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Postsaver® System for Use with Sawn Lumber and Round Posts in Ground Contact Applications

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DIVISION: 06 00 00 - WOOD, PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES

Section: 06 05 83 - Shop-Applied Wood Coating

Section: 06 11 00 - Wood Framing

1 Innovative Product Evaluated¹

1.1 Postsaver System

1.1.1 Postsaver System may be marketed with one of the following names:

1.1.1.1 Postsaver® USA

1.1.1.2 SmartPost™

1.1.1.3 GreenPost™

2 Product Description and Materials

2.1 Postsaver System is a factory-applied polyethylene wrap for wood posts and columns that provides protection from decay and termites when applied to one end of preservative-treated or non-preservative-treated solid sawn lumber and engineered products made from solid-sawn lumber (i.e., glulam or built-up sawn lumber posts/columns).

2.2 The innovative product evaluated in this report is shown in **Figure 1**.

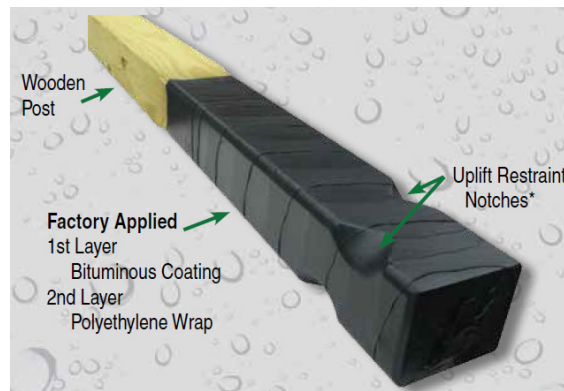


Figure 1. Postsaver System



2.3 Materials

2.3.1 Wrap:

- 2.3.1.1 Polyethylene sheathing is applied in a spiral technique, with a 1 1/2" overlap (minimum 1 1/4"), and shrink wrapped to the bottom of the wood post. Minimum is 0.012" thick (0.30 mm) in accordance with ASTM D4801 and ASTM D4976.

2.3.2 Adhesive:

2.3.2.1 Bitumen:

- 2.3.2.1.1 Applied to the inside of the polyethylene boot prior to installation on post. Once applied to the post, the heat-shrinking process liquefies the bitumen allowing it to penetrate the wood creating a solid bond. Bitumen is prepared from asphalt in accordance with ASTM D312 or EN 13304 with an average minimum thickness of 0.010" (0.25 mm).

2.3.3 Wood Post Members:

- 2.3.3.1 Any grade wood post may be used, but the grade mark shall be visible after fabrication. Preservative treated and engineered wood must feature a quality label from an accredited third-party inspection agency and the label must be visible at all times.

2.4 Postsaver System applied to preservative-treated wood products are acceptable for use in the following AWP Use Categories,² in accordance with AWP U1:

- 2.4.1 **UC4A Ground Contact:** General Use/Non-Critical Component. Typical applications include fence posts, deck posts, guardrail posts, and utility poles located in regions of low natural potential for wood decay and insect attack.
- 2.4.2 **UC4B Ground Contact:** Heavy Duty/Critical Components. Typical applications include building poles, horticultural posts, and utility poles located in regions of high natural potential for wood decay and insect attack.

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

3 Definitions

- 3.1 New Materials³ 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 strengths and permissible stresses shall be established by tests⁵ and/or engineering analysis.⁶
- 3.2 Duly authenticated reports⁷ and research reports⁸ are test reports and related engineering evaluations, which are written by an approved agency⁹ and/or an approved source.¹⁰
 - 3.2.1 These reports contain intellectual property and/or trade secrets, which are protected by the Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA).¹¹
- 3.3 An approved agency is "approved" when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited. DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ) is listed in the ANAB directory.
- 3.4 An approved source is "approved" when a professional engineer (i.e., Registered Design Professional) 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 Registered Design Professional (RDP).
 - 3.5.1 The Center for Building Innovation (CBI) is ANAB¹³ ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17020 accredited.
- 3.6 The regulatory authority shall enforce¹⁴ 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 writing¹⁵ 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 where recognition of certificates, validation and verification statements issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by all other signatories of the IAF MLA with the appropriate scope, shall be approved.¹⁷ Therefore, all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports are approval equivalent.¹⁸
- 3.9 Approval equity is a fundamental commercial and legal principle.¹⁹

4 Applicable Standards for the Listing; Regulations for the Regulatory Evaluation²⁰

4.1 Standards

- 4.1.1 *ANSI/AWC NDS: National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction*
- 4.1.2 *ASTM D143: Standard Test Methods for Small Clear Specimens of Timber*
- 4.1.3 *ASTM D312: Specification for Asphalt Used in Roofing*
- 4.1.4 *ASTM D882: Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting*
- 4.1.5 *ASTM D1204: Standard Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheeting or Film at Elevated Temperature*
- 4.1.6 *ASTM D4801: Standard Specification for Polyethylene Sheeting in Thickness of 0.25 mm (0.01 in.) and Greater*
- 4.1.7 *ASTM D4976: Standard Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Molding and Extrusion Materials*
- 4.1.8 *AWPA E1: Laboratory Methods for Evaluating the Termite Resistance of Wood-based Materials: Choice and No-choice Tests*
- 4.1.9 *AWPA P20: All Barrier Protection Systems*
- 4.1.10 *AWPA U1: Use Category System: User Specification for Treated Wood*
- 4.1.11 *EN 252: Field test method for determining the relative protective effectiveness of a wood preservative in ground contact*
- 4.1.12 *ENV 807: Wood preservatives. Determination of the effectiveness against soft rotting micro-fungi and other soil inhabiting micro-organisms*

4.2 Regulations

- 4.2.1 *IBC – 15, 18, 21: International Building Code®*
- 4.2.2 *IRC – 15, 18, 21: International Residential Code®*

5 Listed²¹

- 5.1 Equipment, materials, products or services included in a List published by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (i.e., CBI), approved agency (i.e., CBI and DrJ), and/or approved source (i.e., DrJ) or other organization 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 General

- 6.1.1 Postsaver System provides protection to non-preserved treated and preservative-treated wood posts and columns that are used in ground contact applications. Non-preserved treated wood posts and columns protected with the Postsaver System shall only be used in applications where the building code does not require the above ground portion of the member to be preservative-treated (i.e., covered conditions or applications not exposed to weather).
- 6.1.2 Wood members shall comply with all applicable building codes for each application and the design shall be based on the requirements of each individual application.
- 6.1.3 Duration of load increases shall be in accordance with the limitations of the applicable building code, but not greater than 1.6 in accordance with NDS Section 2.3
- 6.1.4 Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience, and technical judgment.

6.2 Decay

- 6.2.1 Postsaver System was tested in accordance with EN 252 and ENV 807 for decay. No decay was reported in any of the wrapped stakes at the five-year mark of the EN 252 test plan. Wrapping in the ENV 807 testing provided an adequate barrier to prevent moisture intrusion or access to air, which are required in decay.

6.3 Termite Resistance

- 6.3.1 Postsaver System was tested in accordance with AWP A E1 for termite resistance. Results indicated termites did not feed on wrapped wood even in the absence of other sources of food.

6.4 Dynamic Impact Performance

- 6.4.1 As part of EN 252 testing, field stakes were purposely punctured/cut in an effort to show equivalent performance to intact barrier stakes after five years of exposure to below-grade contact. Test results confirm those stakes with deliberate punctures/cuts performed as well as those stakes left intact and all exhibited no sign of fungal attack.

6.5 Strength

- 6.5.1 As an alternative to ASTM D143 testing, Postsaver System was analyzed by an independent engineer for the ability of the lumber to retain strength properties after being subject to high heat during the heat shrink process of installing the polyethylene wrap. The conclusion of the analysis letter states:
 - 6.5.1.1 New posts on which Postsaver System boots have been installed according to the manufacturer recommended procedures, will not have impaired structural strength compared to either untreated or preservative-treated posts of the same species, quality, and dimensions.

6.6 Ground Contact Condition in Residential Wood Foundations

- 6.6.1 Postsaver System meets Special Requirement 4.2 in AWP A U1 (see **Section 2.4**) for use in wood foundation systems with a ground contact condition, in accordance with IRC Section R402.1.2.²²



6.7 Uplift Resistance

- 6.7.1 For structural applications, embedded wood posts, either in earth or in concrete footings, shall be designed to resist axial loads as specified in [IBC Section 1807.3](#).
 - 6.7.1.1 See **Appendix B** for details regarding uplift resistance performance.
 - 6.7.1.2 In accordance with [IBC Section 1807.3.1](#) Item 2, posts embedded in earth shall not be used to provide lateral support for structural or non-structural materials, such as plaster, masonry or concrete unless bracing is provided that develops the limited deflection required.
 - 6.7.1.2.1 This application is outside the scope of this report.

- 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 Performance²³

- 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.²⁴
- 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.²⁵

8 Regulatory Evaluation and Accepted Engineering Practice

- 8.1 Postsaver System complies with the following legislatively adopted regulations and/or accepted engineering practice for the following reasons:
 - 8.1.1 Postsaver System has been evaluated to determine its suitability as a barrier system for protection of sawn lumber and round posts used in ground-contact applications where it is required by code to provide the following:
 - 8.1.1.1 Weather resistance in accordance with AWP A E1 and EN 252
 - 8.1.1.2 Resistance to fungal decay as required by [IBC Section 2304.12](#) and [IRC Section R317](#)
 - 8.1.1.3 Protection from subterranean termites where required by [IBC Section 2304.12](#) and [IRC Section R318](#)
 - 8.1.1.4 Dynamic impact performance in accordance with EN 252
 - 8.1.1.5 Strength retention of lumber in barrier system in accordance with ASTM D143
- 8.2 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 Engineering, LLC (DrJ), an [ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body](#) and a professional engineering company operated by [RDP/approved sources](#). DrJ is qualified²⁶ to practice product and regulatory compliance services within its scope of accreditation and engineering expertise, respectively.
- 8.3 Engineering evaluations are conducted with DrJ's ANAB [accredited ICS code scope](#) of expertise, which are also its areas of professional engineering competence.
- 8.4 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, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 9.3 *General*
- 9.3.1 For non-structural applications such as fence posts, mailbox posts or signposts, the top of the Postsaver System wrap must be a minimum of 2" above the ground level or concrete surface line (see **Figure 2**).
- 9.3.1.1 **Note:** Uplift Restraint Notches in bottom of post are enlarged for illustration purposes in the details below.

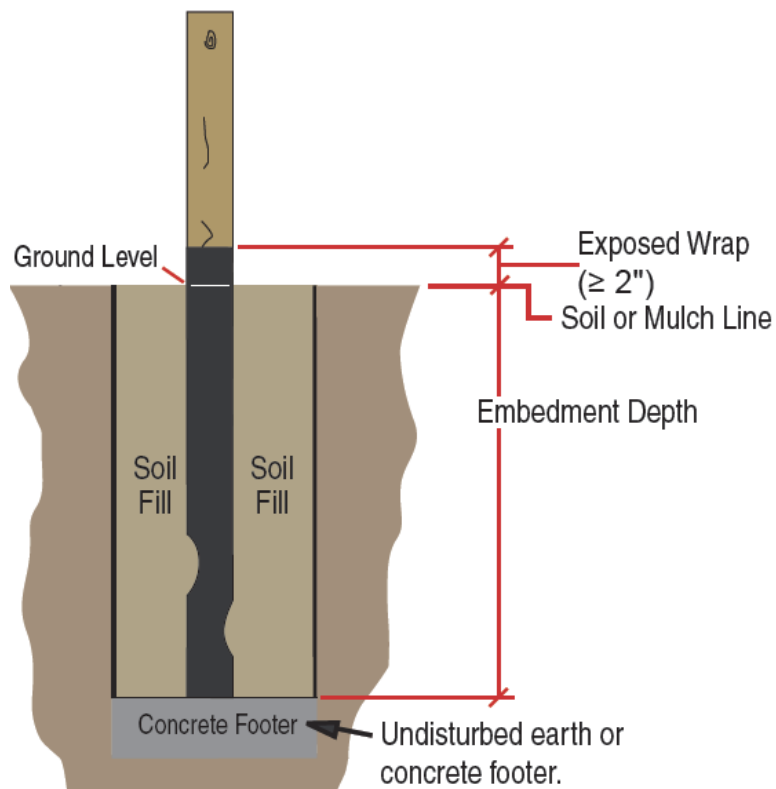


Figure 2. Section View for Non-Structural Applications

- 9.3.2 For structural applications requiring building code compliance such as support columns for post-frame construction, the top of the Postsaver System wrap must be a minimum of 8" above the ground level (see **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**).

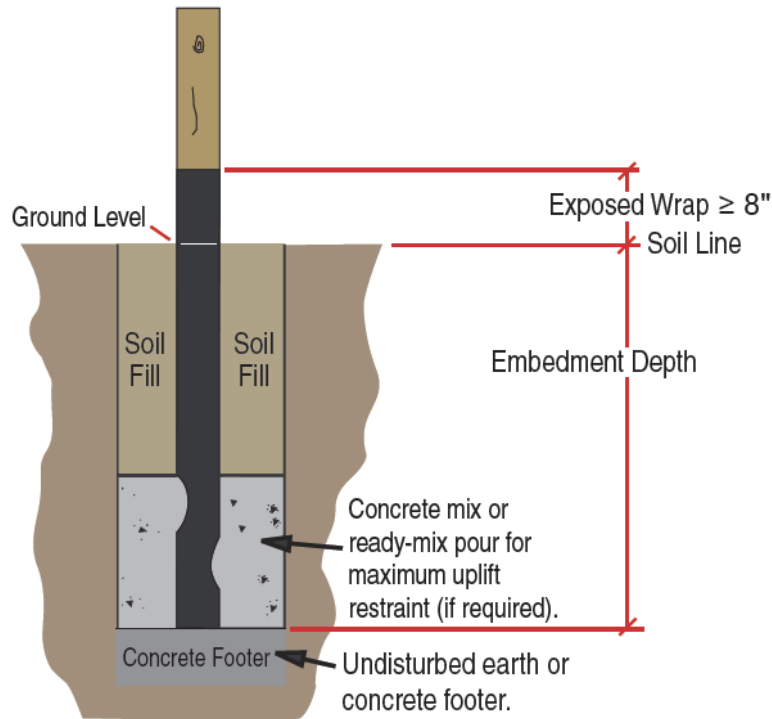


Figure 3. Section View for Structural Application with Exposed Soil

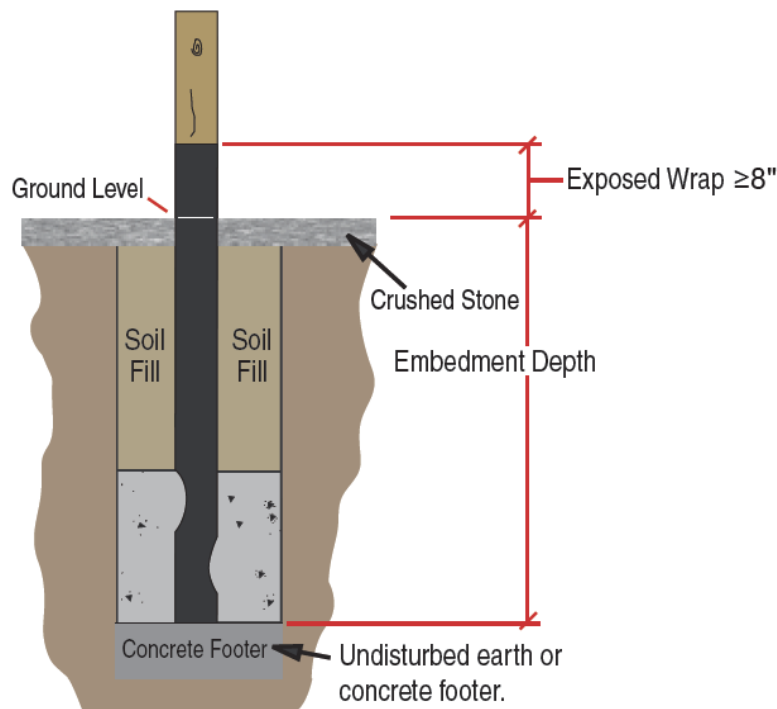


Figure 4. Section View for Structural Application with Crushed Stone

- 9.3.3 If a concrete slab is installed, the top of the Postsaver System wrap must be a minimum of 2" above the top of the concrete surface line (see **Figure 5**).

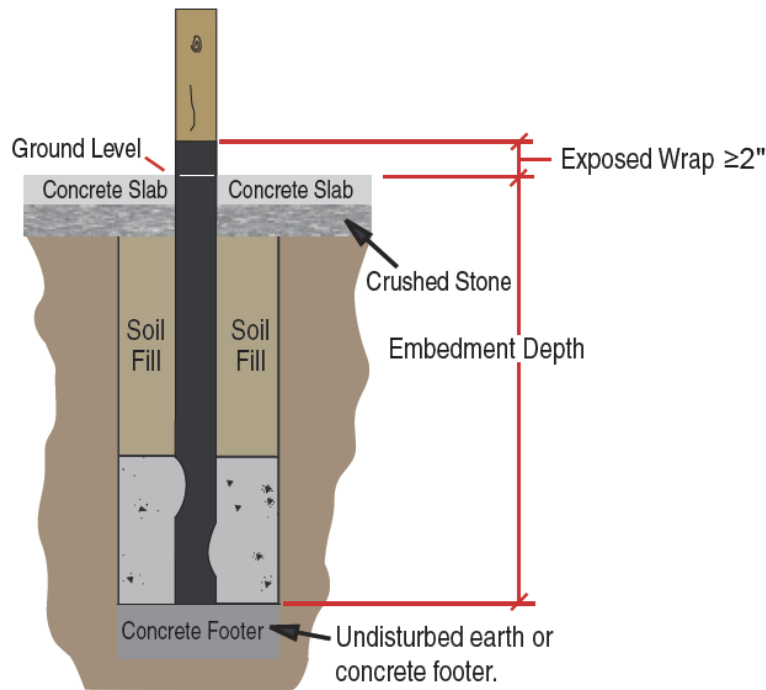


Figure 5. Section View for Structural Application with Concrete Slab

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 Tensile strength and shrinkage in accordance with ASTM D882 and ASTM 4801 (ASTM D1204)
 - 10.1.2 Rate of decay in preservative-treated wood stakes and dynamic impact performance in accordance with EN 252
 - 10.1.3 Prevention of decay by soil-inhabiting microflora in accordance with ENV 807
 - 10.1.4 Termite resistance in accordance with AWP A E1
 - 10.1.5 Professional engineering letter regarding AWP A E10
- 10.2 Professional engineering letter regarding the Postsaver System process heat effects on post strength.
- 10.3 Information contained herein may include the result of testing and/or data analysis by sources that are approved agencies, approved sources and/or RDPs <https://www.drjcertification.org/2021/ibc/chapter-2/registered-design-professional>. Accuracy of external test data and resulting analysis is relied upon.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 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.



- 10.6 Testing and engineering analysis: 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.²⁷
- 10.7 Where additional condition of use and/or regulatory compliance information is required, please search for Postsaver System on the DrJ Certification website.

11 Findings

- 11.1 As outlined in **Section 6**, Postsaver System has performance characteristics that were tested and/or meet applicable regulations and is 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, Postsaver System shall be approved for the following applications:
- 11.2.1 Resistance to fungal decay as required by IBC Section 2304.12 and IRC Section R317
 - 11.2.2 Protection from subterranean termites where required by IBC Section 2304.12 and IRC Section R318
 - 11.2.3 Weather resistance in accordance with AWP A E1, AWP A P20, and EN 252
 - 11.2.4 Dynamic impact performance in accordance with EN 252
 - 11.2.5 Strength retention of lumber in barrier system
 - 11.2.6 Residential foundation application with a ground contact condition
- 11.3 Any application specific issues not addressed herein can be engineered by an RDP. Assistance with engineering is available from Planet Saver Industries, LLC.
- 11.4 IBC Section 104.11 (IRC Section R104.11 and IFC Section 104.10²⁸ are similar) in pertinent part states:
- 104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code. Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not approved, the building official shall respond in writing, stating the reasons the alternative was not approved.
- 11.5 **Approved:**²⁹ Building regulations require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports.³⁰
- 11.5.1 An approved agency is “*approved*” when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited.
 - 11.5.2 An approved source is “*approved*” when an RDP is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce.
 - 11.5.3 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.
- 11.6 DrJ is a licensed engineering company, employs licensed RDPs and is an ANAB-Accredited Product Certification Body – Accreditation #1131.
- 11.7 Through the IAF Multilateral Agreements (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.³¹



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, Postsaver System shall not be used in areas where exposure to Formosan subterranean termites is expected.³²
- 12.4 Do not drop or dump Postsaver System products when unloading. Do not pick up the wrapped/barrier area of the post with a forklift or crane.
- 12.5 Take all normal precautions to not damage the lumber material when handling. Do not use chains to unload material.
- 12.6 Protect the wooden posts by keeping them off the ground when storing on a jobsite.
- 12.7 Always protect the wrapped/barrier area from excessive heat.
- 12.8 Do not apply banding on the wrapped/barrier area of the posts.
- 12.9 Penetration of the wrap material below ground level by fasteners, bolts, or nails is not permitted. Fastener penetration of the wrap material is permitted as long as it is at least 2" above ground level and there is no direct exposure to weather.
- 12.10 Use of Postsaver System with non-preserved-treated wood is not permitted in applications where untreated areas of the wood are subject to direct exposure to the weather.
- 12.11 Use in tropical climate zones is outside the scope of this report.
- 12.12 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:
 - 12.12.1 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.
 - 12.12.2 This report and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
 - 12.12.3 This innovative product has an internal quality control program and a third-party quality assurance program.
 - 12.12.4 At a minimum, this innovative product shall be installed per **Section 9**.
 - 12.12.5 The review of this report by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 104 and IBC Section 105.4.
 - 12.12.6 This innovative product has an internal quality control program and a third party quality assurance program in accordance with IBC Section 104.4, IBC Section 110.4, IBC Section 1703, IRC Section R104.4 and IRC Section R109.2.
 - 12.12.7 The application of this innovative product 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.
- 12.13 The approval of this report by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 1707.1, where legislation states in part, *"the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new material or assemblies as provided for in Section 104.11,"* all of IBC Section 104, and IBC Section 105.4.
- 12.14 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).
- 12.15 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 product listed in **Section 1.1** is 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.planetsaverind.com.

14 Review Schedule

- 14.1 This report is subject to periodic review and revision. For the latest version, visit drjcertification.org.
- 14.2 For information on the status of this report, please contact DrJ Certification.

15 Approved for Use Pursuant to U.S. and International Legislation Defined in Appendix A

- 15.1 Postsaver System is included in this report published by an approved agency that is concerned with evaluation of products or services, maintains periodic inspection of the production of listed materials or periodic evaluation of services. This report states either that the material, product or service meets recognized standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose. This report meets the legislative intent and definition of being acceptable to the AHJ.



Appendix A

1 Legislation that Authorizes AHJ Approval

- 1.1 **Fair Competition:** State legislatures have adopted Federal regulations for the examination and approval of building code referenced and alternative products, materials, designs, services, assemblies and/or methods of construction that:
 - 1.1.1 Advance innovation
 - 1.1.2 Promote competition so all businesses have the opportunity to compete on price and quality in an open market on a level playing field unhampered by anticompetitive constraints
 - 1.1.3 Benefit consumers through lower prices, better quality, and greater choice
- 1.2 **Adopted Legislation:** The following local, state and federal regulations affirmatively authorize this innovative product to be approved by AHJs, delegates of building departments and/or delegates of an agency of the federal government:
 - 1.2.1 Interstate commerce is governed by the Federal Department of Justice to encourage the use of innovative products, materials, designs, services, assemblies, and/or methods of construction. The goal is to “*protect economic freedom and opportunity by promoting free and fair competition in the marketplace.*”
 - 1.2.2 Title 18 US Code Section 242 affirms and regulates the right of individuals and businesses to freely and fairly have new products, materials, designs, services, assemblies and/or methods of construction approved for use in commerce. Disapproval of alternatives shall be based upon non-conformance with respect to specific provisions of adopted legislation and shall be provided in writing stating the reasons why the alternative was not approved, with reference to the specific legislation violated.
 - 1.2.3 The federal government and each state have a public records act. In addition, each state also has legislation that mimics the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act 2016 (DTSA),³³ where providing test reports, engineering analysis and/or other related IP/TS is subject to prison of not more than ten years³⁴ and/or a \$5,000,000 fine or 3 times the value of³⁵ the Intellectual Property (IP) and Trade Secrets (TS).
 - 1.2.3.1 Compliance with public records and trade secret legislation requires approval through the use of Listings, certified reports, Technical Evaluation Reports, duly authenticated reports and/or research reports prepared by approved agencies and/or approved sources.
 - 1.2.4 For new materials³⁶ that are not specifically provided for in any regulation, the design strengths and permissible stresses shall be established by tests, where suitable load tests simulate the actual loads and conditions of application that occur.
 - 1.2.5 The design strengths and permissible stresses of any structural material shall conform to the specifications and methods of design using accepted engineering practice.³⁷
 - 1.2.6 The commerce of approved sources (i.e., registered PEs) is regulated by professional engineering legislation. Professional engineering commerce shall always be approved by AHJs, except where there is evidence provided in writing, that specific legislation have been violated by an individual registered PE.
 - 1.2.7 The AHJ 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 IBC Section 104.11.³⁸



- 1.3 **Approved³⁹ by Los Angeles:** The Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) states in pertinent part that the provisions of LAMC are not intended to prevent the use of any material, device or method of construction not specifically prescribed by LAMC. The Department shall use Part III, Recognized Standards in addition to Part II, Uniform Building Code Standards of Division 35, Article 1, Chapter IX of the LAMC in evaluation of products for approval where such standard exists for the product or the material and may use other approved standards that apply. Whenever tests or certificates of any material or fabricated assembly are required by Chapter IX of the LAMC, such tests or certification shall be made by a testing agency approved by the Superintendent of Building to conduct such tests or provide such certifications. The testing agency shall publish the scope and limitation(s) of the listed material or fabricated assembly.⁴⁰ The Superintendent of Building Approved Testing Agency Roster is provided by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). The Center for Building Innovation (CBI) Certificate of Approval License is TA24945. Tests and certifications found in a DrJ Listing are LAMC approved. In addition, the Superintendent of Building 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 the California Building Code (CBC) Section 1707.1.⁴¹
- 1.4 **Approved by Chicago:** The Municipal Code of Chicago (MCC) states in pertinent part that an Approved Agency is a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) acting within its recognized scope and/or a certification body accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) acting within its accredited scope. Construction materials and test procedures shall conform to the applicable standards listed in the MCC. Sufficient technical data shall be submitted to the building official to substantiate the proposed use of any product, material, service, design, assembly and/or method of construction not specifically provided for in the MCC. This technical data shall consist of research reports from approved sources (i.e., MCC defined Approved Agencies).
- 1.5 **Approved by New York City:** The 2022 NYC Building Code (NYCBC) states in part that an approved agency shall be deemed⁴² an approved testing agency via ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation, an approved inspection agency via ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation, and an approved product evaluation agency via ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation. Accrediting agencies, other than federal agencies, must be members of an internationally recognized cooperation of laboratory and inspection accreditation bodies subject to a mutual recognition agreement⁴³ (i.e., ANAB, International Accreditation Forum also known as IAF, etc.).
- 1.6 **Approved by Florida:** Statewide approval of products, methods or systems of construction shall be approved, without further evaluation by:
- 1.6.1 A certification mark or listing of an approved certification agency,
 - 1.6.2 A test report from an approved testing laboratory,
 - 1.6.3 A product evaluation report based upon testing or comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, from an approved product evaluation entity, or
 - 1.6.4 A product evaluation report based upon testing, comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, developed, signed and sealed by a professional engineer or architect, licensed in Florida.
 - 1.6.5 For local product approval, products or systems of construction shall demonstrate compliance with the structural wind load requirements of the Florida Building Code (FBC) through one of the following methods:
 - 1.6.5.1 A certification mark, listing or label from a commission-approved certification agency indicating that the product complies with the code,
 - 1.6.5.2 A test report from a commission-approved testing laboratory indicating that the product tested complies with the code,
 - 1.6.5.3 A product-evaluation report based upon testing, comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, from a commission-approved product evaluation entity which indicates that the product evaluated complies with the code,



- 1.6.5.4 A product-evaluation report or certification based upon testing or comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, developed and signed and sealed by a Florida professional engineer or Florida registered architect, which indicates that the product complies with the code, or
- 1.6.5.5 A statewide product approval issued by the Florida Building Commission.
- 1.6.6 The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) website provides a listing of companies certified as a Product Evaluation Agency (i.e., EVLMiami 13692), a Product Certification Agency (i.e., CER10642), and as a Florida Registered Engineer (i.e., ANE13741).
- 1.7 **Approved by Miami-Dade County (i.e., Notice of Acceptance [NOA]):** A Florida statewide approval is an NOA. An NOA is a Florida local product approval. By Florida law, Miami-Dade County shall accept the statewide and local Florida Product Approval as provided for in Florida legislation 553.842 and 553.8425.
- 1.8 **Approved by New Jersey:** Pursuant to the 2018 Building Code of New Jersey in IBC Section 1707.1 General,⁴⁴ it states: *"In the absence of approved rules or other approved standards, 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 the administrative provisions of the Uniform Construction Code (N.J.A.C. 5:23)"*.⁴⁵ Furthermore N.J.A.C 5:23-3.7 states: *"Municipal approvals of alternative materials, equipment, or methods of construction."*
- 1.8.1 **Approvals:** Alternative materials, equipment or methods of construction shall be approved by the appropriate subcode official provided the proposed design is satisfactory and that the materials, equipment or methods of construction are suitable for the intended use and are at least the equivalent in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability and safety of those conforming with the requirements of the regulations.
- 1.8.1.1 A field evaluation label and report or letter issued by a nationally recognized testing laboratory verifying that the specific material, equipment or method of construction meets the identified standards or has been tested and found to be suitable for the intended use, shall be accepted by the appropriate subcode official as meeting the requirements of the above.
- 1.8.1.2 Reports of engineering findings issued by nationally recognized evaluation service programs such as but not limited to, the Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA), the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO), the Southern Building Code Congress International (SBCCI), the International Code Council (ICC), and the National Evaluation Service, Inc., shall be accepted by the appropriate subcode official as meeting the requirements of the above.
- 1.8.2 The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs has confirmed that technical evaluation reports, from any accredited entity listed by ANAB, meets the requirements of item the previous paragraph, given that the listed entities are no longer in existence and/or do not provide *"reports of engineering findings."*
- 1.9 **Approved by the Code of Federal Regulations Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards:** Pursuant to Title 24, Subtitle B, Chapter XX, Part 3282.14⁴⁶ and Part 3280,⁴⁷ the Department encourages innovation and the use of new technology in manufactured homes. The design and construction of a manufactured home shall conform to the provisions of Part 3282 and Part 3280 where key approval provisions in mandatory language follow:
- 1.9.1 *"All construction methods shall be in conformance with accepted engineering practices."*
- 1.9.2 *"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."*
- 1.9.3 *"The design stresses of all materials shall conform to accepted engineering practice."*



- 1.10 Approval by US, Local and State Jurisdictions in General:** In all other local and state jurisdictions, the adopted building code legislation states in pertinent part that:
- 1.10.1 For new materials that are not specifically provided for in this code, the design strengths and permissible stresses shall be established by tests.⁴⁸
 - 1.10.2 For innovative alternatives and/or methods of construction, the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies with respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies.⁴⁹
 - 1.10.2.1 An approved agency is “*approved*” when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited. DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ) is in the ANAB directory.
 - 1.10.2.2 An approved source is “*approved*” when an RDP is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce. The regulatory authority governing approved sources is the state legislature via its professional engineering regulations.⁵⁰
 - 1.10.3 The design strengths and permissible stresses of any structural material...shall conform to the specifications and methods of design of accepted engineering practice performed by an approved source.⁵¹
- 1.11 Approval by International Jurisdictions:** The USMCA and GATT agreements provide for approval of innovative materials, designs, services, and/or methods of construction through the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade and the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA), where these agreements:
- 1.11.1 State that conformity assessment procedures (i.e., ISO/IEC 17020, 17025, 17065, etc.) are prepared, adopted, and applied so as to grant access for suppliers of like products originating in the territories of other Members under conditions no less favourable than those accorded to suppliers of like products of national origin or originating in any other country, in a comparable situation.
 - 1.11.2 **Approved:** The purpose of the MLA is to ensure mutual recognition of accredited certification and validation/verification statements between signatories to the MLA and subsequently, acceptance of accredited certification and validation/verification statements in many markets based on one accreditation for the timely approval of innovative materials, designs, services, and/or methods of construction.
 - 1.11.3 ANAB is an IAF-MLA signatory where recognition of certificates, validation, and verification statements issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by all other signatories of the IAF MLA, with the appropriate scope, shall be approved.⁵²
 - 1.11.4 Therefore, all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports are approval equivalent.⁵³
- 1.12 Approval equity is a fundamental commercial and legal principle.⁵⁴



Appendix B

1 Postsaver System Uplift Resistance

1.1 Allowable uplift resistances are provided in **Table 1**.

1.1.1 Values are based on the weight of the concrete footing and the weight of the backfill soil.

Table 1. Allowable Uplift Resistance^{1,2,3,4,5}

Embedment, De (ft)	Allowable Uplift (lb)					
	Diameter of Concrete Footing (in)					
	12	16	18	20	24	30
1/2	165	330	430	545	805	1,290
1	200	395	515	650	955	1,520
1 1/2	240	465	600	750	1,105	1,755
2	275	530	685	855	1,255	1,985
2 1/2	315	595	770	960	1,405	2,070
3	350	660	850	1,065	1,550	2,070
3 1/2	390	730	935	1,165	1,700	2,070
4	425	795	1,020	1,270	1,850	2,070
4 1/2	465	860	1,105	1,375	2,000	2,070
5	500	930	1,185	1,475	2,070	2,070
5 1/2	535	995	1,270	1,580	2,070	2,070
6	575	1,060	1,355	1,685	2,070	2,070
6 1/2	610	1,125	1,440	1,790	2,070	2,070
7	650	1,195	1,525	1,890	2,070	2,070
7 1/2	685	1,260	1,605	1,995	2,070	2,070
8	725	1,325	1,690	2,070	2,070	2,070

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 ft = 0.305m, 1 lb = 4.45 N

1. Bulk density of the concrete assumed to be 135 lb/ft³ as specified in ASTM C90. Compressive strength, f_c , of concrete shall be 3,000 psi.
2. Unit weight of the backfill soil assumed to be 95 lb/ft³.
3. Thickness of concrete footing shall be 20 in minimum.
4. Allowable values based on load duration factor of 1.6
5. Post lumber Southern Pine (SP) No. 2 or better. Post can be the following: 4 x 6, 6 x 6, 3-ply 2 x 6, 4-ply 2 x 6.



Notes

- 1 For more information, visit djrcertification.org or call us at 608-310-6748.
- 2 These are AWPAs designated wood preservation systems and retentions that have been determined to be effective in protecting wood products under specified exposure conditions. The strength of the UCS and its focus is that all wood uses can be placed into one of five major Use Categories that clearly describe the exposure conditions that specific wood products can be subjected to in service. The major Use Categories are further broken down into sub-categories to define the associated degree of biodegradation hazard and product service life expectations for specific products and exposure conditions. The Use Category system is designed to help specifiers and product users locate the appropriate AWPAs Standards that specifies preservatives deemed acceptable for specific products and end-use environments.
- 3 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/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/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11>
- 5 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706>:-:text=the%20design%20strengths%20and%20permissible%20stresses%20shall%20be%20established%20by%20tests%20as
- 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/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706>:-:text=shall%20conform%20to%20the%20specifications%20and%20methods%20of%20design%20of%20accepted%20engineering%20practice
- 7 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>:-:text=the%20building%20official%20shall%20accept%20duly%20authenticated%20reports%20from%20approved%20agencies
- 8 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4.2>
- 9 https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/2/definitions#approved_agency
- 10 https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/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](https://www.intellectualpropertyandtradesecrets.com).
- 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.cbiteest.com/accreditation/>
- 14 <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11>:-:text=to%20enforce%20the%20provisions%20of%20this%20code
- 15 <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11>:-:text=Where%20the%20alternative%20material%20design%20or%20method%20of%20construction%20is%20not%20approved%20the%20building%20official%20shall%20respond%20in%20writing%20stating%20the%20reasons%20why%20the%20alternative%20was%20not%20approved AND <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#105.3.1>:-:text=If%20the%20application%20or%20the%20construction%20documents%20do%20not%20conform%20to%20the%20requirements%20of%20pertinent%20laws%20the%20building%20official%20shall%20reject%20such%20application%20in%20writing%20stating%20the%20reasons%20therefore
- 16 <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>:-:text=the%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%20104.11
- 17 <https://iaf.eu/en/about-iaf-mia/#>:-:text=it%20is%20required%20to%20recognise%20certificates%20and%20validation%20and%20verification%20statements%20issued%20by%20conformity%20assessment%20bodies%20accredited%20by%20all%20other%20signatories%20of%20the%20IAF%20MLA%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, all references in this Listing are from the 2021 version of the codes and the standards referenced therein. This material, product, design, service and/or method of construction also complies with the 2000-2021 versions of the referenced codes and the standards referenced therein.
- 21 <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280#p-3280.2>(Listed%20or%20certified); <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/2/definitions#listed> AND <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/2/definitions#labeled>
- 22 Special Requirement 4.2 was added to this IRC section in 2018. The 2015, 2012, and 2009 IRC notes to use Commodity Specification A, Category 4B, and Section 5.2 in AWPAs U1. Section 5.2 was referenced in error in some cases: use Tables in Section 5 with UC4B in the corresponding version of AWPAs U1 referenced by the 2015, 2012, or 2009 IRC as applicable.
- 23 <https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4>
- 24 <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%20livable%20and%20safe%20housing%20and%20shall%20demonstrate%20acceptable%20workmanship%20reflecting%20journeyman%20quality%20of%20work%20of%20the%20various%20trades
- 25 <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



26 Qualification is performed by a legislatively defined Accreditation Body. ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) is the largest independent accreditation body in North America
27 and provides services in more than 75 countries. DrJ is an ANAB accredited product certification body.
28 See Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 24 Subtitle B Chapter XX Part 3280 for definition.
29 2018 IFC Section 104.9
30 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
31 example conforms to IBC/IRC/IFC Section 201.4 where the building code authorizes sentences to have an ordinarily accepted meaning such as the context implies.
32 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>
33 Multilateral approval is true for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.
34 The Formosan subterranean termite (*Coptotermes Formosanus*) has now become established in Florida and other southern states. At least one colony has been found in California
35 (1995). www.termite.com/termites/formosan-subterranean-termite.html
36 <http://www.drjengineering.org/AppendixC> AND <https://www.drjcertification.org/cornell-2016-protection-trade-secrets>
37 <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=imprisoned%20not%20more%20than%2010%20years>
38 <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=Any%20organization%20that.has%20thereby%20avoided>
39 <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706.2>
40 IBC 2021, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards
41 IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General
42 See **Section 11** for the distilled building code definition of **Approved**
43 Los Angeles Municipal Code, SEC. 98.0503. TESTING AGENCIES
44 <https://up.codes/viewer/california/ca-building-code-2022/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>
45 New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies
46 New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies
47 <https://up.codes/viewer/new-jersey/ibc-2018/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>
48 <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/codreg/ucc.html>
49 <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3282/subpart-A/section-3282.14>
50 <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280>
51 IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, 1706.2 New Materials. Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.2.
52 IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General. Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1707.1.
53 <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/>
54 IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.1.
55 <https://iaf.nu/en/about-iaf-mla/#:~:text=it%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>
56 True for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.
57 <https://www.justice.gov/crt/deprivation-rights-under-color-law> AND <https://www.justice.gov/atr/mission>