The basic item must be mined, produced or manufactured in the United States.

2. If the basic item is a casting it must be cast in a US foundry.

3. It is NOT permissible to add the cost of US machining, galvanizing, plating, painting or assembly to the cost of the foreign casting and claim that the foreign casting now qualifies as a product that meets the Buy America Act 50% cost rule.

4. An assembly, that contains a foreign component, can only be classified as meeting the Buy America Act if the cost of the US components exceeds 50% of the total cost, excluding the assembly cost.

5. Packaging costs and/or transportation cost cannot be included in the cost calculations to meet the greater than 50% of cost rule.

- Before you accept a submitted drain as an "equal" on a Buy America specification be sure to ask the right questions. Josam is only aware of a total of 3 plumbing drainage companies in the US that can comply with the Buy America Act for the range of products that Josam Company supplies.

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