

Thermo-Brace® Green Structural Insulated Board (SIB)

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1. Products Evaluated:

- 1.1. Thermo-Brace® Green Structural Insulated Board (SIB)
- 1.2. NEOPOR® Graphite Polystyrene (GPS) Foam Plastic Insulating Sheathing (FPIS)
- 1.3. For the most recent version of this Technical Evaluation Report (TER), visit drjengineering.org. For more detailed state professional engineering and code compliance legal requirements and references, visit drjengineering.org/statelaw. DrJ is fully compliant with all state professional engineering and code compliance laws.
- 1.4. This TER can be used to obtain product approval in any country that is an IAF MLA Signatory (all countries found [here](#)) and covered by an [IAF MLA Evaluation](#) per the [Purpose of the MLA](#) (as an example, see [letter to ANSI](#) from the Standards Council of Canada). Manufacturers can go to jurisdictions in the U.S., Canada and other [IAF MLA Signatory Countries](#) and have their products readily approved by authorities having jurisdiction using [DrJ's ANSI accreditation](#).

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 **Learn more about DrJ's Accreditation**

- DrJ is an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited product certification body through ANSI Accreditation Services.
- DrJ provides certified evaluations that are signed and sealed by a P.E.
- DrJ's work is backed up by professional liability insurance.
- DrJ is fully compliant with IBC Section 1703.

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- 1.5. Building code regulations require that evaluation reports are provided by an approved agency meeting specific requirements, such as those found in [IBC Section 1703](#). Any agency accredited in accordance with ANSI ISO/IEC 17065 meets this requirement within ANSI's scope of accreditation. For a list of accredited agencies, visit ANSI's [website](#). For more information, see [drjcertification.org](#).
- 1.6. Requiring an evaluation report from a specific private company (i.e. ICC-ES, IAPMO, CCMC, DrJ, etc.) can be viewed as discriminatory and is a violation of international, federal, state, provincial and local anti-trust and free trade regulations.
- 1.7. DrJ's code compliance work:
 - 1.7.1. Conforms to code language adopted into law by individual states and any relevant consensus based standard such as an ANSI or ASTM standard.
 - 1.7.2. Complies with accepted engineering practice, all professional engineering laws and by providing an engineer's seal DrJ takes professional responsibility for its specified scope of work.

2. Applicable Codes and Standards:¹

- 2.1. 2012, 2015 and 2018 International Residential Code (IRC)
- 2.2. 2012, 2015 and 2018 International Building Code (IBC)
- 2.3. 2012, 2015 and 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)
- 2.4. ASCE 7 – Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures
- 2.5. ASTM E331 – Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- 2.6. ASTM E564 – Standard Practice for Static Load Test for Shear Resistance of Framed Walls for Buildings
- 2.7. ASTM E2178 – Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials
- 2.8. AWC Wind & Seismic – Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic (SDPWS)

3. Performance Evaluation:

- 3.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB has been evaluated to determine:
 - 3.1.1. Structural performance under lateral load conditions (wind) for use as an alternative to the intermittent wall bracing provisions of [IBC Section R602.10](#) and the continuous wall bracing provisions of the [IBC Section R602.10.4](#) CS-WSP and CS-PF methods.
 - 3.1.2. Structural performance under lateral load conditions (wind) for use as an alternative to the conventional wall bracing provisions of [IBC Section 2308.6](#)², Method WSP for Type V construction.
 - 3.1.3. Structural performance under lateral load conditions (wind) for use under the performance-based provisions of [IBC Section 2306.1](#) and [2306.3](#) for light-frame wood wall assemblies.
 - 3.1.4. Structural performance under lateral load conditions (wind) for use as an alternative to SDPWS Section 4.3 Wood-Frame Shear Walls.
 - 3.1.5. Performance for use as foam plastic insulation in accordance with [IBC Section R316](#) and [IBC Section 2603](#).
 - 3.1.6. Performance for use as a water-resistive barrier (WRB) in accordance with [IBC Section R703.2](#) and [IBC Section 1404.2](#).
 - 3.1.7. Performance as an air barrier material as prescribed in [IBC Section N1102.4.1.1](#), and [IECC Section R402.4.1.1](#) and [C402.5.1](#)³ in accordance with ASTM E2178.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all references in this code compliant technical evaluation report (TER) are from the 2018 version of the codes and the standards referenced therein, including, but not limited to, ASCE 7, SDPWS and WFCM. This product also complies with the 2000-2015 versions of the IBC and IRC and the standards referenced therein. As required by law, where this TER is not approved, the building official shall respond in writing, stating the reasons this TER was not approved. Unless otherwise noted, IBC/IRC reference numbers are the same as FBC/FRC references. For variations in state and local codes, if any, see [Section 8](#) of this TER.

² [2012 IBC Section 2308.9.3](#)

³ [2012 IECC Section 402.4.1](#)

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- 3.2. Any code compliance issues not specifically addressed in this section including, but not limited to, the use of Thermo-Brace® Green SIB in a portal frame or in a fire resistance rated assembly are outside the scope of this TER.

4. Product Description and Materials:



Figure 1: Thermo-Brace® Green SIB

- 4.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB is a structural, rigid insulation sheathing product consisting of a proprietary cellulosic fiber sheathing board laminated to one side of a proprietary rigid foam plastic insulation.
- 4.1.1. The proprietary cellulosic fiber sheathing board is composed of pressure-laminated plies consisting of high-strength cellulosic fibers with a protective polymer WRB layer on both sides.
- 4.1.2. The rigid foam plastic insulation is a proprietary graphite polystyrene (GPS) foam plastic insulated sheathing (FPIS). Polyolefin facings are applied to the exterior face or both faces of the GPS prior to lamination to the cellulosic fiber sheathing board.

4.2. Material Availability

- 4.2.1. Thickness: $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm) and $1\frac{1}{8}$ " (29 mm)
- 4.2.2. Standard product width: 48" (1219 mm)
- 4.2.3. Standard lengths: 96" (2438 mm), 108" (2743 mm) and 120" (3048 mm)
- 4.2.4. Other custom widths and lengths can be manufactured.

5. Applications:

5.1. General

- 5.1.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB panels are used in the following applications as:
- 5.1.1.1. Wall sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with *IRC* and *IBC* provisions for light-frame wood construction.
- 5.1.1.2. Structural wall sheathing to provide lateral load resistance (wind only) for braced wall panels used in light-frame wood construction.
- 5.1.1.3. Wall sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with *IBC* requirements for Type V light-frame construction.
- 5.1.2. When Thermo-Brace® Green SIB panels are installed with an approved construction tape on sheathing seams, they are an approved WRB in accordance with [IRC Section R703.2](#) and [IBC Section 1404.2](#). See the manufacturer's product information for further details.
- 5.1.2.1. Where Thermo-Brace® Green SIB joints are not taped, a separate WRB shall be installed in accordance with the WRB manufacturer's installation instructions.

5.2. Structural

5.2.1. General Structural Provisions

- 5.2.1.1. Except as otherwise described in this TER, Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall be installed in accordance with the applicable building codes listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER using the provisions set forth therein for the design and installation of wood structural panels (WSP).

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- 5.2.1.1.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB is permitted to be used for the design of shear walls in accordance with *SDPWS* and using the methods set forth therein.
- 5.2.1.2. Anchorage for in-plane shear force resistance shall be provided to transfer the induced shear force into and out of each shear wall. Shear wall anchorage shall be in accordance with the applicable code referenced in [Section 2](#) of this TER.
- 5.2.1.3. Except as noted in [Section 5.2.2](#), the maximum aspect ratio for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall be 4:1.
- 5.2.1.4. Except as noted in [Section 5.2.2](#), the minimum full height panel width shall be 24" (610 mm).
- 5.2.1.5. Installation is permitted for single top plate or double top plate applications.
- 5.2.1.6. Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience and technical judgment.
- 5.2.2. Prescriptive *IRC* Bracing Applications**
- 5.2.2.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used on braced wall lines as an equivalent alternative to the WSP method when installed in accordance with [IRC Section R602.10](#) and this TER.
- 5.2.2.1.1. When Thermo-Brace® Green SIB satisfies the required bracing lengths on braced wall lines, the use of NEOPOR® only on the remaining wall line is permitted, provided cladding is installed directly in contact with NEOPOR® and is capable of resisting the full design wind load. Use in this manner also meets the requirements of a water-resistive barrier (WRB) when installed in accordance with [Section 5.3](#) of this TER.
- 5.2.2.2. For wind design, required braced wall panel lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall be designed as indicated in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) of this TER and shall be used in conjunction with [IRC Table R602.10.3\(2\)](#)⁴, which provides the required adjustments.
- 5.2.2.3. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used to brace the walls of buildings as an alternative to the continuous wall bracing provisions of the CS-WSP method described in [IRC Section R602.10.4](#). Bracing shall be designed in accordance with the bracing amounts shown in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#) of this TER, as adjusted in accordance with [IRC Table R602.10.3\(2\)](#).
- 5.2.2.4. Where a building, or portion thereof, does not comply with one or more of the bracing requirements within the prescriptive sections of the *IRC*, those portions shall be designed and constructed in accordance with [IRC Section R301.1](#).

⁴ [2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)](#), including all footnotes

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Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB (R3 or R5; FPIS Outward) Installed with ½" Gypsum Wallboard at 16" o.c. Stud (2x4 or 2x6) Spacing – Wind											
Condition	Braced Wall Line Spacing	Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Intermittent Sheathing					Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Continuous Sheathing				
		Staples 3" o.c. at Edges & 3" o.c. in the Field					Staples 3" o.c. at Edges & 3" o.c. in the Field				
		Length of Wall Line to be Braced (ft.)					Length of Wall Line to be Braced (ft.)				
		≤ 110 mph	≤ 115 mph	≤ 120 mph	≤ 130 mph	≤ 140 mph	≤ 110 mph	≤ 115 mph	≤ 120 mph	≤ 130 mph	≤ 140 mph
One Story or the Top of Two or Three Stories	10	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.9	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.4
	20	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.8	5.3	2.9	3.4	3.4	3.8	4.8
	30	4.8	5.3	5.8	6.7	7.7	4.3	4.3	4.8	5.8	6.7
	40	6.2	6.7	7.7	8.6	10.1	5.3	5.8	6.2	7.2	8.6
	50	7.7	8.6	9.1	10.6	12.5	6.7	7.2	7.7	9.1	10.6
	60	9.1	10.1	11.0	12.5	14.4	7.7	8.6	9.1	10.6	12.5
First Story of Two Stories or Second Story of Three Stories	10	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.8	2.9	3.4	3.4	4.3	4.8
	20	6.2	7.2	7.7	9.1	10.6	5.3	6.2	6.7	7.7	8.6
	30	9.1	10.1	11.0	13.0	14.9	7.7	8.6	9.1	11.0	12.5
	40	12.0	13.0	14.4	16.8	19.2	10.1	11.0	12.0	14.4	16.3
	50	14.9	15.8	17.3	20.6	23.5	12.5	13.4	14.9	17.3	20.2
	60	17.3	19.2	20.6	24.0	27.8	14.9	16.3	17.8	20.6	24.0
First Story of Three Stories	10	5.3	5.8	6.2	7.2	8.2	4.3	4.8	5.3	6.2	7.2
	20	9.6	10.6	11.0	13.0	15.4	8.2	8.6	9.6	11.0	13.0
	30	13.4	14.9	16.3	18.7	22.1	11.5	12.5	13.9	16.3	18.7
	40	17.8	19.2	21.1	24.5	28.3	14.9	16.3	17.8	21.1	24.0
	50	21.6	23.5	25.9	30.2	35.0	18.2	20.2	22.1	25.4	29.8
	60	25.4	27.8	30.7	36.0	41.3	22.1	24.0	25.9	30.2	35.0

1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB to be a minimum ¾" thickness installed with staples per [Section 6](#) of this TER.
2. Demonstrates equivalency to [IRC Table R602.10.3\(1\) \(2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)\)](#). All adjustment factors from [IRC Table R602.10.3\(2\) \(2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)\)](#), including all footnotes) shall be applied. Except when used with method CS-PF, a minimum of ½" gypsum sheathing shall be applied to the interior side of the wall assembly and fastened with a minimum of 5d cooler nails or 1¼" #6 types W or S screws spaced 8" o.c. at panel edges and 8" o.c. in the field of the panels.
3. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.7.
4. Bracing lengths are the results of comparative equivalency testing and analysis using both tested and published design values as points of comparison. DrJ relies upon the design values published in the codes and standards listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER that are adopted into law and that the manufacturers of those products stand behind. DrJ performs all equivalency analysis based on legally defined design values, the responsibility for which belongs to the manufacturer of those products or the members of the associations that publish those design values.

Table 1: Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Panels with FPIS Installed Outward in Accordance with the IRC Wind Bracing Provisions

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Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB (R3 or R5; FPIS Inward) Installed with ½" Gypsum Wallboard at 16" o.c. Stud (2x4 or 2x6) Spacing – Wind											
Condition	Braced Wall Line Spacing	Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Intermittent Sheathing					Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Continuous Sheathing				
		Staples 3" o.c. at Edges & 3" o.c. in the Field					Staples 3" o.c. at Edges & 3" o.c. in the Field				
		Length of Wall Line to be Braced (ft.)					Length of Wall Line to be Braced (ft.)				
		≤ 110 mph	≤ 115 mph	≤ 120 mph	≤ 130 mph	≤ 140 mph	≤ 110 mph	≤ 115 mph	≤ 120 mph	≤ 130 mph	≤ 140 mph
One Story or the Top of Two or Three Stories	10	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.8	3.4	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.8
	20	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.7	6.2	3.4	4.0	4.0	4.5	5.7
	30	5.7	6.2	6.8	7.9	9.0	5.1	5.1	5.7	6.8	7.9
	40	7.3	7.9	9.0	10.2	11.9	6.2	6.8	7.3	8.5	10.2
	50	9.0	10.2	10.7	12.4	14.7	7.9	8.5	9.0	10.7	12.4
	60	10.7	11.9	13.0	14.7	17.0	9.0	10.2	10.7	12.4	14.7
First Story of Two Stories or Second Story of Three Stories	10	4.0	4.5	5.1	5.7	6.8	3.4	4.0	4.0	5.1	5.7
	20	7.3	8.5	9.0	10.7	12.4	6.2	7.3	7.9	9.0	10.2
	30	10.7	11.9	13.0	15.3	17.5	9.0	10.2	10.7	13.0	14.7
	40	14.1	15.3	17.0	19.8	22.6	11.9	13.0	14.1	17.0	19.2
	50	17.5	18.6	20.3	24.3	27.7	14.7	15.8	17.5	20.3	23.7
	60	20.3	22.6	24.3	28.3	32.8	17.5	19.2	20.9	24.3	28.3
First Story of Three Stories	10	6.2	6.8	7.3	8.5	9.6	5.1	5.7	6.2	7.3	8.5
	20	11.3	12.4	13.0	15.3	18.1	9.6	10.2	11.3	13.0	15.3
	30	15.8	17.5	19.2	22.0	26.0	13.6	14.7	16.4	19.2	22.0
	40	20.9	22.6	24.9	28.8	33.3	17.5	19.2	20.9	24.9	28.3
	50	25.4	27.7	30.5	35.6	41.2	21.5	23.7	26.0	29.9	35.0
	60	29.9	32.8	36.2	42.4	48.6	26.0	28.3	30.5	35.6	41.2

1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB to be a minimum ¾" thickness installed with staples per [Section 6](#) of this TER.
2. Demonstrates equivalency to [IRC Table R602.10.3\(1\)](#) ([2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)](#)). All adjustment factors from [IRC Table R602.10.3\(2\)](#) ([2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)](#), including all footnotes) shall be applied. Except when used with method CS-PF, a minimum of ½" gypsum sheathing shall be applied to the interior side of the wall assembly and fastened with a minimum of 5d cooler nails or 1¼" #6 types W or S screws spaced 8" o.c. at panel edges and 8" o.c. in the field of the panels.
3. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.9.
4. Bracing lengths are the results of comparative equivalency testing and analysis using both tested and published design values as points of comparison. DrJ relies upon the design values published in the codes and standards listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER that are adopted into law and that the manufacturers of those products stand behind. DrJ performs all equivalency analysis based on legally defined design values, the responsibility for which belongs to the manufacturer of those products or the members of the associations that publish those design values.

Table 2: Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Panels with FPIS Installed Inward in Accordance with the *IRC* Wind Bracing Provisions

5.2.3. Alternative to Prescriptive *IRC* Bracing Applications

5.2.3.1. As an alternative to the requirements of [Section 5.2.2](#) of this TER, the following provisions are permitted:

- 5.2.3.1.1.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used on braced wall lines as an equivalent alternative to the WSP method when installed in accordance with [IRC Section R602.10](#) and this TER.
- 5.2.3.1.2.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used to brace the walls of buildings as an alternative to the continuous wall bracing provisions of the CS-WSP method described in [IRC Section R602.10.4](#).

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5.2.3.1.3. Required braced wall panel lengths for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall be as determined by the equivalency factors shown in [Table 3](#) of this TER and [IRC Table R602.10.3\(1\)](#) and [R602.10.3\(2\)](#)⁵, including all footnotes.

5.2.3.1.3.1. Bracing lengths in these tables for the WSP or CS-WSP methods shall be multiplied by the equivalency factors listed in [Table 3](#) of this TER.

Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Wall Bracing Factors per Comparative Equivalency Testing for IRC Prescriptive Wall Bracing Applications	Sheathing Direction	Fastener	Stud Spacing	Fastener Spacing	Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Tested Equivalency Factors to IRC WSP or CS-WSP for Wind loading
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB-R3	FPIS Outward	15/16" Crown x 1 3/4" Leg 16 ga. Staples	16" o.c.	3:3	0.92
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB-R5		15/16" Crown x 2" Leg 16 ga. Staples			0.96
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB-R3	FPIS Inward	1 3/4" x 11 ga. Smooth Shank Roofing Nail	16" o.c.	3:3	1.09
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB-R5		1 3/4" x 11 ga. Ring Shank Roofing Nail			1.13

1. Thermo-Brace® Red SIB to be a minimum 3/4" thickness installed with staples or nails per [Section 6](#) of this TER.
2. Where the FPIS faces outward, fasteners may be countersunk beneath the surface of Thermo-Brace®.
3. Where the FPIS faces inward, fasteners shall be driven flush with the face of Thermo-Brace®.
4. Factors based on SPF framing materials.
5. Multiply the bracing lengths indicated for the WSP or CS-WSP continuous sheathing methods in [IRC Table R602.10.3\(1\)](#) and [R602.10.3\(3\)](#), and as modified by all applicable factors in [IRC Table 602.10.3\(2\)](#) and [R602.10.3\(4\)](#) ([2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)](#) and [R602.10.1.2\(2\)](#)), by the factors shown here to establish the required bracing length.
6. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.9.
7. These equivalency factors are valid for single top plate (advanced framing method) wall installations or double top plate wall installations.
8. Equivalency factors are the results of comparative equivalency testing and analysis using both tested and published design values as points of comparison. DrJ relies upon the design values published in the codes and standards listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER that are adopted into law and that the manufacturers of those products stand behind. DrJ performs all equivalency analysis based on legally defined design values, the responsibility for which belongs to the manufacturer of those products or the members of the associations that publish those design values.

Table 3: Thermo-Brace® Green SIB (R3 or R5) Braced Wall Line Length Equivalency Factors Based on Equivalency Testing for Use with the IRC

5.2.3.1.3.2. These braced wall line length equivalency factors are based on equivalency testing and are used to comply with the IRC WSP and CS-WSP methods.

5.2.3.1.3.3. The length of bracing required shall be determined by multiplying the Thermo-Brace® Green SIB tested equivalency factors in [Table 4](#) of this TER by the length indicated for the WSP or CS methods in [IRC Tables R602.10.3\(1\)](#) and as modified by all applicable factors in [IRC Tables R602.10.3\(2\)](#).⁵

5.2.3.1.4. All IRC prescriptive bracing minimums, spacing requirements and rules must still be met.

5.2.4. Prescriptive IBC Conventional Light-Frame Wood Construction

5.2.4.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used to brace exterior walls of buildings as an equivalent alternative to Method WSP of the IBC when installed with 1/2" gypsum in accordance with the conventional light-frame construction method of [IBC Section 2308.6](#)⁶ and this TER.

⁵ [2009 IRC Table R602.10.1.2\(1\)](#) and [R602.10.1.2\(2\)](#)

⁶ [2012 IBC Section 2308.9.3](#)

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5.2.5. Performance-Based Wood-Framed Construction

- 5.2.5.1.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB panels used in wall assemblies designed as shear walls are permitted to be designed in accordance with the methodology used in *SDPWS* for WSP using the capacities shown in [Table 4](#) of this TER.
- 5.2.5.2.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shear walls are permitted to resist horizontal wind load forces using the allowable shear loads (in pounds per linear foot) set forth in [Table 4](#) of this TER.

Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Nominal Unit Shear Capacity (NUSC) & Allowable Strength Design (ASD) Capacity – Wind								
Structural Sheathing Product	Fastener Type	Thermo-Brace® Green SIB Fastener Spacing (edge/field)	Sheathing Direction	Maximum Stud Spacing (in.)	Gypsum Wallboard (GWB)	Gypsum Wallboard Fastener Spacing (edge/field) ²	Ultimate Unit Shear Capacity (plf)	Allowable Unit Shear Capacity (plf)
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB ¾"	16ga Staple 1" Crown x 1¾" Leg	3/3	FPIS Outward	16" o.c.	None	--	580	290
					½"	8":8"	905	450
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB 1½"	16ga Staple 1" Crown x 2" Leg	3/3			None	--	570	285
					½"	8":8"	945	470
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB ¾"	1¾" x 11 ga. (0.120" dia.) Smooth Shank Roofing Nail	3/3	FPIS Inward	16" o.c.	None	--	470	235
					½"	8":8"	830	415
Thermo-Brace® Green SIB 1½"	1¾" x 11 ga. (0.120" dia.) Smooth Shank Roofing Nail	3/3			None	--	450	225
					½"	8":8"	810	405

1. Fasteners are to be installed with the crown parallel to the framing and spaced a maximum of 3" o.c. at the panel edges and 3" o.c. in the field. Fastener edge distance shall be a minimum of ¾". Set fastener depth on driving tools to the maximum depth.

2. Gypsum attached with minimum #6 type W or S screws 1¼" long.

Table 4: Nominal Unit Shear Capacity & Allowable Unit Shear Values for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB- Lateral Wind Load

5.3. Water-Resistive Barrier

- 5.3.1.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used as a WRB in accordance with *ASTM E331* and as prescribed in [IRC Section R703.2](#) and [IBC Section 1404.2](#) when installed on exterior walls as described in this section.
- 5.3.2.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB installed with the foam plastic insulation facing inward or outward is approved as a WRB provided the following conditions are met:
- 5.3.2.1.** All board joints are placed directly over exterior framing spaced a maximum of 16" o.c. (406 mm). The fasteners used to attach the board shall be installed in accordance with [Section 6](#) of this TER.
 - 5.3.2.2.** All seams and joints between boards shall be covered by Barricade® Seam Tape or equivalent after fasteners are installed.
 - 5.3.2.3.** Flashing must be installed at all sheathing penetrations and shall comply with all applicable code sections.
- 5.3.3.** When Thermo-Brace® Green SIB is used as intermittent bracing, NEOPOR® FPIS alone, which has been properly qualified as a WRB, is permitted to be used on the remaining portions of the braced wall line with all joints taped in accordance with the NEOPOR® FPIS manufacturer's installation instructions.
- 5.3.3.1.** Where the NEOPOR® has not been qualified as a WRB, a separate WRB shall be installed.

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5.4. Air Barrier

- 5.4.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB may be used as an air barrier material as prescribed in [/IRC Section N1102.4.1.1](#), and [/IECC Section R402.4.1.1](#) and [C402.5.1](#)⁷ in accordance with *ASTM E2178*.

5.5. Non-Structural

- 5.5.1. Where other means of wall bracing are provided, or are not required, any grade of Thermo-Brace® SIB may be used to provide other wall functions when installed in accordance with this section.

5.5.1.1. The sheathing panels shall be applied to wall framing with 16 ga galvanized staples having a 1" crown. Staples for the R3 panels shall be minimum 1¾" leg length. Staples for R5 panels shall be minimum 2" in length.

5.5.1.2. Fastener spacing shall be a maximum of 3" o.c in the field and 3" o.c. around the perimeter.

5.5.1.3. Stud spacing shall be a maximum of 16" o.c. (406 mm).

5.5.1.4. Minimum fastener penetration into the framing members shall be 1" for the R3 product and ¾" for the R5 product.

5.5.1.5. All staples shall be fastened parallel to the framing member with a minimum edge spacing of 3/8" (9.5 mm).

5.5.1.6. All panels are vertically or horizontally installed with all joints backed by studs, plates or blocks when water or air barrier functionality is desired.

6. Installation:

6.1. General for Structural and WRB Applications

- 6.1.1. Installation shall comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.

6.2. Orientation

- 6.2.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall be installed in either the vertical or horizontal orientation. To be recognized for the structural values listed in this TER, all joints must be fastened and backed by studs, plates or blocks.

6.3. Fastener Type

6.3.1. Staples for Installation with FPIS Facing Outward

- 6.3.1.1. For R-3 Thermo-Brace® Green SIB, minimum 15/16" crown by 1¾" leg, 16 ga galvanized staples shall be installed per the staple manufacturer's instructions.
- 6.3.1.2. For R-5 Thermo-Brace® Green SIB, minimum 15/16" crown by 2" leg, 16 ga galvanized staples shall be installed per the staple manufacturer's instructions.
- 6.3.1.3. Fasteners shall be driven such that the head of the fasteners slightly overdriven beneath the surface of the Thermo-Brace® Green SIB.

6.3.2. Nails for Installation with FPIS Facing Inward

- 6.3.2.1. For R-3 Thermo-Brace® Green SIB, minimum 1¾" x 11 ga. roofing nails shall be installed per the nail manufacturer's instructions.
- 6.3.2.2. For R-5 Thermo-Brace® Green SIB, minimum 1¾" x 11 ga. roofing nails shall be installed per the nail manufacturer's instructions.
- 6.3.2.3. Fasteners shall be driven such that the head of the fasteners are flush with the surface of the Thermo-Brace® Green SIB. Do not overdrive fasteners.

⁷ [2012 IECC Section 402.4.1](#)

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6.3.3. Gypsum Wallboard

- 6.3.3.1. Where required, interior gypsum wallboard shall be a minimum ½" thickness and shall be attached with one of the following.
- 6.3.3.2. #6 x 1¼" type W or S screws
- 6.3.3.3. 5d cooler nails

6.4. Fastener Edge Distance

- 6.4.1. Fasteners shall be installed with a nominal edge distance of ³⁄₈" (9.5 mm) for Thermo-Brace® Green SIB and gypsum.

6.5. Treatment of Joints

- 6.5.1. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB joints must be butted.
 - 6.5.1.1. Butt joints shall be placed over framing members and fastened with a single row of fasteners at each panel edge.
 - 6.5.1.2. When used as a WRB with the NEOPOR® FPIS installed facing inward, seal all seams with Barricade® Seam Tape or equivalent after all fasteners have been installed.
 - 6.5.1.3. When installed with the NEOPOR® FPIS facing outward, the NEOPOR® FPIS shall be qualified as a WRB and all seams shall be sealed with an approved tape in accordance with the NEOPOR® FPIS manufacturers installation instructions for use as a WRB. Alternately, a separate WRB may be installed.
- 6.5.2. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB must be installed with appropriate flashing and counter flashing, in conformance with accepted building standards and in compliance with local building codes and the flashing manufacturer's installation instructions.

7. Test and Engineering Substantiating Data:

- 7.1. Lateral load testing performed by SBCRI in accordance with *ASTM E564*.
- 7.2. WRB testing performed by Intertek, in accordance with *ASTM E331*.
- 7.3. Test reports and data compiled by SBCRI for determining comparative equivalency for use as an alternative material in accordance with [IRC Section R104.11](#) and [IBC Section 104.11](#).
- 7.4. The product(s) evaluated by this TER fall within the scope of one or more of the model, state or local building codes for building construction. The testing and/or substantiating data used in this TER is limited to buildings, structures, building elements, construction materials and civil engineering related specifically to buildings.
- 7.5. The provisions of model, state or local building codes for building construction do not intend to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction. Alternatives shall use consensus standards, performance-based design methods or other engineering mechanics based means of compliance. This TER assesses compliance with defined standards, accepted engineering analysis, performance-based design methods, etc. in the context of the pertinent building code requirements.
- 7.6. Some information contained herein is the result of testing and/or data analysis by other sources, which DrJ relies on to be accurate, as it undertakes its engineering analysis.
- 7.7. DrJ has reviewed and found the data provided by other professional sources are credible. The information in this TER conforms with DrJ's procedure for acceptance of data from approved sources.
- 7.8. DrJ's responsibility for data provided by approved sources conforms with [IBC Section 1703](#) and any relevant professional engineering law.
- 7.9. Where appropriate, DrJ relies on the derivation of design values, which have been codified into law through codes and standards (e.g., IRC, WFCM, IBC, SDPWS, NDS, ACI, AISI, PS-20, PS-2, etc.). This includes review of code provisions and any related test data that aids in comparative analysis or provides support for equivalency to an intended end-use application. Where the accuracy of design values provided herein is reliant upon the published properties of commodity materials (e.g. lumber, steel, concrete, etc), DrJ relies upon grade/properties provided by the raw material supplier to be accurate and conforming to the mechanical properties defined in the relevant material standard.

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8. Findings:

- 8.1. When installed in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions and this TER, Thermo-Brace® Green SIB complies with, or is a suitable alternative to, the applicable sections of the codes listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER for the following applications:
- 8.1.1. Lateral load resistance due to wind loads carried by shear walls.
 - 8.1.2. Performance of foam plastics in accordance with [IRC Section R316](#) and [IBC Section 2603](#).
 - 8.1.3. Performance for use as a WRB in accordance with [IRC Section R703.2](#) and [IBC Section 1404.2](#).
 - 8.1.4. Performance for use as an air barrier material as prescribed in [IRC Section N1102.4.1.1](#), and [IECC Section R402.4.1.1](#) and [C402.5.1](#)⁸ in accordance with [ASTM E2178](#).
- 8.2. [IRC Section R104.11](#) and [IBC Section 104.11](#) ([IFC Section 104.9](#) is similar) state:
- 104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *building official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code. ... Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *building official* shall respond in writing, stating the reasons the alternative was not *approved*.
- 8.3. This product has been evaluated with the codes listed in [Section 2](#) of this TER and is compliant with all known state and local building codes. Where there are known variations in state or local codes that are applicable to this evaluation, they are listed here:
- 8.3.1. No known variations
- 8.4. This TER uses professional engineering law, the building code, ANSI/ASTM consensus standards and generally accepted engineering practice as its criteria for all testing and engineering analysis. Dr.J's professional engineering work falls under the jurisdiction of each state board of professional engineers when signed and sealed.

9. Conditions of Use:

- 9.1. Where required by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed, this TER and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- 9.2. Any generally accepted engineering calculations needed to show compliance with this TER shall be submitted to the code official for review and approval.
- 9.3. Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.
- 9.4. Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall not be used as a nailing base for claddings, trim, windows or doors. Fastening through the Thermo-Brace® Green SIB into the framing is acceptable.
- 9.5. Walls sheathed with Thermo-Brace® Green SIB shall not be used to resist horizontal loads from concrete and masonry walls.
- 9.6. When Thermo-Brace® Green SIB is installed as a wall sheathing but is not installed per structural requirements, light-framed walls shall be braced by other means. When used as a WRB, installation shall be in accordance with [Section 5.3](#) of this TER.
 - 9.6.1. When Thermo-Brace® SIB is not installed as a WRB, other means of providing a WRB are required, as per the code.
- 9.7. When used in accordance with the [IBC](#) in high wind areas, special inspections shall comply with [IBC Section 1705.11](#)^{9,10}.

⁸ [2012 IECC Section 402.4.1](#)

⁹ [2012 IBC Section 1705.10](#)

¹⁰ [2009 IBC Section 1706](#)

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- 9.8.** Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.
- 9.8.1.** Allowable shear loads shall not exceed the values in [Table 3](#) of this TER for under lateral load conditions (wind).
- 9.9.** Thermo-Brace® Green SIB is manufactured under a quality control program with quality control inspections in accordance with [/IRC Section R109.2](#) and [/IBC Sections 110.3.8 and 110.4](#).
- 9.10.** Design
- 9.10.1.** Building Designer Responsibility
- 9.10.1.1.** Unless the AHJ allows otherwise, the Construction Documents shall be prepared by a Building Designer for the Building and shall be in accordance with [/IRC Section R106](#) and [/IBC Section 107](#).
- 9.10.1.2.** The Construction Documents shall be accurate and reliable and shall provide the location, direction and magnitude of all applied loads and shall be in accordance with [/IRC Section R301](#) and [/IBC Section 1603](#).
- 9.10.2.** Construction Documents
- 9.10.2.1.** Construction documents shall be submitted to the building official for approval and shall contain the plans, specifications and details needed for the building official to approve such documents.
- 9.11.** Responsibilities
- 9.11.1.** The information contained herein is a product, material, detail, design and/or application TER evaluated in accordance with the referenced building codes, testing and/or analysis through the use of accepted engineering practice, experience and technical judgment.
- 9.11.2.** DrJ TERs provide an assessment of only those attributes specifically addressed in the Products Evaluated or Code Compliance Process Evaluated sections.
- 9.11.3.** The engineering evaluation was performed on the dates provided in this TER, within DrJ's professional scope of work.
- 9.11.4.** This product is manufactured under a third-party quality control program in accordance with [/IRC Section R104.4](#) and [R109.2](#) and [/IBC Section 104.4](#) and [110.4](#).
- 9.11.5.** The actual design, suitability and use of this TER, for any particular building, is the responsibility of the Owner or the Owner's authorized agent, and the TER shall be reviewed for code compliance by the Building Official.
- 9.11.6.** The use of this TER is dependent on the manufacturer's in-plant QC, the ISO/IEC 17020 third-party quality assurance program and procedures, proper installation per the manufacturer's instructions, the Building Official's inspection and any other code requirements that may apply to demonstrate and verify compliance with the applicable building code.

10. Identification:

- 10.1.** Each Thermo-Brace® Green SIB panel described in this TER is identified by a label on the board or packaging material bearing the manufacturer's name, product name, TER number, and other information to confirm code compliance.
- 10.2.** Additional technical information can be found at barricadebp.com.

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11. Review Schedule:

- 11.1. This TER is subject to periodic review and revision. For the most recent version of this TER, visit drjengineering.org.
- 11.2. For information on the current status of this TER, contact [DrJ Engineering](#).



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