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Shear Wall Performance of Hunter Panels Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A

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1 Innovative Products Evaluated[1]

1.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A

2 Product Description and Materials

2.1 An example of the innovative products evaluated in this report, Xci NB, is shown in **Figure 1**.

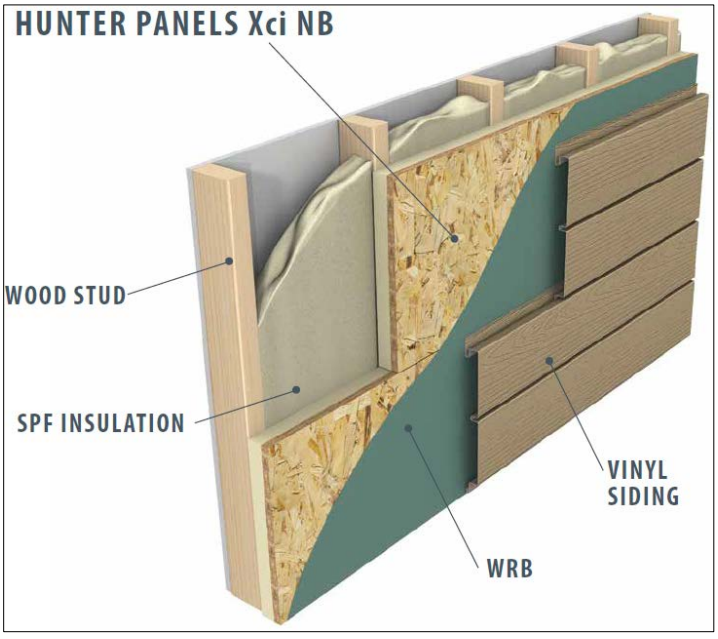

Figure 1. Xci NB with SPF Insulation

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2.2 Xci NB is a composite, high thermal, rigid insulation panel composed of a closed cell polyisocyanurate foam core bonded to a premium performance coated glass facer on one side and $^{7}/_{16}$" or $^{5}/_{8}$" Oriented Strand Board (OSB) or plywood on the other. It is designed for use in Type V commercial wall applications to provide continuous insulation within the building envelope.

2.2.1 Xci NB conforms to ASTM C1289, Type V. The foam core conforms to ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 2.

2.3 Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A are composite, high thermal, rigid insulation panels composed of a closed cell polyisocyanurate foam core bonded to a premium performance coated glass facer on one side and $^{5}/_{8}$" or $^{3}/_{4}$" Fire-Retardant Treated (FRT) plywood on the other. Both are designed for use in Types I-IV commercial wall applications to provide continuous insulation within the building envelope.

2.3.1 Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A conform to ASTM C1289, Type V. The foam core conforms to ASTM C1289, Type II, Class 2.

2.4 *Material Availability*

2.4.1 *Nominal Thickness:*

2.4.1.1 *Xci NB:*

2.4.1.1.1 *$^{7}/_{16}$" OSB Nailbase:* 1.5" (38 mm) through 4.5" (114 mm)

2.4.1.1.2 *$^{5}/_{8}$" OSB Nailbase:* 1.6" (38 mm) through 4.6" (114 mm)

2.4.1.2 *Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A:*

2.4.1.2.1 *$^{5}/_{8}$" Plywood Nailbase:* 1.6" (41 mm) through 4.6" (119 mm)

2.4.1.2.2 *$^{3}/_{4}$" Plywood Nailbase:* 1.7" (41 mm) through 4.7" (119 mm)

2.4.2 *Standard Product Width:*

2.4.2.1 48" (1,219 mm)

2.4.3 *Standard Product Length:*

2.4.3.1 96" (2,438 mm)

2.5 As needed, review material properties for design in **Section 6** and the regulatory evaluation in **Section 8**.

3 Definitions[2]

3.1 New Materials[3] are defined as building materials, equipment, appliances, systems, or methods of construction, not provided for by prescriptive and/or legislatively adopted regulations, known as alternative materials.[4] The design strength and permissible stresses shall be established by tests[5] and/or engineering analysis.[6]

3.2 Duly authenticated reports[7] and research reports[8] are test reports and related engineering evaluations that are written by an approved agency[9] and/or an approved source.[10]

3.2.1 This report utilizes intellectual property and/or trade secrets to create public domain material properties for commercial end-use.

3.2.1.1 This report protects confidential Intellectual Property and trade secrets under the regulation, 18.US.Code.90, also known as Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA).[11]

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3.5 Testing and/or inspections conducted for this duly authenticated report were performed by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing laboratory, an ISO/IEC 17020 accredited inspection body, and/or a licensed RDP.

3.5.1 The Center for Building Innovation (CBI) is ANAB[13] ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17020 accredited.

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3.6 The regulatory authority shall enforce[14] the specific provisions of each legislatively adopted regulation. If there is a non-conformance, the specific regulatory section and language of the non-conformance shall be provided in writing[15] stating the nonconformance and the path to its cure.

3.7 The regulatory authority shall accept duly authenticated reports from an approved agency and/or an approved source with respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in regulations regarding the use of alternative materials, designs, or methods of construction.[16]

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4 Applicable Local, State, and Federal Approvals; Standards; Regulations[20]

4.1 *Local, State, and Federal*

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4.1.4 Approved means complying with the requirements of local, state, or federal legislation.

4.2 *Regulations*

4.2.1 *IBC – 18, 21, 24: International Building Code®*

4.2.2 *IRC – 18, 21, 24: International Residential Code®*

4.2.3 *IECC – 18, 21, 24: International Energy Conservation Code®*

4.3 *Standards*

4.3.1 *ANSI/AWC SDPWS: Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic*

4.3.2 *ASCE/SEI 7: Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures*

4.3.3 *ASTM E84: Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*

4.3.4 *ASTM E564: Standard Practice for Static Load Test for Shear Resistance of Framed Walls for Buildings*

4.3.5 *ASTM E2126: Standard Test Methods for Cyclic (Reversed) Load Test for Shear Resistance of Vertical Elements of the Lateral Force Resisting Systems for Buildings*

4.3.6 *ASTM E2178: Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials*

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4.4 Structural performance for shear wall assemblies used as lateral force resisting systems in Seismic Design Categories A through F have been tested and evaluated in accordance with the following standards:

4.4.1 *ASCE/SEI 7: Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures*

4.4.2 *ASTM D7989: Standard Practice for Demonstrating Equivalent In-Plane Lateral Seismic Performance to Wood-Frame Shear Walls Sheathed with Wood Structural Panels*

4.4.2.1 ASTM D7989 is accepted engineering practice used to establish Seismic Design Coefficients (SDC).

4.4.2.2 Tested data generated by ISO/IEC 17025 approved agencies and/or professional engineers, which use ASTM D7989 as their basis, are defined as intellectual property and/or trade secrets.

4.4.2.3 All professional engineering evaluations are defined as an independent design review (i.e., listings, certified reports, duly authenticated reports from approved agencies, and/or research reports, are prepared independently by approved agencies and/or approved sources, when signed and sealed by licensed professional engineer pursuant to registration law.

4.4.3 *ASTM E564: Standard Practice for Static Load Test for Shear Resistance of Framed Walls for Buildings*

4.4.4 *ASTM E2126: Standard Test Methods for Cyclic (Reversed) Load Test for Shear Resistance of Vertical Elements of the Lateral Force Resisting Systems for Buildings*

5 Listed[25]

5.1 Equipment, materials, products, or services included in a List published by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (e.g., CBI), an approved agency (e.g., CBI and DrJ), and/or an approved source (e.g., DrJ), or other organization(s) concerned with product evaluation (e.g., DrJ), that maintains periodic inspection (e.g., CBI) of production of listed equipment or materials, and whose listing states either that the equipment or material meets nationally recognized standards or has been tested and found suitable for use in a specified manner.

6 Tabulated Properties Generated from Nationally Recognized Standards

6.1 *General*

6.1.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A are used in the following applications as:

6.1.1.1 Wall sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with the IRC and IBC for light frame wood construction.

6.1.1.2 Structural wall sheathing to provide lateral load resistance (wind and seismic) for braced wall panels used in light-frame wood construction.

6.1.1.3 Structural wall sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with the IBC requirements for Type V light frame construction.

6.1.1.4 Structural wall sheathing to provide resistance to transverse loads for wall assemblies used in light frame wood construction.

6.2 *Structural Applications*

6.2.1 *General Structural Provisions:*

6.2.1.1 Except as otherwise described in this report, Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shall be installed in accordance with the applicable building codes listed in **Section 4** using the provisions set forth herein for the design and installation of Wood Structural Panels (WSP).

6.2.1.1.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A are permitted to be designed in accordance with SDPWS for the design of shear walls using the methods set forth therein, including the perforated shear wall methodology, and are subject to the SDPWS boundary conditions, except as specifically allowed in this report.

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6.2.1.2 Anchorage for in-plane shear 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 4**.

6.2.1.3 Installation is permitted for single top plate or double top plate applications.

6.2.2 *Prescriptive IBC Conventional Light-Frame Wood Construction:*

6.2.2.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A may be used to brace exterior walls of buildings as an equivalent alternative to Method WSP of the IBC when installed with blocked or unblocked $^1/_2$" gypsum fastened with a minimum 5d cooler nail (0.086" diameter x $1^5/_8$") or #6 type W or S screw spaced a maximum of 16" o.c. at panel edges and 16" o.c. in the field. Bracing shall be in accordance with the conventional light frame construction method of IBC Section 2308.10[26] and this report.

6.2.3 *Performance-Based Wood-Framed Construction:*

6.2.3.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A 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 1** and **Table 2**.

6.2.3.2 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shear walls are permitted to resist horizontal wind load forces using the allowable shear loads (in pounds per linear foot) set forth in **Table 1**.

6.2.3.3 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shear walls that require seismic design in accordance with IBC Section 1613, shall use the seismic allowable unit shear capacities set forth in **Table 2**.

6.2.3.3.1 The response modification coefficient, R, system overstrength factor, Ω_0, and deflection amplification factor, C_d, provided in **Table 2** shall be used to determine the base shear, element design forces, and design story drift in accordance with ASCE 7, Chapter 12 and ASCE 7, Section 14.5.

6.2.3.3.2 For Limit States Seismic Design, see **Table 3** for the specified shear strength, ductility, and overstrength factors.

Table 1. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A Allowable Stress Design (ASD) Capacity - Wind

Structural Sheathing[1,4]	Fastener **(Spaced 3":12")**	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Gypsum Wallboard (GWB)	GWB Fastener[3] Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Allowable Unit Shear Capacity (plf)
Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A ($^7/_{16}$" or $^5/_8$" Wood Structural Panel + 2" Polyiso)	$3^1/_4$" x 0.131" or $3^1/_2$" x 0.131" Smooth Shank Nail[2]	16 o.c.	No GWB	N/A	325
			$^1/_2$" GWB	8:8	350
Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A ($^7/_{16}$" or $^5/_8$" Wood Structural Panel + $1^1/_2$" Polyiso)	$3^1/_4$" x 0.131" Smooth Shank Nail	16 o.c.	No GWB	N/A	375
Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A ($^5/_8$" FRT Plywood + 1" Polyiso)	$3^1/_4$" x 0.131" Smooth Shank Nail[5]	16 o.c.	No GWB	N/A	700

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb/ft = 0.0146 kN/m

1. For Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A, design values shall be reduced in accordance with the fire-retardant treatment manufacturer published strength design reduction factors for fasteners, where applicable.
2. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A attached with a minimum $3^1/_2$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^5/_8$" thick product, and a minimum $3^1/_4$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^7/_{16}$". Fasteners are to be spaced a maximum of 3" o.c. at the edges and 12" o.c. in the field with a minimum edge distance of $^3/_8$". Minimum fastener penetration of $^3/_4$" required. Maximum product thickness: $2^5/_8$" (2" foam plus $^5/_8$" wood structural panel). Minimum product thickness: $2^7/_{16}$" (2" foam plus $^7/_{16}$" wood structural panel).
3. Gypsum attached with minimum 5d cooler nail or #6 type W or S screws $1^1/_4$" long. Fastener spacing shall be as required above.
4. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A joints shall be butted at framing members and a single row of fasteners must be applied to each panel edge into the stud below.
5. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A attached with a minimum $3^1/_4$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail. Fasteners are to be spaced a maximum of 3" o.c. at the edges and 12" o.c. in the field with a minimum edge distance of $^3/_8$". Minimum fastener penetration of $^3/_4$" required. Product thickness: $1^5/_8$" (1" foam plus $^5/_8$" FRT Plywood).

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Table 2. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A Allowable Stress Design (ASD) Capacity and Seismic Design Coefficients[1,2,3,10]

Seismic Force-Resisting System	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Gypsum Wallboard (GWB)	Seismic Allowable Unit Shear Capacity[4] (plf)	Apparent Shear Stiffness, G_a (kips/in)	Response Modification Factor[5] R	System Over-strength Factor[6] Ω_0	Deflection Amplification Coefficient[7] C_d	Structural System Limitations and Building Height Limit[8] (ft)				
								Seismic Design Category				
								B	C	D	E	F
Light-Frame (Wood) Walls Sheathed with Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A ($^7/_{16}$" or $^5/_8$" Wood structural panel + 2" Polyiso)	16 o.c.	$^1/_2$" GWB[9]	280	9.4	6.5	3	4	NL	NL	65	65	65
		No GWB	260	3.7								
Light-Frame (Wood) Walls Sheathed with Xci NB ($^7/_{16}$" or $^5/_8$" Wood Structural Panel + $1^1/_2$" Polyiso)	16 o.c.	No GWB	300	4.8	6.5	3	4					

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1. For Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A design values shall be reduced in accordance with the fire-retardant treatment manufacturer published strength design reduction factors for fasteners.
2. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A attached with a minimum $3^1/_2$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^5/_8$" thick product and a minimum $3^1/_4$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^7/_{16}$" thick product. Fasteners are to be spaced a maximum of 3" o.c. at the edges and 12" o.c. in the field with a minimum edge distance of $^3/_8$". Minimum fastener penetration of $^3/_4$" required. Maximum product thickness: $2^5/_8$" (2" foam plus $^5/_8$" wood structural panel). Minimum product thickness: $2^7/_{16}$" (2" foam plus $^7/_{16}$" wood structural panel).
3. All seismic design coefficients follow the equivalency procedures as defined in Section 4 and Section 8 of this report.
4. Allowable Unit shear capacity is based on the methodology found in ASTM D7989.
5. Response modification coefficient, R, for use throughout ASCE/SEI 7. *Note:* R reduces forces to a strength level, not an allowable stress level.
6. The tabulated value of the overstrength factor, Ω_0, is permitted to be reduced by subtracting one-half (0.5) for structures with flexible diaphragms.
7. Deflection amplification factor, C_d, for use with ASCE/SEI 7 Section 12.8.6, ASCE/SEI 7 Section 12.8.7, and ASCE/SEI 7 Section 12.9.2.
8. NL = Not Limited. Heights are measured from the base of the structure as defined in ASCE/SEI 7 Section 11.2.
9. Gypsum attached with minimum #6 type W or S screws $1^1/_4$" long spaced 8" o.c. at panel edges and in the field. Maximum stud spacing is 16" o.c.
10. Drift limits are required to be checked in accordance with and shall not exceed those as allowed by ASCE 7 Table 12.12-1.

Table 3. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A Limit States Design (LSD) Capacity and Seismic Design Coefficients (Seismic)[1,2,3]

Seismic Force-Resisting System	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Gypsum Wallboard (GWB)	Seismic Specified Shear Strength (plf)	Ductility Factor, R_d	Overstrength Factor, R_o
Light-Frame (Wood) Wall Sheathed with Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A ($^7/_{16}$" or $^5/_8$" Wood Structural Panel + 2" Polyiso)	16 o.c.	$^1/_2$" GWB	370	4.0	1.7
		No GWB	350	3.0	1.7

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb/ft = 0.0146 kN/m

1. For Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A design values shall be reduced in accordance with the fire-retardant treatment manufacturer published strength design reduction factors for fasteners.
2. Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A attached with a minimum $3^1/_2$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^5/_8$" thick product and a minimum $3^1/_4$" x 0.131" smooth shank nail for $2^7/_{16}$" thick product. Fasteners are to be spaced a maximum of 3" o.c. at the edges and 12" o.c. in the field with a minimum edge distance of $^3/_8$". Minimum fastener penetration of $^3/_4$" required. Maximum product thickness: $2^5/_8$" (2" foam plus $^5/_8$" wood structural panel).
3. Gypsum attached with minimum #6 type W or S screws $1^1/_4$" long spaced 16" o.c. at panel edges and in the field. Maximum stud spacing is 16" o.c.

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6.3 *Transverse Wind Loading*

6.3.1 Transverse wind load design shall be in accordance with IBC Section 2304.6.1. Fasteners must be minimum 6d common nail (0.113" diameter) with minimum 1½" penetration or 8d common nail (0.131" diameter) with minimum 1¾" penetration.

6.4 *Perforated Shear Walls*

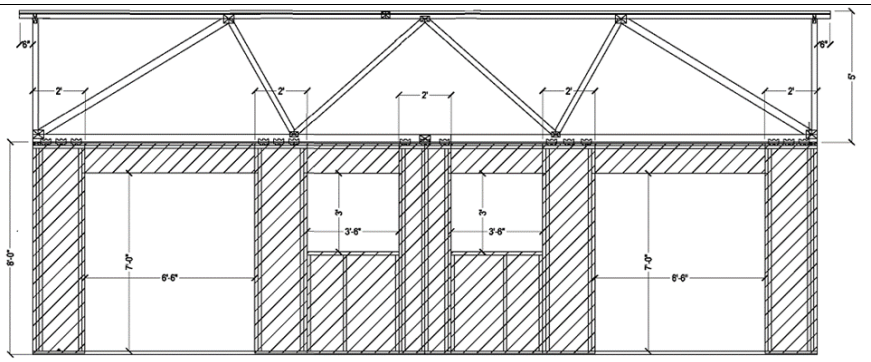
6.4.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shear walls are permitted to be designed in accordance with the methodology found in SDPWS Section 4.3.3.5 with the following exceptions:

6.4.1.1 SDPWS Section 4.3.3.5 for C_o shall be replaced with the equation from **Table 4**.

Table 4. C_o for Use with SDPWS Perforated Shear Wall Methodology

Wall Assembly	Replace SDPWS Eq. 4.3-5 with the Following:
Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A	$C_o = \frac{r}{(0.6 + 0.4 \times r)} \times \frac{L_{tot}}{\sum L_i}$

6.4.1.2 The following example shows how to calculate the capacity of a perforated shear wall with Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A using **Table 4**.



1. The total length of the perforated shear wall, L_{tot}, is 30'.
2. The height of the perforated shear wall, h, is 8'.
3. The sum of the perforated shear wall segment lengths, ΣL_i, is 10'.
4. The total area of the openings, A_o, is:
   a. Two (2) 7' x 6' 6" openings – 45.5 sq. ft. x 2 = 91 sq. ft.
   b. Two (2) 3' x 3' 6" openings – 10.5 sq. ft. x 2 = 21 sq. ft.
   c. Total opening area is: 91 + 21 = 112 sq. ft.
5. Using SDPWS Equation 4.3-6, the sheathing area ratio, r, is:
$$r = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{A_o}{h\Sigma L_i}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{112}{8 \times 10}} = 0.417$$
6. Using Table 4, the shear capacity adjustment factor, C_o, is:
$$C_o = \frac{r}{0.6 + 0.4 \times r} \times \frac{L_{tot}}{\Sigma L_i} = \frac{0.417}{0.6 + 0.4 \times 0.417} \times \frac{30}{10} = 1.63$$
7. From Table 1, the allowable unit shear capacity, v, is: 325-plf.
8. In accordance with SDPWS Section 4.3.3.5, the total ASD shear capacity of this perforated shear wall, $V_{perforated}$, is:
$$V_{perforated} = v * \Sigma L_i * C_o = 325\ plf * 10\ ft. * 1.63 = 5298\ lbs.$$

Figure 2. Example of a Perforated Shear Wall

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6.5 *Air Barrier*

6.5.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A meet the requirements of IRC Section N1101.10.5, IECC Section R303.1.5, and IECC Section C402.6.2.3.1[27] for use as an air barrier material when installed in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions and this report.

6.5.1.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A may be used as air barrier materials as prescribed in IRC Section N1102.5.1.1,[28] IECC Section R402.5.1.1[29] and IECC Section C402.6.1.[30]

Table 5. Air Permeability[1,2]

Product	Air Pressure	Air Permeability
Xci NB	75 Pa	< 0.02 L/(s·m²)
Xci Ply and Xci Ply Class A	75 Pa	< 0.02 L/(s·m²)

Imperial: 1 L/(s·m²) = 0.02 cfm/ft²

1. Foam core tested in accordance with ASTM E2178.
2. Air pressure and permeability numbers shown represent Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A compliance and are not intended to represent the performance under actual conditions

6.6 *Fire Performance*

6.6.1 *Surface Burning Characteristics:*

6.6.1.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A were evaluated to assess performance with regard to flame spread and smoke developed index in accordance with ASTM E84, as shown in **Table 6**.

Table 6. Surface Burning Characteristics[1,2]

Product Name	Flame Spread Index	Smoke-Developed Index	Classification
Xci NB	≤ 75	≤ 450	Class B
Xci Ply	≤ 75	≤ 450	Class B
Xci Ply Class A	≤ 25	≤ 450	Class A

1. Foam core tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
2. Flame spread and smoke-developed indexes are shown for comparison purposes only and are not intended to represent the performance under actual fire conditions.

6.7 Alternative techniques shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering practice and experience. These provisions for the use of alternative materials, designs, and methods of construction are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed herein. This includes, but is not limited to, the following areas of engineering: mechanics of materials, structures, building science, and fire science.

7 Certified Performance[31]

7.1 All construction methods shall conform to accepted engineering practices to ensure durable, livable, and safe construction and shall demonstrate acceptable workmanship reflecting journeyman quality of work of the various trades.[32]

7.2 The strength and rigidity of the component parts and/or the integrated structure shall be determined by engineering analysis or by suitable load tests to simulate the actual loads and conditions of application that occur.[33]

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8 Regulatory Evaluation and Accepted Engineering Practice

8.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A comply with the following legislatively adopted regulations and/or accepted engineering practice for the following reasons:

8.1.1 Structural performance for shear wall assemblies used as lateral force resisting systems in Seismic Design Categories A through F, have been tested and evaluated in accordance with the following standards:

8.1.1.1 ASCE/SEI 7: Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures

8.1.1.2 ASTM D7989: Standard Practice for Demonstrating Equivalent In-Plane Lateral Seismic Performance to Wood-Frame Shear Walls Sheathed with Wood Structural Panels

8.1.1.3 ASTM E72: Standard Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction

8.1.1.4 ASTM E564: Standard Practice for Static Load Test for Shear Resistance of Framed Walls for Buildings

8.1.1.5 ASTM E2126: Standard Test Methods for Cyclic (Reversed) Load Test for Shear Resistance of Vertical Elements of the Lateral Force Resisting Systems for Buildings

8.1.2 Lateral force resisting systems for use in both wind and seismic applications follow the performance-based provisions of IBC Section 2306.1, IBC Section 2306.3 and/or SDPWS Section 4.3 for light-frame wood wall assemblies.

8.1.3 Structural performance under lateral load conditions for use as an alternative to the conventional wall bracing provisions of IBC Section 2308.10[34] Method WSP (Wood Structural Panel).

8.1.4 Structural performance under lateral load conditions for use as a perforated shear wall.

8.1.5 Resistance to transverse loads for wall assemblies used in light-frame wood construction in accordance with IBC Section 1609.1.1.

8.1.6 Performance for use as a component of the air barrier system (air barrier material) in accordance with IRC Section N1101.10.5, IECC Section R303.1.5, and IECC Section C402.6.2.3.1.[35]

8.1.7 Surface burning characteristics of the foam component in accordance with IBC Section 2603.3, IBC Section 2603.5.4, and IRC Section R303.3.[36]

8.2 In accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.1, fire resistance-rated wall assemblies are outside the scope of this evaluation.

8.3 Any building code, regulation and/or accepted engineering evaluations (e.g., research reports, duly authenticated reports, etc.) that are conducted for this Listing were performed by DrJ, which is an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body and a professional engineering company operated by RDP or approved sources. DrJ is qualified[37] to practice product and regulatory compliance services within its scope of accreditation and engineering expertise,[38] respectively.

8.4 Engineering evaluations are conducted with DrJ's ANAB accredited ICS code scope of expertise, which is also its areas of professional engineering competence.

9 Installation

9.1 Installation shall comply with the approved construction documents, the manufacturer installation instructions, this report, and the applicable building code.

9.2 In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer installation instructions and this report, contact the manufacturer for counsel on the proper installation method.

9.3 *Installation Procedure*

9.3.1 Protect surrounding areas and surfaces from damage.

9.3.2 A water resistive barrier complying with IBC Section 1403.2 shall be installed over the Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A.

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9.3.3 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shall not be applied over walls while they are vulnerable to water intrusion from above or from behind.

9.3.4 Do not block flashing, weeps, or other drainage paths with Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A.

9.3.5 Do not span expansion joints with Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A.

9.3.6 During installation, take precautions to minimize moisture intrusion behind insulation.

9.3.7 Beginning at the base of the wall, apply Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A horizontally or vertically using maximum board lengths to minimize the number of joints.

9.3.8 Pre-cut Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A to fit openings and penetrations.

9.3.9 Offset Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A board joints a minimum of 6". Do not form four-corner intersections.

9.3.10 Form a *"corner lock"* pattern by staggering vertical joints at inside and outside corners.

9.3.11 Fill gaps greater than $^{1}/_{8}$" between Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A boards with expanding spray foam or an approved sealant, and strike flush. Expanding spray foam may also be applied onto the Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A board edges during installation.

9.3.12 Abut all joints tightly and ensure an overall flush, level surface.

9.3.13 Verify all materials are installed in accordance with current Hunter Panels, LLC published literature and local code requirements.

9.3.14 Additional information on the installation and detailing of Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A can be found at www.hunterpanels.com/installation-resources/xci-polyiso-wall-installation.

9.3.15 *Fastener Type:*

9.3.15.1 Minimum $3^{1}/_{4}$" (82 mm) x 0.131" (3.5 mm) smooth shank nail with the underside of the head flush with the surface of the sheathing for $^{5}/_{8}$" FRT Plywood + 1" Polyiso and $^{7}/_{16}$" FRT Plywood + 2" Polyiso.

9.3.15.2 Minimum $3^{1}/_{2}$" (89 mm) x 0.131" (3.5 mm) smooth shank nail with the underside of the head flush with the surface of the sheathing for $^{5}/_{8}$" FRT Plywood + 2" Polyiso.

9.3.16 *Fastener Spacing:*

9.3.16.1 Maximum 3" o.c. at the perimeter and 12" o.c. in the field with minimum $^{3}/_{8}$" from board edges.

9.3.17 *Gypsum Wallboard:*

9.3.17.1 Where required, gypsum wallboard shall be installed with a minimum:

9.3.17.1.1 #6 x $1^{1}/_{4}$" (32 mm) Type W or S screws

9.3.17.1.2 5d cooler nails

10 Substantiating Data

10.1 Testing has been performed under the supervision of a professional engineer and/or under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 as follows:

10.1.1 Lateral load testing in accordance with ASTM E2126

10.1.2 Air permeability testing in accordance with ASTM E2178

10.1.3 Flame spread and smoke developed ratings in accordance with ASTM E84

10.2 Information contained herein may include the result of testing and/or data analysis by sources that are approved agencies, approved sources, and/or an RDP. Accuracy of external test data and resulting analysis is relied upon.

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10.3 Where applicable, testing and/or engineering analysis are based upon provisions that have been codified into law through state or local adoption of regulations and standards. The developers of these regulations and standards are responsible for the reliability of published content. DrJ's engineering practice may use a regulation-adopted provision as the control. A regulation-endorsed control versus a simulation of the conditions of application to occur establishes a new material as being equivalent to the regulatory provision in terms of quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, and safety.

10.4 The accuracy of the provisions provided herein may be reliant upon the published properties of raw materials, which are defined by the grade mark, grade stamp, mill certificate, or duly authenticated reports from approved agencies and/or approved sources provided by the supplier. These are presumed to be minimum properties and relied upon to be accurate. The reliability of DrJ's engineering practice, as contained in this duly authenticated report, may be dependent upon published design properties by others.

10.5 *Testing and Engineering Analysis*

10.5.1 The strength, rigidity, and/or general performance of component parts and/or the integrated structure are determined by suitable tests that simulate the actual conditions of application that occur and/or by accepted engineering practice and experience.[39]

10.6 Where additional condition of use and/or regulatory compliance information is required, please search for Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A on the DrJ Certification website.

11 Findings

11.1 As outlined in **Section 6**, Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A have performance characteristics that were tested and/or meet applicable regulations. In addition, they are suitable for use pursuant to its specified purpose.

11.2 When used and installed in accordance with this duly authenticated report and the manufacturer installation instructions, Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A shall be approved for the following applications:

11.2.1 Lateral load resistance due to wind and seismic loads carried by shear walls as shown in **Table 1** and **Table 2**.

11.2.2 Transverse load resistance due to components and cladding pressures on building surfaces.

11.2.3 Performance for use as an air barrier material in accordance with IRC Section N1101.10.5, IECC Section R303.1.5, and IECC Section C402.6.2.3.1.[40]

11.3 Unless exempt by state statute, when Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A are to be used as a structural and/or building envelope component in the design of a specific building, the design shall be performed by an RDP.

11.4 Any application specific issues not addressed herein can be engineered by an RDP. Assistance with engineering is available from Hunter Panels, LLC.

11.5 IBC Section 104.2.3[41] (IRC Section R104.2.2[42] and IFC Section 104.2.3[43] are similar) in pertinent part state:

> 104.2.3 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 is not specifically prohibited by this code and has been approved.

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11.6 **Approved:**[44] Building regulations require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports.[45]

11.6.1 An approved agency is *"approved"* when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited.

11.6.2 An approved source is *"approved"* when an RDP is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce.

11.6.3 Federal law, Title 18 US Code Section 242, requires that, where the alternative product, material, service, design, assembly, and/or method of construction is not approved, the building official shall respond in writing, stating the reasons why the alternative was not approved. Denial without written reason deprives a protected right to free and fair competition in the marketplace.

11.7 DrJ is a licensed engineering company, employs licensed RDPs and is an ANAB Accredited Product Certification Body – Accreditation #1131.

11.8 Through the IAF Multilateral Arrangement (MLA), this duly authenticated report can be used to obtain product approval in any jurisdiction or country because all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports are equivalent.[46]

12 Conditions of Use

12.1 As defined in **Section 6**, where material and/or engineering mechanics properties are created for load resisting design purposes, the resistance to the applied load shall not exceed the ability of the defined properties to resist those loads using the principles of accepted engineering practice.

12.2 This report and the installation instructions, when required by a code official, shall be submitted at the time of permit application.

12.3 Where Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A are not installed for use as wall bracing as described in this report, the walls shall be braced by other materials in accordance with the applicable code.

12.4 When used as part of a continuous air barrier assembly, all sheathing panel edges at the top and bottom of the wall assemblies and all joints between sheathing panels shall be sealed with an approved construction tape.

12.5 When used in accordance with the IBC in Seismic Design Categories C, D, E, or F, special inspections shall comply with IBC Section 1705.13.[47]

12.6 When used in accordance with the IBC in high wind areas, special inspections shall comply with IBC Section 1705.12.

12.7 Loads applied shall not exceed those recommended by the manufacturer as follows:

12.7.1 Allowable shear loads do not exceed values in **Table 1** for wind loads and **Table 2** for seismic loads.

12.7.2 Transverse loads shall not exceed those imposed by the wind speeds described in IBC Section 2304.6.1, unless an approved exterior wall covering capable of separately resisting loads perpendicular to the face of the walls is installed over the sheathing.

12.8 The manufacturer installation instructions shall be available on the jobsite for inspection.

12.9 When required by adopted legislation and enforced by the building official, also known as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed:

12.9.1 Any calculations incorporated into the construction documents shall conform to accepted engineering practice and, when prepared by an approved source, shall be approved when signed and sealed.

12.9.2 This report and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.

12.9.3 At a minimum, these innovative products shall be installed per **Section 9**.

12.9.4 The review of this report by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 104.2.3.2 and IBC Section 105.3.1.

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12.9.5 These innovative products have an internal quality control program and a third party quality assurance program in accordance with IBC Section 104.7.2, IBC Section 110.4, IBC Section 1703, IRC Section R104.7.2, and IRC Section R109.2.

12.9.6 The application of these innovative products in the context of this report is dependent upon the accuracy of the construction documents, implementation of installation instructions, inspection as required by IBC Section 110.3, IRC Section R109.2, and any other regulatory requirements that may apply.

12.10 The approval of this report by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 1707.1, where legislation states in part, *"the building official shall make, or cause to be made, the necessary tests and investigations; or the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in Section 104.2.3"*, all of IBC Section 104, and IBC Section 105.3.

12.11 Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the regulations adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed and/or by the building designer (i.e., owner or RDP).

12.12 The actual design, suitability, and use of this report for any particular building, is the responsibility of the owner or the authorized agent of the owner.

13 Identification

13.1 Xci NB, Xci Ply, and Xci Ply Class A, as listed in **Section 1.1**, are identified by a label on the board or packaging material bearing the manufacturer name, product name, this report number, and other information to confirm code compliance.

13.2 Additional technical information can be found at:

13.2.1 Xci NB: www.hunterpanels.com/products/wall-products/xci-nb

13.2.2 Xci Ply: www.hunterpanels.com/products/wall-products/xci-ply

13.2.3 Xci Play Class A: www.hunterpanels.com/products/wall-products/xci-ply-class-a

14 Review Schedule

14.1 This report is subject to periodic review and revision. For the latest version, visit www.drjcertification.org.

14.2 For information on the status of this report, please contact DrJ Certification.

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Notes

1 For more information, visit drjcertification.org or call us at 608-310-6748.

2 Capitalized terms and responsibilities are defined pursuant to the applicable building code, applicable reference standards, the latest edition of TPI 1, the NDS, AISI S202, US professional engineering law, Canadian building code, Canada professional engineering law, Qualtim External Appendix A: Definitions/Commentary, Qualtim External Appendix B: Project/Deliverables, Qualtim External Appendix C: Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets, definitions created within Design Drawings and/or definitions within Reference Sheets. Beyond this, terms not defined shall have ordinarily accepted meanings as the context implies. Words used in the present tense include the future; words stated in the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter; the singular number includes the plural and the plural, the singular.

3 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1702

4 Alternative Materials, Design and Methods of Construction and Equipment: The provisions of any regulation code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by a regulation. Please review https://www.justice.gov/atr/mission and https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.2.3

5 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706.2:~:text=the%20design%20strengths%20and%20permissible%20stresses%20shall%20be%20established%20by%20tests

6 The design strengths and permissible stresses of any structural material shall conform to the specifications and methods of design of accepted engineering practice. https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706.1:~:text=Conformance%20to%20Standards-,The%20design%20strengths%20and%20permissible%20stresses,-of%20any%20structural

7 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1:~:text=the%20building%20official%20shall%20make%2C%20or%20cause%20to%20be%20made%2C%20the%20necessary%20tests%20and%20investigations%3B%20or%20the%20building%20official%20shall%20accept%20duly%20authenticated%20reports%20from%20approved%20agencies%20in%20respect%20to%20the%20quality%20and%20manner%20of%20use%20of%20new%20materials%20or%20assemblies%20as%20provided%20for%20in%20Section%20104.2.3.

8 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4.2

9 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/2/definitions#approved_agency

10 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/2/definitions#approved_source

11 https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832 (b) Any organization that commits any offense described in subsection (a) shall be fined not more than the greater of $5,000,000 or 3 times the value of the stolen trade secret to the organization, including expenses for research and design and other costs of reproducing the trade secret that the organization has thereby avoided. The federal government and each state have a public records act. To follow DTSA and comply state public records and trade secret legislation requires approval through ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification bodies or approved sources. For more information, please review this website: Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets.

12 https://www.nspe.org/resources/issues-and-advocacy/professional-policies-and-position-statements/regulation-professional AND https://apassociation.org/list-of-engineering-boards-in-each-state-archive/

13 https://www.cbitest.com/accreditation/

14 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.1:~:text=directed%20to%20enforce%20the%20provisions%20of%20this%20code

15 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.2.3 AND https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#105.3.1

16 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1

17 https://iaf.nu/en/about-iaf-mla/#:~:text=Once%20an%20accreditation%20body%20is%20a%20signatory%20of%20the%20IAF%20MLA%2C%20it%20is%20required%20to%20recognise%20certificates%20and%20validation%20and%20verification%20statements%20issued%20by%20conformity%20assessment%20bodies%20accredited%20by%20all%20other%20signatories%20of%20the%20IAF%20MLA%2C%20with%20the%20appropriate%20scope

18 True for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.

19 https://www.justice.gov/crt/deprivation-rights-under-color-law AND https://www.justice.gov/atr/mission

20 Unless otherwise noted, the links referenced herein use un-amended versions of the 2024 International Code Council (ICC) 2024 International Code Council (ICC) model codes as foundation references. Mississippi versions of the IBC 2024 and the IRC 2024 are un-amended. This material, product, design, service and/or method of construction also complies with the 2000-2012 versions of the referenced codes and the standards referenced therein. As pertinent to this technical and code compliance evaluation, CBI and/or DrJ staff have reviewed any state or local regulatory amendments to assure this report is in compliance.

21 See Adoptions by Publisher for the latest adoption of a non-amended or amended model code by the local jurisdiction. https://up.codes/codes/general

22 See Adoptions by Publisher for the latest adoption of a non-amended or amended model code by state. https://up.codes/codes/general

23 https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3282/subpart-A/section-3282.14

24 https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280

25 https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280#p-3280.2(Listed%20or%20certified); https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/2/definitions#listed AND https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/2/definitions#labeled

26 2021 IBC Section 2308.6

27 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.3 AND 2018 IECC Section C402.5.1.2.1

28 2021 IRC Section N1102.4.1.1

29 2021 IECC Section R402.4.1.1

30 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1

31 https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4

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[32] https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280#:~:text=All%20construction%20methods%20shall%20be%20in%20conformance%20with%20accepted%20engineering%20practices%20to%20insure%20durable%2C%20livable%2C%20and%20safe%20housing%20and%20shall%20demonstrate%20acceptable%20workmanship%20reflecting%20journeyman%20quality%20of%20work%20of%20the%20various%20trades

[33] https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280#:~:text=The%20strength%20and%20rigidity%20of%20the%20component%20parts%20and/or%20the%20integrated%20structure%20shall%20be%20determined%20by%20engineering%20analysis%20or%20by%20suitable%20load%20tests%20to%20simulate%20the%20actual%20loads%20and%20conditions%20of%20application%20that%20occur

[34] 2021 IBC Section 2308.6

[35] 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.3 AND 2018 IECC Section C402.5.1.2.1

[36] 2021 IRC Section R316.3

[37] Qualification is performed by a legislatively defined Accreditation Body. ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) is the largest independent accreditation body in North America and provides services in more than 75 countries. DrJ is an ANAB accredited product certification body.

[38] https://anabpd.ansi.org/Accreditation/product-certification/AllDirectoryDetails?prgID=1&orgID=2125&statusID=4#:~:text=Bill%20Payment%20Date-,Accredited%20Scopes,-13%20ENVIRONMENT.%20HEALTH

[39] See Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 24 Subtitle B Chapter XX Part 3280 for definition: https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280

[40] 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.3 AND 2018 IECC Section C402.5.1.2.1

[41] 2021 IBC Section 104.11

[42] 2021 IRC Section R104.11

[43] 2018: https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ifc-2018/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.9 AND 2021: https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11

[44] Approved is an adjective that modifies the noun after it. For example, Approved Agency means that the Agency is accepted officially as being suitable in a particular situation. This example conforms to IBC/IRC/IFC Section 201.4 (https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/2/definitions#201.4) where the building code authorizes sentences to have an ordinarily accepted meaning such as the context implies.

[45] https://up.codes/viewer/mississippi/ibc-2024/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1

[46] Multilateral approval is true for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.

[47] 2018 IBC Section 1705.12

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