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Thermo-Brace® Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing

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CSI Designations:

DIVISION: 06 00 00 - WOOD, PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES

Section: 06 12 00 - Structural Panels

Section: 06 12 19 - Shear Wall Panels

Section: 06 16 00 - Sheathing

DIVISION: 07 00 00 - THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION

Section: 07 25 00 - Water-Resistive Barriers/Weather Barriers

Section: 07 27 00 - Air Barriers

1 Innovative Products Evaluated[1]

1.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing

1.2 Thermo-Brace Green Guard

1.3 Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing

1.4 Perma "R" Brace Green Guard

1.4.1 Unless otherwise noted, where Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing is cited, the provisions apply equally to Thermo-Brace Green Guard, Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing, and Perma "R" Brace Green Guard.

2 Product Description and Materials

2.1 The innovative products evaluated in this report are shown in **Figure 1** and **Figure 2**.

Figure 1. Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing Product Labels

GUARD
PERMA "R" BRACE™
LIGHTWEIGHT CONTINUOUS CORNER STRUCTURAL SHEATHING

Patent Pending

WATER-RESISTANT BARRIER
STRUCTURAL SHEATHING
MOLD RESISTANT

Figure 2. Thermo-Brace Green Guard (Corner Sheathing) and Perma "R" Brace Green Guard Product Labels

2.2 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing are composed of pressure-laminated plies consisting of high strength cellulosic fibers. These fibers are specially treated to be water resistant and are bonded with a proprietary water-resistive adhesive. A protective polymer layer is applied on both sides of the panel and additionally, foil facings may be applied on one or both faces.

2.2.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing panels have a nominal thickness of 0.075" and nominal weight of 0.278 lbs. per square foot.

2.3 Perma "R" Brace Green Guard and Thermo-Brace Green Guard are comprised of the same material as the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing. The center and edges of the Guard panels are scored in order to apply the Guard panels to the corner of a building without disturbing the air and water barriers.

2.4 *Material Availability*

2.4.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing

2.4.1.1 *Standard Widths*

2.4.1.1.1 48" (1219 mm)

2.4.1.1.2 48 3/4" (1238 mm)

2.4.1.1.3 64" (1626 mm)

2.4.1.2 *Standard Lengths*

2.4.1.2.1 96" (2438 mm)

2.4.1.2.2 108" (2743 mm)

2.4.1.2.3 120" (3048 mm)

2.4.1.3 Other custom sizes up to 60" (1524 mm) widths and 144" (3658 mm) lengths can be manufactured.

2.4.2 Thermo-Brace Green Guard and Perma "R" Brace Green Guard

2.4.2.1 *Standard Width on Each Side Past the Corner*

2.4.2.1.1 32" (813 mm)

2.4.2.1.1.1 Overall width is 65" (1651 mm)

2.4.2.2 *Standard Lengths*

2.4.2.2.1 96" (2438 mm)

2.4.2.2.2 108" (2743 mm)

2.4.2.2.3 120" (3048 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 These reports utilize 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 secretes under the regulation, 18.US.Code.90, also known as Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016 (DTSA).[11]

3.3 An approved agency is *"approved"* when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited. DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ) is accredited and listed in the ANAB directory.

3.4 An approved source is *"approved"* when a professional engineer (i.e., Registered Design Professional, hereinafter RDP) is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce. The regulatory authority governing approved sources is the state legislature via its professional engineering regulations.[12]

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.

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]

3.8 ANAB is an International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA) signatory. Therefore, recognition of certificates and validation statements issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by all other signatories of the IAF MLA with the appropriate scope shall be approved.[17] Thus, all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports are approval equivalent,[18] and can be used in any country that is an MLA signatory found at this link: https://iaf.nu/en/recognised-abs/

3.9 Approval equity is a fundamental commercial and legal principle.[19]

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

4.1 *Local, State, and Federal*

4.1.1 Approved in all local jurisdictions pursuant to ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated report use, which includes the following featured local jurisdictions and is not limited to: Austin, Baltimore, Broward County, Chicago, Clark County, Dade County, Dallas, Detroit, Denver, DuPage County, Fort Worth, Houston, Kansas City, King County, Knoxville, Las Vegas, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, Miami, Nashville, New York City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, San Antonio, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Seattle, Sioux Falls, South Holland, Texas Department of Insurance, and Wichita.[21]

4.1.2 Approved in all state jurisdictions pursuant to ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated report use, which includes the following featured states, and is not limited to: California, Florida, New Jersey, Oregon, New York, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.[22]

4.1.3 Approved by the Code of Federal Regulations Manufactured Home Construction: Pursuant to Title 24, Subtitle B, Chapter XX, Part 3282.14[23] and Part 3280[24] pursuant to the use of ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports.

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

4.2 *Standards*

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

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

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

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

4.2.5 *ASTM E330: Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*

4.2.6 *ASTM E331: Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*

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

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

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

4.2.10 *UL 723: Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*

4.3 *Regulations*

4.3.1 *IBC – 15, 18, 21, 24: International Building Code®*

4.3.2 *IRC – 15, 18, 21, 24: International Residential Code®*

4.3.3 *IECC – 15, 18, 21, 24: International Energy Conservation Code®*

4.3.4 *FBC-B—20, 23: Florida Building Code[25] – Building*

4.3.5 *FBC-R—20, 23: Florida Building Code[25] – Residential*

4.3.6 *FBC-EC—20, 23: Florida Building Code[25] – Energy Conservation*

5 Listed[26]

5.1 Equipment, materials, products, or services included in a List published by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (i.e., CBI), an approved agency (i.e., CBI and DrJ), and/or and approved source (i.e., DrJ), or other organization(s) concerned with product evaluation (i.e., DrJ), that maintains periodic inspection (i.e., 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 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing panels are used in the following applications:

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

6.1.2 Structural wall sheathing to provide lateral load resistance (wind) for braced wall panels used in light frame wood construction

6.1.3 Wall sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with the IBC requirements for Type V light frame construction

6.1.4 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, Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 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 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings 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.

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 Except as provided for in **Section 6.2.2**, the maximum aspect ratio for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing, shall be 4:1.

6.2.1.4 The minimum full height panel width shall be 24", except as allowed by **Section 6.2.2**.

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

6.2.1.5.1 Top plate assembly shall be in accordance with IBC Section 2308.9.3.2.[27]

6.2.2 *Prescriptive IRC Bracing Applications*

6.2.2.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used on braced wall lines as an equivalent alternative to Method WSP of the IRC, when installed in accordance with IRC Section R602.10 and this report.

6.2.2.2 For wind design, required braced wall panel lengths for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be as shown in **Table 1** and shall be used in conjunction with IRC Table R602.10.3(2), which provides the required adjustments.

6.2.2.3 For seismic design, required braced wall panel lengths for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be as shown in **Table 2** and shall be used in conjunction with IRC Table R602.10.3(4), which provides the required adjustments.

6.2.2.4 Use of Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing with Method CS-PF is also permitted in lieu of WSP specified in accordance with IRC Section R602.10.6.4.

6.2.2.5 Use of Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing with Method PFH is also permitted in lieu of WSP specified in accordance with IRC Section R602.10.6.2.

Table 1. Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing – Wind[1,2,3,4,5,6]

Condition	Braced Wall Line Spacing (ft)	Minimum Total Length (ft) of Braced Wall Panels Required Along Each Braced Wall Line											
		Intermittent Sheathing						Continuous Sheathing					
		Wind Speeds (mph)											
		< 95	≤ 110	≤ 115	≤ 120	≤ 130	≤ 140	< 95	≤ 110	≤ 115	≤ 120	≤ 130	≤ 140
One Story or the Top of Two or Three Stories	10	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.3
	20	2.3	3.2	3.2	3.6	4.6	5.0	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.2	3.6	4.6
	30	3.6	4.6	5.0	5.5	6.4	7.3	3.2	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.5	6.4
	40	4.6	5.9	6.4	7.3	8.2	9.6	3.6	5.0	5.5	5.9	6.8	8.2
	50	5.5	7.3	8.2	8.6	10.0	11.8	4.6	6.4	6.8	7.3	8.6	10.0
	60	6.4	8.6	9.6	10.5	11.8	13.7	5.5	7.3	8.2	8.6	10.0	11.8
First Story of Two Stories or Second Story of Three Stories	10	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.5	2.3	2.7	3.2	3.2	4.1	4.6
	20	4.6	5.9	6.8	7.6	8.6	10.0	4.1	5.0	5.9	6.4	7.3	8.2
	30	6.4	8.6	9.6	10.5	12.3	14.1	5.5	7.3	8.2	8.6	10.5	11.8
	40	8.6	11.4	12.3	13.7	15.9	18.2	7.3	9.6	10.5	11.4	13.7	15.5
	50	10.5	14.1	15.0	16.4	19.6	22.3	9.1	11.8	12.7	14.1	16.4	19.1
	60	12.3	16.4	18.2	19.6	22.8	26.4	10.5	14.1	15.5	16.8	19.6	22.8
First Story of Three Stories	10	3.6	5.0	5.5	5.9	6.8	7.7	3.2	4.1	4.6	5.0	5.9	6.8
	20	6.8	9.1	10.0	10.5	12.3	14.6	5.9	7.7	8.2	9.1	10.5	12.3
	30	9.6	12.7	14.1	15.5	17.7	20.9	8.2	10.9	11.8	13.2	15.5	17.7
	40	12.3	16.8	18.2	20.0	23.2	26.8	10.5	14.1	15.5	16.8	20.0	22.8
	50	15.5	20.5	22.3	24.6	28.7	33.2	13.2	17.3	19.1	20.9	24.1	28.2
	60	18.2	24.1	26.4	29.1	34.1	39.1	15.5	20.9	22.8	24.6	28.7	33.2

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 mph = 1.61 km/h

1. Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be installed on 2x4 or 2x6 studs spaced 16" o.c. and fastened with minimum $^{15}/_{16}$" crown x $1^{1}/_{4}$" leg 16-gauge galvanized staples spaced 3":3" (edge:field) per **Section 9**. Joints may be butted or lapped.
2. Where studs are spaced 24" o.c., bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.4.
3. Demonstrates equivalency to IRC Table R602.10.3(1). All adjustment factors from IRC Table R602.10.3(2) shall be applied, except when used with method CS-PF. When used with method CS-PF, a minimum of $^{1}/_{2}$" gypsum sheathing shall be applied to the interior side of the wall assembly and fastened with a minimum 5d cooler nails or $1^{1}/_{4}$" #6 types W or S screws spaced 8" o.c. at panel edges and 8" o.c. in the field of the panels.
4. Minimum $^{1}/_{2}$" gypsum wallboard must be installed as part of the wall assembly. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
5. 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 4** that are adopted into law and that the manufacturer of those products stand behind. DrJ performs all equivalency analysis based on legally defined design values, the responsibility for which is the manufacturer of those products or the members of the associations that publish those design values.
6. Linear interpolation is permitted.

Table 2. Required Bracing Lengths for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing (Studs 16" o.c.) – Seismic[1,2,3,4,5,6]

Condition	Braced Wall Line Length (ft)	Minimum Total Length (ft) of Braced Wall Panels Required Along Each Braced Wall Line							
		Intermittent Sheathing				Continuous Sheathing			
		Seismic Design Category (SDC)							
		C	D_0	D_1	D_2	C	D_0	D_1	D_2
One Story or Top of Two Stories, or Top of Three Stories	10	1.5	1.6	1.8	2.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9
	20	2.9	3.3	3.6	4.6	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.9
	30	4.4	4.9	5.5	6.9	3.8	4.2	4.6	5.8
	40	5.8	6.5	7.3	9.1	4.9	5.6	6.2	7.7
	50	7.3	8.1	9.1	11.4	6.2	7.0	7.7	9.6
First Story of Two Stories or Second Story of Three Stories	10	2.7	3.4	4.1	5.0	2.4	2.9	3.4	4.3
	20	5.5	6.9	8.1	10.0	4.6	5.8	7.0	8.6
	30	8.1	10.3	12.3	15.0	7.0	8.7	10.5	12.8
	40	10.8	13.6	16.4	20.0	9.3	11.6	13.9	17.0
	50	13.6	17.1	20.5	25.0	11.6	14.6	17.4	21.3
First Story of Three Stories	10	4.1	4.8	5.5	NP	3.4	4.1	4.6	NP
	20	8.1	9.5	10.9	NP	7.0	8.1	9.3	NP
	30	12.3	14.4	16.4	NP	10.5	12.2	13.9	NP
	40	16.4	19.1	21.8	NP	13.9	16.3	18.5	NP
	50	20.5	23.9	27.3	NP	17.4	20.3	23.2	NP

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

NP = Not Provided

1. Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing to be installed on 2x4 or 2x6 studs spaced 16" o.c. and fastened with minimum $^{15}/_{16}$" crown x $1^{1}/_{4}$" leg 16-gauge galvanized staples spaced 3":3" (edge:field) per **Section 9**. Joints may be butted or lapped.
2. Minimum $^{1}/_{2}$" gypsum wallboard must be installed as part of the wall assembly. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
3. Demonstrates equivalency to IRC Table R602.10.3(3). All adjustment factors from IRC Table R602.10.3(4) shall be applied, except when used with method CS-PF. When used with method CS-PF, a minimum of $^{1}/_{2}$" gypsum sheathing shall be applied to the interior side of the wall assembly and fastened with a minimum 5d cooler nails or $1^{1}/_{4}$" #6 types W or S screws spaced 8" o.c. at panel edges and 8" o.c. in the field of the panels.
4. Tabulated bracing lengths are based on the following:
   a. Soil Class D
   b. Wall height= 10'
   c. 10 psf floor dead load
   d. 15 psf roof/ceiling dead load
   e. Braced wall line spacing ≤ 25'
5. Linear interpolation is permitted.
6. Bracing lengths are the result 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 4** that are adopted into law and that the manufacturer of those products stand behind. DrJ performs all equivalency analysis based on legally defined design values, the responsibility for which is the manufacturer of those products or the members of the associations that publish those design values.

6.2.3 *Thermo-Brace Green CS-PF Portal Frame*

6.2.3.1 A *"Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing CS-PF"* was evaluated for equivalency to the IRC Method CS-PF (Continuous Sheathed Portal Frame) in accordance with IRC Section R602.10.6.4 and IRC Table R602.10.5.

6.2.3.2 IRC Table R602.10.5 establishes the contributing length bracing of the CS-PF as equivalent to 1.5 times its actual length and that it contributes this length of bracing to that required by method CS-WSP.

6.2.3.3 The capacity of the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing CS-PF exceeds the capacity of the IRC Method CS-WSP, and is therefore permitted to be substituted for an equivalent length of bracing (i.e., 1.5 times its actual length).

6.2.3.4 The Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing CS-PF is shown in **Figure 3**.

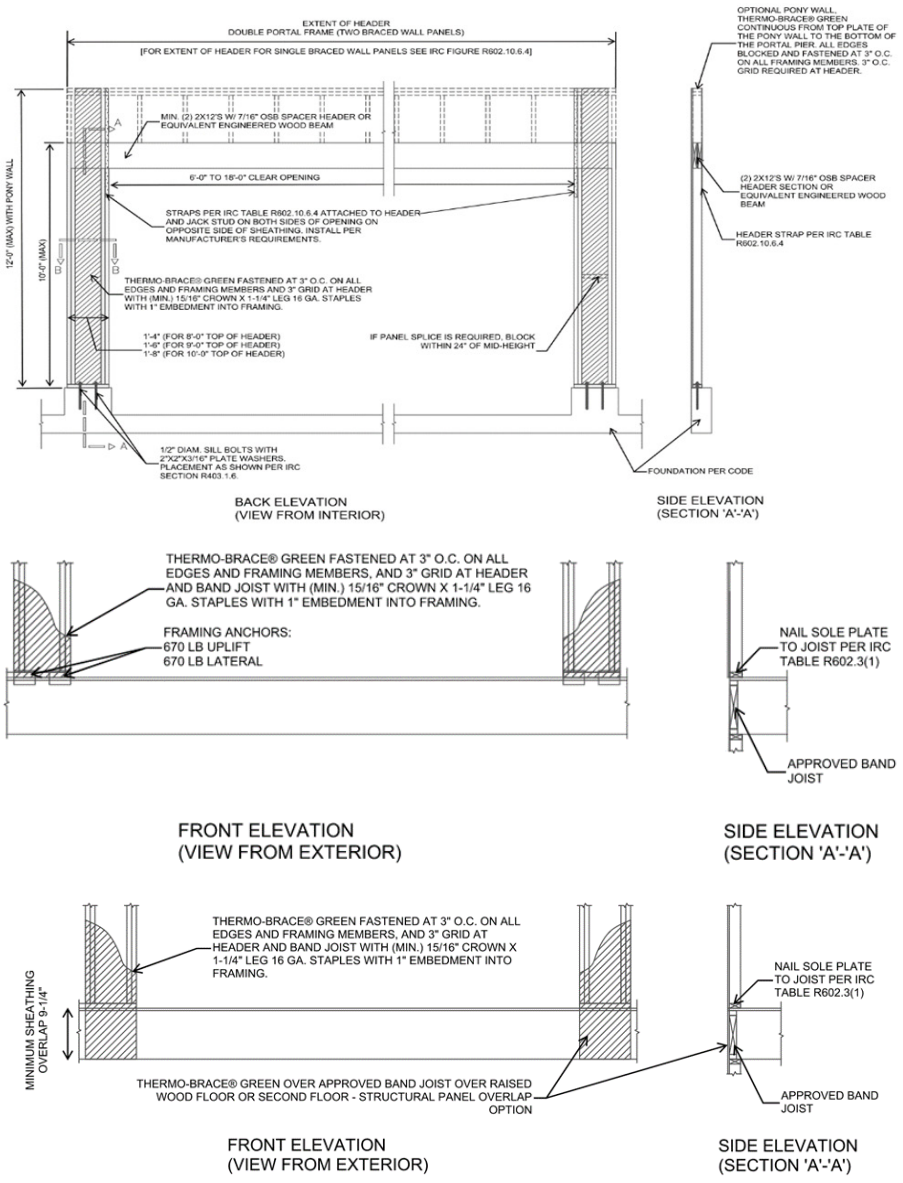

Figure 3. Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing CS-PF

6.2.4 *Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing Method PFH*

6.2.4.1 In accordance with the IRC Section R602.10.6.2, the PFH referenced in the IRC is permitted to be an equivalent replacement for a 4' length of Method WSP bracing.

6.2.4.2 Testing of the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing PFH assemblies was conducted and compared to testing of Method WSP braced wall panel assemblies using Oriented Strand Board (OSB) to determine whether equivalence could be achieved for the Thermo-Brace PFH.

6.2.4.3 The portal frames were tested in accordance with ASTM E2126 testing procedures. Testing determined their lateral resistance within an identical braced wall line using Method WSP braced wall panels so that a direct performance comparison could be made between the two series of tests.

6.2.4.4 A comparison of the WSP braced wall lines, and the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 12" PFH and 24" PFH, is shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3. Design values for PFH[1,2,3]

Test Name	Sheathing Method	Fastener Size and Spacing	Total Bracing Width (in)	Maximum Wall Height (ft)	ASD Allowable Design Value per Panel/Pier[4,5] (lbs)
IBC/IRC Benchmark	3/8" OSB, Isolated 4'x8' panels	(min) 2 3/8" x 0.113" nails, 6:12 spacing	96	10	700
12" PFH	Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing	See **Figure 3** to **Figure 6**	12	8	1,280
				10	960
24" PFH	Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing	See **Figure 3** to **Figure 6**	24	8	2,560
				10	1,920

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb. = 4.45 N

1. Capacity derived from multiple full-scale tests showing the capacity of OSB sheathing in buildings constructed in accordance with the minimum requirements of the IRC.
2. The PFH bracing type in the IRC/IBC is defined as equivalent to a 4' BWP using 3/8" WSP. Equivalent capacity is based on comparison testing of the PFH and 3/8" OSB as compared to the published capacities as defined in the IBC and SDPWS.
3. For seismic design, reduce capacities by a factor of 1.4.
4. Interpolation between the wall heights and pier widths for the 12" PFH & 24" PFH is permitted.
5. 10' high wall design values are provided here that use a seventy-five percent (75%) factor to reduce the 8' high wall design values generated by test data.

6.2.4.5 The test data and subsequent engineering analysis provides confirmation that the performance of the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 12" PFH and 24" PFH provide comparable equivalence to the Method WSP braced wall panels.

6.2.4.6 As detailed in **Figure 4**, **Figure 5**, **Figure 6**, and **Figure 7**, the maximum allowable compressive strength of the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 12" to 24" PFH is 11,156 lbs. per pier. Additional compressive capacity may be engineered into each pier.

6.2.4.7 *PFH Assembly*

6.2.4.7.1 The Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 12" PFH and 24" PFH is constructed in accordance with **Figure 4**, **Figure 5**, **Figure 6**, and **Figure 7**.

6.2.4.7.2 The piers in the PFH Assembly are made up of 7/16" OSB sandwiched between nominal 2 x 4 studs installed flatwise with additional 2 x 4 studs framing the outside corner (**Figure 7**).

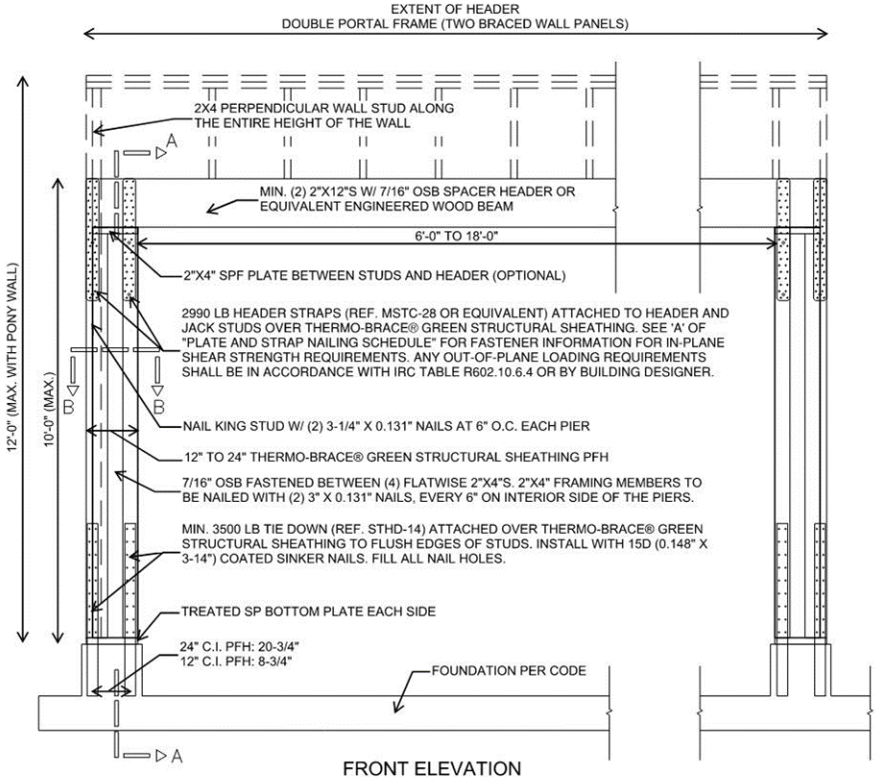

Figure 4. Construction Details of Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 12" to 24" PFH

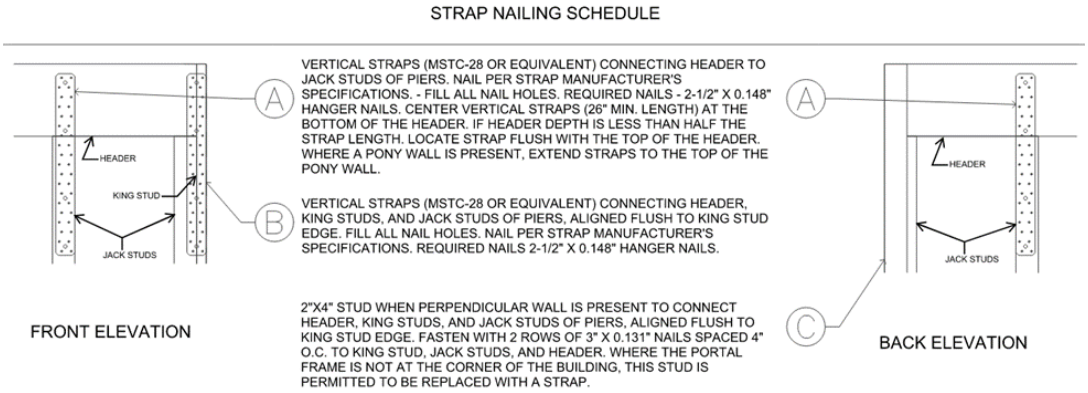

Figure 5. Header Connection Detail

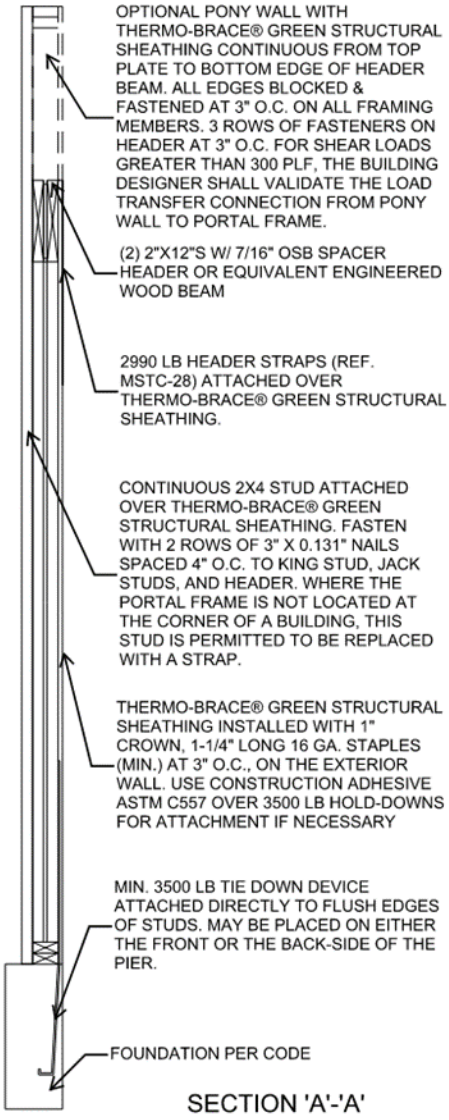

Figure 6. PFH Section A-A

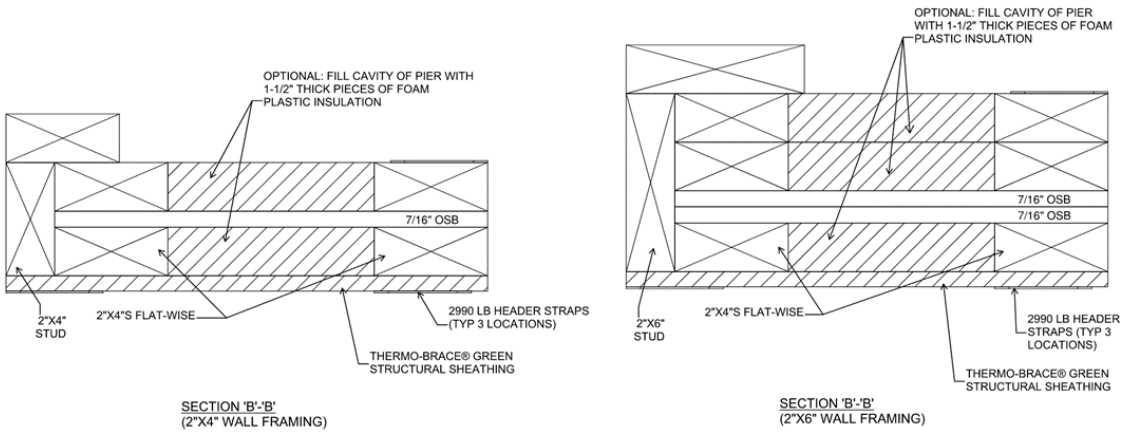

Figure 7. PFH Section B-B

6.2.5 *Alternative to Prescriptive IRC Bracing Applications*

6.2.5.1 As an alternative to the requirements of **Section 6.2.2** of this report, the following provisions are permitted:

6.2.5.1.1 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 report.

6.2.5.1.2 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.

6.2.5.1.3 Required braced wall panel lengths for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be as determined by the equivalency factor shown in **Table 4**, IRC Section R602.10.3 and IRC Table R602.10.3(1) through IRC Table R602.10.3(4), including all footnotes.

6.2.5.1.3.1 Bracing lengths in the IRC tables for the WSP or CS-WSP methods shall be multiplied by the equivalency factors listed in **Table 4** below.

Table 4. Braced Wall Line Length Equivalency Factors[4,5]

Product	Fastener	Fastener Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Maximum Stud[1] Spacing (in)	Gypsum Wallboard[3] (GWB)	GWB Fastening Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Equivalency Factors[2] to IRC WSP or CS-WSP
Thermo-Brace Green	15/16" crown x 1 1/4" leg 16-gauge staple (min)	3:3	16 o.c.	1/2" GWB	8:8	0.91

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. Factors based on SPF framing materials.
2. Multiply the bracing lengths indicated for the WSP or CS-WSP continuous sheathing methods in IRC Table R602.10.3(1) and IRC Table R602.10.3(3), and as modified by all applicable factors in IRC Tables 602.10.3(2) and IRC Table R602.10.3(4), respectively, by the factors shown here to establish the required bracing length.
3. Gypsum wallboard (blocked or unblocked) shall be installed according to the provisions listed in IRC Table R702.3.5. Where gypsum wallboard is not applied to the interior side of the wall assembly, bracing lengths shall be multiplied by a factor of 2.0.
4. These equivalency factors are valid for single top plate (advanced framing method) wall installations or double top plate wall installations.
5. 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 4** of this report, that are adopted into law and that the manufacturer 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.

6.2.5.1.3.2 The braced wall line length equivalency factors in **Table 4** are based on equivalency testing and are used to comply with Method WSP and Method CS-WSP of the IRC.

6.2.5.1.3.3 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing tested equivalency factors in **Table 4** allow the user to determine the length of bracing required, by multiplying the factor from **Table 4** by the length shown in the WSP or CS columns in IRC Table R602.10.3(1) and IRC Table R602.10.3(3), as modified by all applicable factors in IRC Table R602.10.3(2) and IRC Table R602.10.3(4), respectively.

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

6.2.5.1.5 Where a building or portion thereof, does not comply with one or more of the bracing requirements within the prescriptive section of the IRC, those portions shall be designed and constructed in accordance with IRC Section R301.1.

6.2.6 *Prescriptive IBC Conventional Light-Frame Wood Construction*

6.2.6.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used to brace exterior walls of buildings as an equivalent alternative to Method 3 of the IBC when installed with blocked or unblocked $^1/_2$" gypsum fastened with a minimum 5d cooler nail 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[28] and this report.

6.2.7 *Performance-Based Wood-Framed Construction*

6.2.7.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 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 5** and **Table 6**.

6.2.7.2 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shear walls are permitted to resist horizontal wind load forces using the allowable shear loads (in pounds per linear foot) set forth in **Table 5**.

Table 5. Allowable Stress Design (ASD) Capacities – Wind

Product	Joint Condition	Fastener[1]	Fastener Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Gypsum Wallboard[2] (GWB)	GWB Fastener Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Allowable Unit Shear Capacity (plf)
Thermo-Brace Green	Butted or Lapped	$^{15}/_{16}$" crown x 1$^1/_4$" leg 16-gauge staple (min)	3:3	16 o.c.	None	-	245
					$^1/_2$" GWB	8:8	395

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

1. Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing fasteners shall penetrate a minimum of 1" into the stud. 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 $^3/_8$". Fastener head shall be in contact with the Thermo-Brace surface.
2. Gypsum attached with minimum #6 type W or S screws 1$^1/_4$" long or 5d cooler nails with a minimum edge distance of $^3/_8$".

6.2.8 *Uplift Resistance*

6.2.8.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing panels are permitted to resist uplift load forces using the allowable uplift loads (in pounds per linear foot) set forth in **Table 6**.

Table 6. Uplift Performance

Product	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Fastener[2]	Fastener Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Interior Gypsum Wallboard Sheathing[1]	Allowable Unit Uplift Capacity (plf)
Thermo-Brace Green - Single Bottom Plate	16 o.c.	$^{15}/_{16}$" crown x 1$^1/_4$" leg 16-gauge galvanized staples (min) or 0.120" x 1$^1/_4$" roofing nails (min)	3:3	Yes	400
				No	310

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

1. Gypsum wallboard on the back (interior) side of the wall attached with minimum #6 type W or S screws 1$^1/_4$" long spaced 8" o.c. on the edge and 8" o.c. in the field.
2. Staple crowns to be installed parallel to grain.

6.2.9 *Transverse Wind Loading*

6.2.9.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing panels are permitted to resist transverse wind load forces using the allowable transverse loads (in pounds per linear foot) set forth in **Table 7** and **Table 8**.

Table 7. Transverse (Out-Of-Plane) Wind Load Resistance

Product	Maximum Stud Spacing (in)	Fastener[3]	Fastener Spacing (edge:field) (in)	Allowable Design Value[1,2] (psf)
Thermo-Brace Green	16 o.c.	$^{15}/_{16}$" crown x 1$^{1}/_{4}$" leg 16-gauge galvanized staples (min) or 0.120" x 1$^{1}/_{4}$" roofing nails (min)	3:3	80

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 psf = 0.0479 kN/m^2, 1 mph = 1.61 km/h

1. The ASD allowable uniform load capacities to be used for wind design are determined by dividing the ultimate uniform load capacities by an ASD reduction factor of 1.6, per SDPWS Section 3.2.1 for determining the ASD allowable uniform load capacity.
2. Design wind load capacity shall be in accordance with IBC Section 1609.1.1.
3. Staple crowns shall be installed parallel to grain.

Table 8. Basic Wind Speed for Use in Exterior Wall Covering Assemblies

Product	Allowable Components & Cladding Basic Wind Speed[1] (mph)	
	Allowable Stress Design Wind Speed (V_{asd})	Basic Wind Speed (V_{ult})
Thermo-Brace Green	155	200

SI: 1 mph = 1.61 km/h

1. Allowable wind speeds are based on the following: Components and Cladding wind loads, Mean roof height 30', Exposure B, 10 sq. ft. effective wind area, Zone 5., Topographic factor, k_{zt}, = 1.0, Ground elevation factor, k_e, = 1.0, Wind directionality factor, k_d, = 0.85, Internal pressure coefficient, GC_{pi}, = +0.18. See the applicable building code for any adjustment needed for specific building location and configuration.

6.3 *Water-Resistive Barrier*

6.3.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used as a WRB as prescribed in IBC Section 1403.2[29] and IRC Section R703.2 when installed on exterior walls as described in this section.

6.3.2 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be installed with board joints placed directly over exterior framing spaced a maximum of 16" (610 mm) o.c. The fasteners used to attach the board shall be installed in accordance with **Section 9**.

6.3.3 Where seams and joints between boards overlap nominally 3/4" (19 mm) and are fastened in accordance with **Section 9**, seam tape is not required for approval as a WRB.

6.3.4 Where seams and joints between boards are butt jointed, they shall be sealed with Barricade® Seam Tape or equivalent in accordance with **Section 9**. A slight gap of approximately 1/8" between panels is allowed.

6.3.5 A separate WRB system may also be provided. If a separate WRB system is used, taping of the sheathing joints is not required.

6.3.6 Flashing must be installed at all sheathing penetrations and shall comply with all applicable code sections.

6.4 *Air Barrier*

6.4.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used as an air barrier material as prescribed in IRC Section N1102.5.1.1,[30] IECC Section R402.5.1.1,[31] and IECC Section C402.6.1.2[32] in accordance with ASTM E2178.

6.5 *Draftstop*

6.5.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used as a draftstop material in accordance with IBC Section 708.4.3,[33] IBC Section 718.3, IBC Section 718.4, and IRC Section R302.12.

6.5.2 When installed as of a draftstop, Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be installed in accordance with **Section 9**.

6.6 *Surface Burn Characteristics*

6.6.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be used as a Class C interior finish material in accordance with IBC Section 803.1.2[34] and IRC Section R302.9.

6.6.2 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings have flame spread characteristics shown in **Table 9**.

Table 9. Surface Burn Characteristics

Product[1]	Flame Spread	Smoke Developed	Classification
Thermo-Brace Green	< 200	< 450	Class C
1. Tested in accordance with ASTM E84.			

6.7 *Minimum Fastening Requirements for Non-Structural Applications*

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

6.7.1.1 The sheathing panels are applied to wall framing with 16-gauge galvanized staples having a minimum 15/16" crown and 1 1/4" leg lengths.

6.7.1.2 Fastener spacing shall be a maximum of 6" o.c in the field and 3" o.c. around the perimeter.

6.7.1.3 Stud spacing shall be a maximum of 16" o.c.

6.7.1.4 Minimum fastener penetration into the framing members is 1".

6.7.1.5 Fasten all staples parallel to the framing member, with an edge spacing of 3/8" (9.5 mm).

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

6.7.1.7 When used as a WRB, joints shall overlap nominally 3/4" (19 mm), or be butted and covered with Barricade Seam Tape or equivalent. Overlapped joints are not required to be covered with Barricade Seam Tape.

6.8 Where the application falls outside of the performance evaluation, conditions of use, and/or installation requirements set forth herein, alternative techniques shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering practice and experience. This includes but is not limited to the following areas of engineering: mechanics or materials, structural, building science, and fire science.

7 Certified Performance[35]

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.[36]

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.[37]

8 Regulatory Evaluation and Accepted Engineering Practice

8.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings comply with the following legislatively adopted regulations and/or accepted engineering practice for the following reasons:

8.1.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing has been evaluated to determine the following:

8.1.1.1 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 Section 4.3 SDPWS for light-frame wood wall assemblies.

8.1.1.2 Structural performance under lateral load conditions (wind and seismic) for use as an alternative to the IRC intermittent wall bracing provisions of IRC Section R602.10 Method WSP (Wood Structural Panel), and the IRC continuous wall bracing provisions of IRC Section R602.10.4 Methods CS-WSP (Continuously Sheathed Wood Structural Panel) and CS-PF (Continuously Sheathed Portal Frame).

8.1.1.3 Structural performance under lateral load conditions for use as an alternative to the IRC Continuous Wall Bracing provisions of IRC Section R602.10.6.2 Method PFH (Portal Frame with Hold-down).

8.1.1.4 Structural performance under lateral load conditions for wind loading for use with the IBC performance based provisions, IBC Section 2306.1 and IBC Section 2306.3 for light-frame wood wall assemblies.

8.1.1.5 Structural performance under lateral load conditions for use as an alternative to SDPWS Section 4.3 Wood Frame Shear Walls.

8.1.1.6 Resistance to transverse loads for wall assemblies used in light-frame wood construction in accordance with IBC Section 1609.1.1 and IRC Section R301.2.1.

8.1.1.7 Resistance to uplift loads for wall assemblies used for light-frame wood construction in accordance with IBC Section 1609 and IRC Section R301.2.1.

8.1.1.8 Performance for use as a WRB in accordance with IBC Section 1403.2 and IRC Section R703.2.

8.1.1.9 Performance for use as an air barrier in accordance with IRC Section N1102.5.1.1,[38] IECC Section R402.5.1.1,[39] and IECC Section C402.6.1.1.[40]

8.1.1.10 Performance for use as a draftstop in accordance with IBC Section 708.4.3,[41] IBC Section 718.3, IBC Section 718.4, and IRC Section R302.12.

8.1.1.11 Surface burn characteristic performance for use as a Class C interior finish material in accordance with IBC Section 803.1.2[42] and IRC Section R302.9.

8.2 Use of Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing in a fire resistance rated assembly is outside the scope of this report.

8.3 Any building code, regulation and/or accepted engineering evaluations (i.e., 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[43] to practice product and regulatory compliance services within its scope of accreditation and engineering expertise,[44] 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.

8.5 Any regulation specific issues not addressed in this section are outside the scope of this report.

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 Basic instructions are printed on every Thermo-Brace pallet or insert.

9.4 *Orientation*

9.4.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma "R" Brace Green Structural Sheathing may be installed in either the vertical or the horizontal orientation. To be recognized for the structural values listed in this report, or as a water barrier, all joints must be backed by studs, plates, or blocks and fastened.

9.4.2 Perma "R" Brace Green Guard Thermo-Brace Green Guard must be installed vertically, centered on the corner of the building. To be recognized as a water barrier, all joints must be backed by studs, plates, or blocks and fastened in accordance with **Section 6.3**.

9.5 *Fastener Type*

9.5.1 *Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing*

9.5.1.1 Minimum $^{15}/_{16}$" crown x $1^{1}/_{4}$" leg, 16-gauge galvanized staples shall be installed per the staple manufacturer instructions.

9.5.1.2 Where permitted in **Section 6**, 0.120" x $1^{1}/_{4}$" minimum roofing nails shall be installed per the nail manufacturer instructions.

9.5.1.3 Fasteners shall be driven such that the head of the fastener is in contact with the surface of the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing. Do not overdrive fasteners.

9.5.2 *Gypsum Wallboard*

9.5.2.1 Where required and at a minimum, gypsum wallboard shall be a minimum $^{1}/_{2}$" thickness and shall be attached with one of the following:

9.5.2.1.1 #6 x $1^{1}/_{4}$" type W or S screws

9.5.2.1.2 5d cooler nails

9.6 *Fastener Edge Distance*

9.6.1 Fasteners shall be installed with a nominal edge distance of $^{3}/_{8}$" (9.5 mm) for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing and gypsum.

9.7 *Treatment of Joints*

9.7.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing joints may be either butted or overlapped.

9.7.1.1 Butted joints shall be placed over framing members and fastened with a single row of fasteners at each panel edge. A slight gap of approximately 1/8" between panels is allowed. Seal butted seams with Barricade Seam Tape or equivalent when finished attaching the wall panels and all fasteners in the wall line.

9.7.1.2 Lapped joints shall be overlapped by nominally 3/4" (19 mm) and fastened with a single row of fasteners. Always run staples parallel with framing. Overlapped joints do not require Barricade Seam Tape.

9.7.2 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 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 installation instructions.

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 Transverse load testing in accordance with ASTM E330

10.1.3 Uplift load testing in accordance with ASTM E72

10.1.4 Water-resistive barrier testing in accordance with ASTM E331

10.1.5 Air barrier material testing in accordance with ASTM E2178

10.1.6 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.

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.[45]

10.6 Where additional condition of use and/or regulatory compliance information is required, please search for Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing on the DrJ Certification website.

11 Findings

11.1 As outlined in **Section 6**, Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings 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, Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall be approved for the following applications:

11.2.1 Lateral load resistance due to wind loads carried by shear walls.

11.2.2 Use as equivalent to the CS-PF as described in IRC Section R602.10.5 and IRC Section R602.10.6.4.

11.2.3 Use as an equivalent alternative to Method PFH as described in IRC Section R602.10.6.2.

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

11.2.5 Uplift load resistance due to wind uplift loads carried by the walls.

11.2.6 Performance for use as a WRB in accordance with IBC Section 1403.2 and IRC Section R703.2.

11.2.7 Performance for use as an air barrier in accordance with IRC Section N1102.5.1.1,[46] IECC Section R402.5.1.1,[47] and IECC Section C402.6.1.1.[48]

11.2.8 Performance for use as a draftstop in accordance with IBC Section 708.4.3,[49] IBC Section 718.3, IBC Section 718.4, and IRC Section R302.12.

11.2.9 Performance for use as a Class C interior finish material in accordance with IBC Section 803.1.2[50] and IRC Section R302.9.

11.3 Unless exempt by state statute, when Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings 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 INDEVCO Building Products.

11.5 IBC Section 104.2.3[51] (IRC Section R104.2.2[52] and IFC Section 104.2.3[53] 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.

11.6 **Approved:**[54] Building regulations require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports.[55]

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.[56]

12 Conditions of Use

12.1 Material properties shall not fall outside the boundaries defined in **Section 6**.

12.2 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.

12.3 As listed herein, Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall not be used:

12.3.1 As a nailing base for claddings, trim, windows, and doors.

12.3.1.1 Fastening through the Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing into the framing is acceptable.

12.3.2 Walls sheathed with Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing shall not be used to resist horizontal loads from concrete and masonry walls.

12.4 When Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing 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 6.3**.

12.4.1 When Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing is not installed as a WRB, other means of providing a WRB shall be required, as per the code.

12.5 When used in accordance with the IBC in high wind areas, special inspections shall comply with IBC Section 1705.12.[57]

12.6 Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.

12.6.1 Allowable shear loads shall not exceed values in **Table 5** for wind loads.

12.6.2 Allowable uplift loads shall not exceed values in **Table 6**.

12.6.3 Transverse design loads shall not exceed those described in **Table 7** and **Table 8**, unless an approved exterior wall covering capable of separately resisting loads perpendicular to the face of the walls is installed over the sheathing.

12.7 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:

12.7.1 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.

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

12.7.3 These innovative products have an internal quality control program and a third-party quality assurance program.

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

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

12.7.6 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.

12.7.7 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.

12.8 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.

12.9 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).

12.10 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 The innovative products listed in **Section 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 www.indevconorthamerica.com, www.barricadebp.com, or www.permarproducts.com.

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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REPORT HOLDER: INDEVCO Building Products

1 Evaluation Subject

1.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing

1.2 Thermo-Brace Green Guard

1.3 Perma “R” Brace Green Structural Sheathing

1.4 Perma “R” Brace Green Guard

1.4.1 Unless otherwise noted, where Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing is cited, the provisions of this supplement apply equally to Thermo-Brace Green Guard, Perma “R” Brace Green Structural Sheathing and Perma “R” Brace Green Guard.

2 Purpose and Scope

2.1 Purpose

2.1.1 The purpose of this Report Supplement is to show Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings, recognized in Report Number 1507-07, have also been evaluated for compliance with the codes listed below as adopted by the Florida Building Commission.

2.2 *Applicable Code Editions*

2.2.1 *FBC-B—20, 23: Florida Building Code – Building*

2.2.2 *FBC-R—20, 23: Florida Building Code – Residential*

2.2.3 *FBC-EC—20, 23: Florida Building Code – Energy Conservation*

3 Conclusions

3.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathings, described in Report Number 1507-07, comply with the FBC-B and FBC-R and are subject to the conditions of use described in this supplement.

3.2 Where there are variations between the IBC and IRC and the FBC-B and FBC-R applicable to this report, they are listed here:

3.2.1 FBC-B Section 104 is reserved.

3.2.2 FBC-B Section 104.6 is reserved and replaces IBC Section 104.4.

3.2.3 FBC-B Section 104.11 replaces IBC Section 104.2.3 and Section 104.2.3.2.

3.2.4 FBC-B Section 105.3 replaces IBC Section 105.3.

3.2.5 FBC-B Section 105.3.1 replaces IBC Section 105.3.1.

3.2.6 FBC-B Section 110.3 replaces IBC Section 110.3.

3.2.7 FBC-B Section 110.4 is reserved and replaces IBC Section 110.4.

3.2.8 FBC-R Section R104, Section R109, Section R602.10, Section R602.10.3, Table R602.10.3(1), Table R602.10.3(2), Table R602.10.3(3), Table R602.10.3(4), Section R602.10.4, Table R602.10.5, and Section R602.10.6.4 are reserved.

3.2.9 FBC-B Section 1707.1 replaces IBC Section 1707.1.

3.2.10 FBC-B Section 2306.1 replaces IBC Section 2306.1.

3.2.11 FBC-B Section 2306.3 replaces IBC Section 2306.3.

3.2.12 FBC-R Section N1101 replaces IRC Section N1102.5.1.1.

3.2.13 FBC-B Section 708.4 replaces IBC Section 708.4.3.

3.2.14 FBC-B Section 803.1.1 replaces IBC Section 803.1.2.

3.2.15 FBC-B Section 2308 replaces IBC Section 2308.10 and is reserved.

3.2.16 FBC-B Section 1404.2 replaces IBC Section 1403.2.

3.2.17 FBC-B Section 1705 replaces both IBC Section 1705.12 and Section 1705.11 and is reserved.

3.2.18 FBC-EC Section C402.5.1.1 replaces IECC Section C402.6.1.2.

3.2.19 FBC-EC Section R402.4.1.1 replaces IECC Section R402.5.1.1.

4 Conditions of Use

4.1 Thermo-Brace Green Structural Sheathing, Thermo-Brace Green Guard, Perma “R” Brace Green Structural Sheathing, and Perma “R” Brace Green Guard described in Report Number 1507-07, must comply with all of the following conditions:

4.1.1 All applicable sections in Report Number 1507-07.

4.1.2 The design, installation, and inspections are in accordance with additional requirements of FBC-B Chapter 16 and Chapter 17, as applicable.

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 All references to the FBC-B, FBC-R, and FBC-EC are the same as the 2024 IBC, 2024 IRC, and 2024 IECC, unless otherwise noted in the Florida Supplement at the end of this report.

26 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

27 2021 IBC Section 2308.5.3.2

28 2021 IBC Section 2308.6

29 2015 IBC Section 1404.2

30 2021 IRC Section N1102.4.1.1

31 2021 IECC Section R402.4.1.1

32 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.1

33 2021 IBC Section 708.4.2

34 2015 IBC Section 803.1.1

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

36 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

37 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

38 2021 IRC Section N1102.4.1.1

39 2021 IECC Section R402.4.1.1

40 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.1

41 2021 IBC Section 708.4.2

42 2015 IBC Section 803.1.1

43 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.

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

45 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

46 2021 IRC Section N1102.4.1.1

47 2021 IECC Section R402.4.1.1

48 2021 IECC Section C402.5.1.1

49 2021 IBC Section 708.4.2

50 2015 IBC Section 803.1.1

51 2021 IBC Section 104.11

52 2021 IRC Section R104.11

53 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

54 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.

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

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

57 2018 IBC Section 1705.11