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STRONGIRT® and STRONGIRT® Ultra Properties

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1 Innovative Products Evaluated[1]

1.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra

2 Product Description and Materials

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

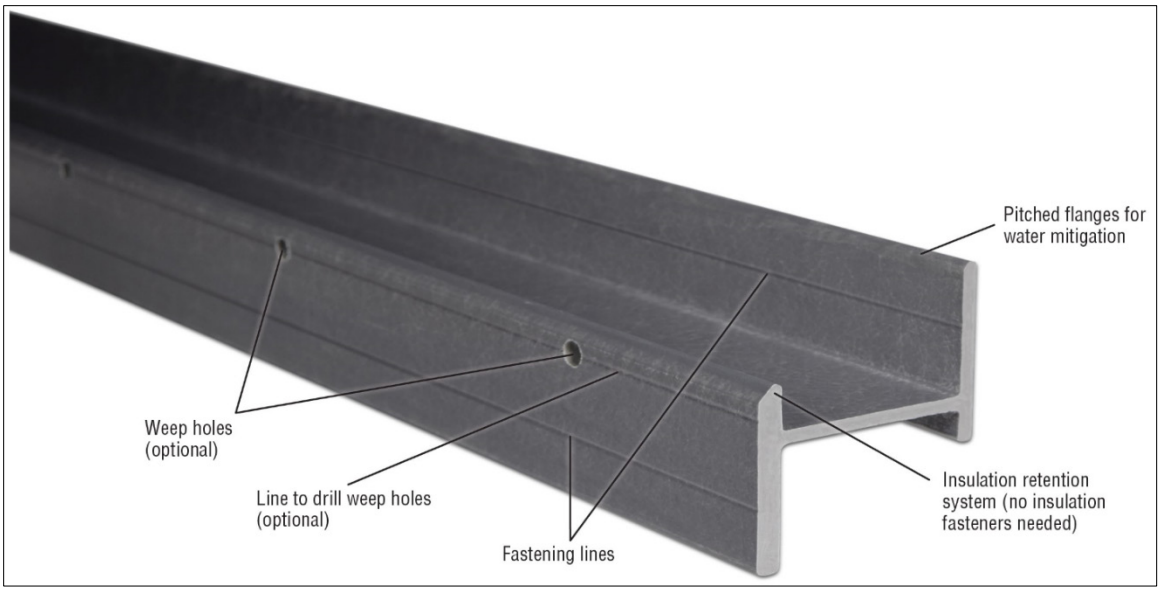


Figure 1. STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra

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2.2 *Material*

2.2.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra are components to cladding attachment systems and are manufactured from pultruded Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP).

2.2.2 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra may be used when cladding is installed over insulation, as shown in **Figure 2**.

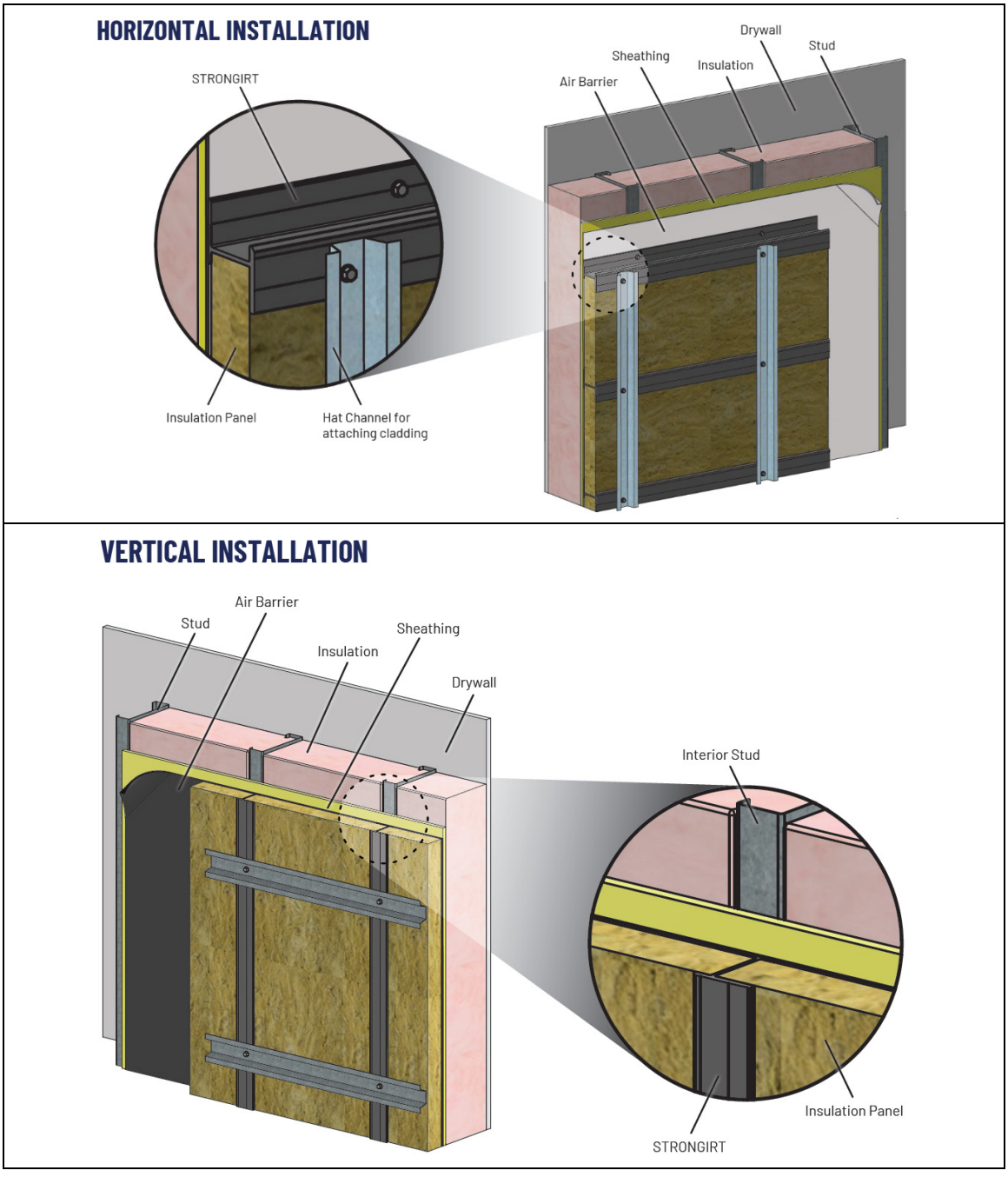


Figure 2. Application of STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra in a Wall Assembly

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2.3 *Product Availability*

2.3.1 *STRONGIRT:*

2.3.1.1 STRONGIRT dimensions are listed in **Table 1**.

Table 1. STRONGIRT Dimensions[2]

STRONGIRT Depth (in)	Insulation Thickness (in)	Outer Depth, d (in)	Inner Depth, t_i (in)	Outer Flange[1]		Web Thickness, WT[1] (in)	Wall Flange, WFT[1]	
				Thickness (in)	Width (in)		Thickness (in)	Width (in)
1	1/2	0.9	0.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
1 1/2	1	1.4	1.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
2	1 1/2	1.9	1.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
2 1/2	2	2.4	2.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
3	2 1/2	2.9	2.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
3 1/2	3	3.4	3.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
4	3 1/2	3.9	3.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
4 1/2	4	4.4	4.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
5	4 1/2	4.9	4.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
5 1/2	5	5.4	5.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0
6	5 1/2	5.9	5.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.15	0.15	2.0

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. See **Figure 3** for location.
2. Products are available in a standard length of 20'.

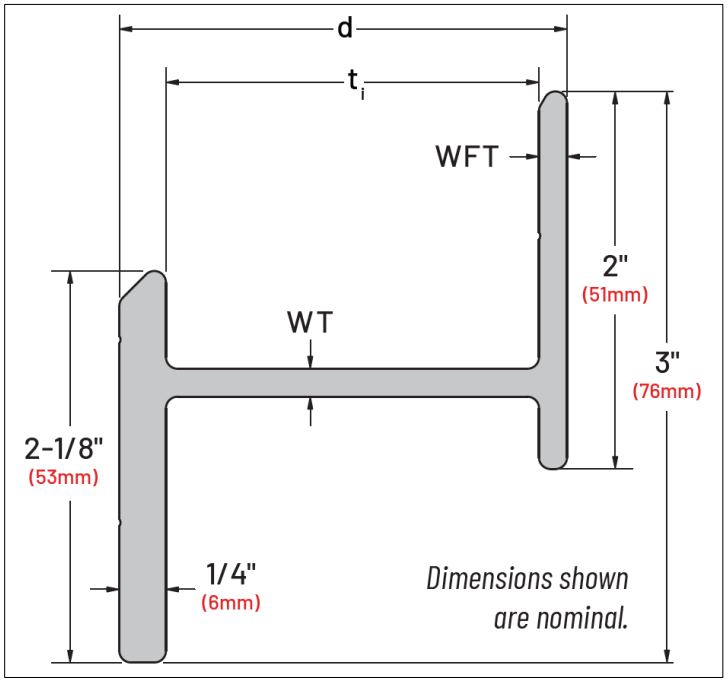


Figure 3. STRONGIRT Diagram

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2.3.2 *STRONGIRT Ultra:*

2.3.2.1 STRONGIRT Ultra dimensions are listed in **Table 2**.

Table 2. STRONGIRT Ultra Dimensions[2]

STRONGIRT Ultra Depth (in)	Insulation Thickness (in)	Outer Depth, d (in)	Inner Depth, t_i (in)	Outer Flange[1]		Web Thickness, WT[1] (in)	Wall Flange, WFT[1]	
				Thickness (in)	Width (in)		Thickness (in)	Width (in)
4	3 1/2	3.9	3.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.25	0.25	2.0
5	4	4.4	4.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.25	0.25	2.0
5 1/2	4 1/2	4.9	4.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.25	0.25	2.0
6	5	5.4	5.0	0.25	2 1/8	0.25	0.25	2.0
8	5 1/2	5.9	5.5	0.25	2 1/8	0.25	0.25	2.0

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. See **Figure 4** for location.
2. Products are available in a standard length of 20'.

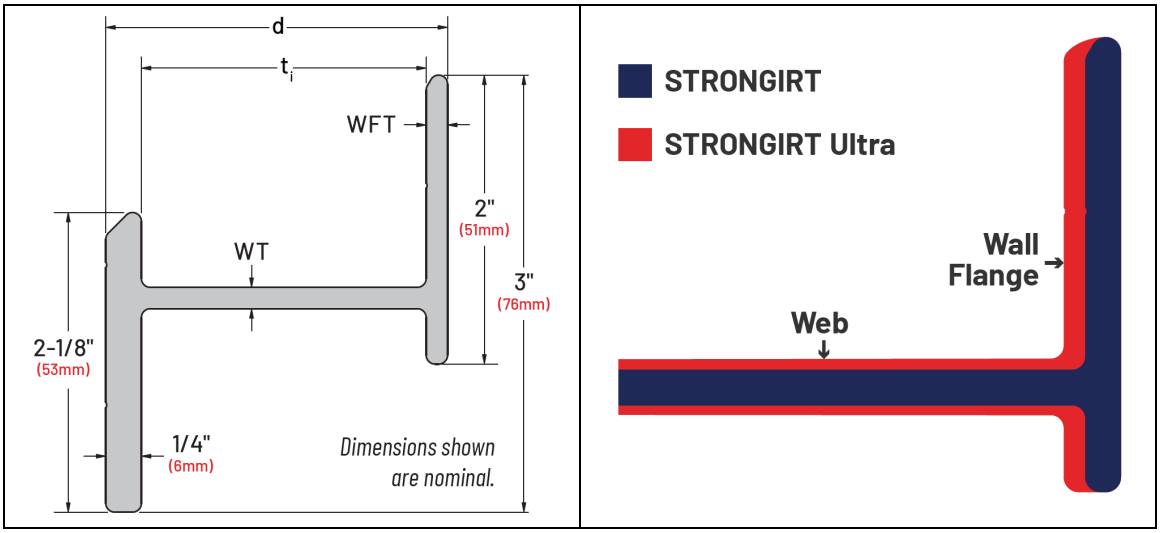


Figure 4. STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra Comparison Diagram

2.4 Contact the manufacturer for other sizes than those listed in **Section 2.3**.

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

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3 Definitions[2]

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

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

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

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

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, but is not limited to, the following featured local jurisdictions: 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, St. Louis County, Texas Department of Insurance, and Wichita.[21]

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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 *Regulations*

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

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

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

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

4.2.5 *FBC-B – 20, 23: Florida Building Code[25] - Residential*

4.3 *Standards*

4.3.1 *ASTM D198: Standard Test Methods of Static Tests of Lumber in Structural Sizes*

4.3.2 *ASTM D638: Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics*

4.3.3 *ASTM D1761: Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Fasteners in Wood and Wood-Based Materials*

4.3.4 *ASTM D2344: Standard Test Method for Short-Beam Strength of Polymer Matrix Composite Materials and Their Laminates*

4.3.5 *ASTM D4385: Standard Practice for Classifying Visual Defects in Thermosetting Reinforced Plastic Pultruded Products*

4.3.6 *ASTM D4762: Standard Guide for Testing Polymer Matrix Composite Materials*

4.3.7 *ASTM D5961: Standard Test Method for Bearing Response of Polymer Matrix Composite Laminates*

4.3.8 *ASTM D7332: Standard Test Method for Measuring the Fastener Pull-Through Resistance of a Fiber Reinforced Polymer Matrix Composite*

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

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

4.3.11 *ASTM E1530: Standard Test Method for Evaluating the Resistance to Thermal Transmission by the Guarded Heat Flow Meter Technique*

4.3.12 *NFPA 285: Standard Fire Test Method for the Evaluation of Fire Propagation Characteristics of Exterior Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components*

5 Listed[26]

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

6 Tabulated Properties Generated from Nationally Recognized Standards

6.1 *General*

6.1.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra can be installed over substrates including cold-formed steel, masonry, or concrete.

6.1.2 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra may be used in buildings constructed in accordance with IBC/IRC requirements for Type I-V construction.

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6.1.3 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra provide the following when used to attach exterior cladding to the building envelope:

6.1.3.1 Transverse load resistance

6.1.3.2 Thermal resistance, providing a thermal break between the cladding and wall framing

6.1.3.3 Gravity load resistance for the weight of cladding materials

6.2 *Material Properties*

6.2.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra have the material properties provided in **Table 3**.

Table 3. Material Properties

Products	Allowable Shear Strength (psi)	Allowable Bearing Strength (psi)	Allowable Screw Withdrawal[1] (lb)	Allowable Head Pullover[2] (lb)
STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra	1,240	8,700	185	160

SI: 1 lb = 4.45 N, 1-psi = 0.00689 MPa

1. Applies to any #14 screw with a major diameter of 0.244", a root diameter of 0.190", and a thread count of 15 threads per inch in the cladding side flange (0.25" Flange).
2. Tested in accordance with ASTM E72. Minimum head diameter of 0.485".

6.3 *Cladding Allowable Loading*

6.3.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra can be installed vertically or horizontally on the exterior side of stud-framed walls and fastened at 16", 24", 36", or 48" o.c.

6.3.2 Allowable wind loads for both brittle and flexible claddings based on cladding weight, with and without washers, are provided in **Table 4**.

6.3.3 Information on the screws used during testing can be found in **Appendix A**.

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Table 4. Allowable Wind Load of STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra With and Without Washers for Brittle and Flexible Cladding[1,2,3,5]

Span (Stud Spacing) (in)	Spacing[4] (in)	Allowable Wind Load (psf)				
		STRONGIRT				STRONGIRT ULTRA
		Without Washers[6]	With Washers[7,8,9]			Without Washers[10]
		All	≤ 5"	5.5"	6"	4", 5", 5.5", 6", 8"
16	16	89	150	150	139	177
	24	60	100	100	92	118
	36	40	67	67	62	79
	48	30	50	50	46	59
24	16	60	100	100	92	118
	24	40	67	67	62	79
	36	26	44	44	41	53
	48	20	33	33	31	39
36	16	40	67	67	62	79
	24	26	44	44	41	53
	36	18	30	30	27	35
	48	13	22	22	21	26
48	16	30	50	50	46	59
	24	20	33	33	31	39
	36	13	22	22	21	26
	48	-	17	17	15	20

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1-psf = 0.0479 kN/m²

1. Unless otherwise noted, STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra meet the deflection limits of IBC Table 1604.3 for exterior walls with plaster or stucco finishes (L/360). *"L"* is defined as the girt span between fasteners along the length of the girt when installed in either horizontal or vertical orientation.
2. Deflection limits are based on ASCE 7-22 Components and Cladding loads multiplied by 0.42.
3. Specific project application and details, such as the connection design or substrate strength, may limit the allowable loads further.
4. Defined as the girt span between fasteners along the length of the girt.
5. Screws required for connection of cladding to STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra, with and without washers, shall be fully threaded #14 Hex Head self-drilling screws with a major diameter of 0.244", a root diameter of 0.190", a minimum head diameter of 0.485", and a thread count of 15 threads per inch.
6. Analysis is for STRONGIRT only: It does not include insulation or STRONGIRT Ultra. STRONGIRT can be installed either horizontally or vertically on the wall. Applies to 1", 1.5", 2", 2.5", 3", 3.5", 4", 4.5", 5", 5.5", and 6" girts installed without washers.
7. Analysis is for STRONGIRT only: It does not include insulation or STRONGIRT Ultra. STRONGIRT can be installed either horizontally or vertically on the wall. Applies to 1", 1.5", 2", 2.5", 3", 3.5", 4", 4.5", 5", 5.5", and 6" girts installed with fender washers on each fastener. Minimum #14 hex head fasteners with 0.485" head diameter are required.
8. The washer used must be equal to or better than as specified herein: Minimum galvanized washers with inner diameter of $^{5}/_{16}$", outer diameter of $1^{1}/_{4}$" and a thickness of 0.047" are required.
9. 1.5" STRONGIRT with washers meets the deflection limit of L/240 in accordance with IBC Table 1604.3. All other sizes meet the deflection limit of L/360.
10. Analysis is for STRONGIRT Ultra only; it does not include insulation or STRONGIRT. STRONGIRT Ultra can be installed either horizontally or vertically on the wall. Applies to 4" Ultra, 5" Ultra, 5.5" Ultra, 6" Ultra, and 8" Ultra girts installed without washers.

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6.4 *Allowable Negative Wind Pressure for STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra Attachment to Soffits to Support Cladding*

6.4.1 An example of attachment to soffits is shown in **Figure 5**.

6.4.2 Allowable negative wind pressures for various claddings are shown in **Table 5** and **Table 6**.

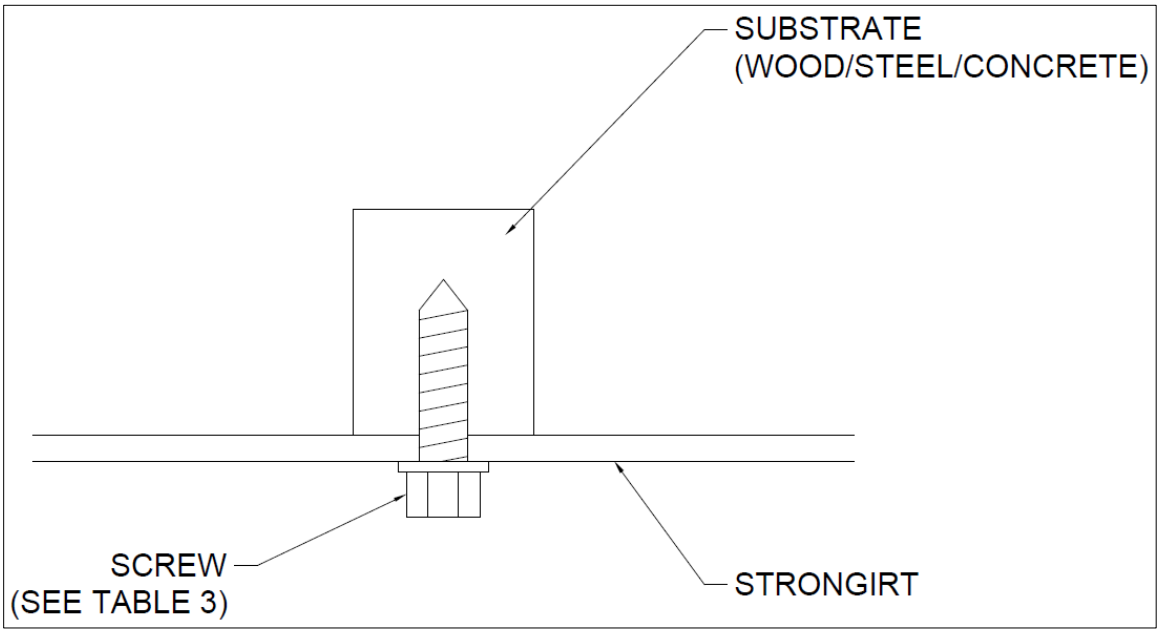


Figure 5. Diagram Depicting How STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra are Attached to Soffits

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Table 5. Allowable Negative Wind Pressure for STRONGIRT Attachment to Soffits to Support Cladding

STRONGIRT Spacing (in)	Fastener Spacing Along STRONGIRT (in)	Allowable Wind Pressure (psf)[1,2,3]					
		Substrate / Fastener					
		Concrete / 1/4" Tapcon Screw	20-gauge Steel / #14 Self-Tapping Screw	Wood / #12 Wood Screw	Concrete / 1/4" Tapcon Screw	20-gauge Steel / #14 Self-Tapping Screw	Wood / #12 Wood Screw
		Cladding Weight[4]					
		5	5	5	10	10	10
16	16	49	49	49	44	44	44
	24	31	31	31	26	26	26
	36	19	19	19	14	14	14
	48	13	13	13	-	-	-
24	16	31	31	31	26	26	26
	24	19	19	19	14	14	14
	36	11	11	11	-	-	-
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-
36	16	19	19	19	14	14	14
	24	11	11	11	-	-	-
	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	16	13	13	13	-	-	-
	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1-psf = 0.0479 kN/m^2

1. Blank table entry indicates an allowable pressure less than the minimum Allowable Stress Design Components and Cladding (ASD C&C) design pressure of 10-psf.
2. Allowable wind pressures are ASD pressures.
3. Required fasteners for Soffit connections:
   a. *Concrete:* Tapcon® 1/4" diameter, exterior rated hex washer head concrete screws with minimum 1" embedment into 3,000-psi concrete. Minimum fastener length of 1 1/4".
   b. *Steel:* 1/4" Teks® hex washer head self-tapping screws installed in steel framing having a minimum tensile capacity of 45-ksi. Minimum penetration of three (3) threads beyond the back face of the main member.
   c. *Wood:* #12 diameter (0.216") wood screws with 1 1/4" minimum embedment into Specific Gravity (SG) = 0.42 wood framing. Head diameter shall be 0.485" minimum or screw shall be installed with fender washers with minimum 0.485" diameter and minimum 0.047" thickness.
4. Cladding weight includes the weight of the STRONGIRT.

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Table 6. Allowable Negative Wind Pressure for STRONGIRT Ultra Attachment to Soffits to Support Cladding

STRONGIRT Ultra Spacing (in)	Fastener Spacing Along STRONGIRT Ultra (in)	Allowable Wind Pressure (psf)[1,2,3]					
		Substrate / Fastener					
		Concrete / 1/4" Tapcon Screw	20-gauge Steel / #14 Self-Tapping Screw	Wood / #12 Wood Screw	Concrete / 1/4" Tapcon Screw	20-gauge Steel / #14 Self-Tapping Screw	Wood / #12 Wood Screw
		Cladding Weight[4]					
		5	5	5	10	10	10
16	16	85	59	85	80	54	80
	24	55	38	55	50	33	50
	36	35	23	35	30	18	30
	48	25	16	25	20	11	20
24	16	55	38	55	50	33	50
	24	35	23	35	30	18	30
	36	21	14	21	16	-	16
	48	15	-	15	10	-	10
36	16	35	23	35	30	18	30
	24	21	14	21	16	-	16
	36	12	-	12	-	-	-
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-
48	16	25	16	25	20	11	20
	24	15	-	15	10	-	10
	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
	48	-	-	-	-	-	-

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1-psf = 0.0479 kN/m^2

1. Blank table entry indicates an allowable pressure less than the minimum ASD C&C design pressure of 10-psf.
2. Allowable wind pressures are ASD pressures.
3. Required fasteners for Soffit connections
   a. *Concrete:* Tapcon 1/4" diameter, exterior rated hex washer head concrete screws with minimum 1" embedment into 3,000-psi concrete. Minimum fastener length of 1 1/4".
   b. *Steel:* 1/4" Teks hex washer head self-tapping screws installed in steel framing having a minimum tensile capacity of 45-ksi. Minimum penetration of three (3) threads beyond the back face of the main member.
   c. *Wood:* #12 diameter (0.216") wood screws with 1 1/4" minimum embedment into SG=0.42 wood framing. Head diameter shall be 0.485" minimum or screw shall be installed with fender washers with minimum 0.485" diameter and minimum 0.047" thickness.
4. Cladding weight includes the weight of the STRONGIRT Ultra.

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6.5 *Deflection*

6.5.1 Vertical deflection of girt from cladding weight is shown in **Figure 6**.

6.5.2 Vertical deflection applies only to girts installed horizontally.

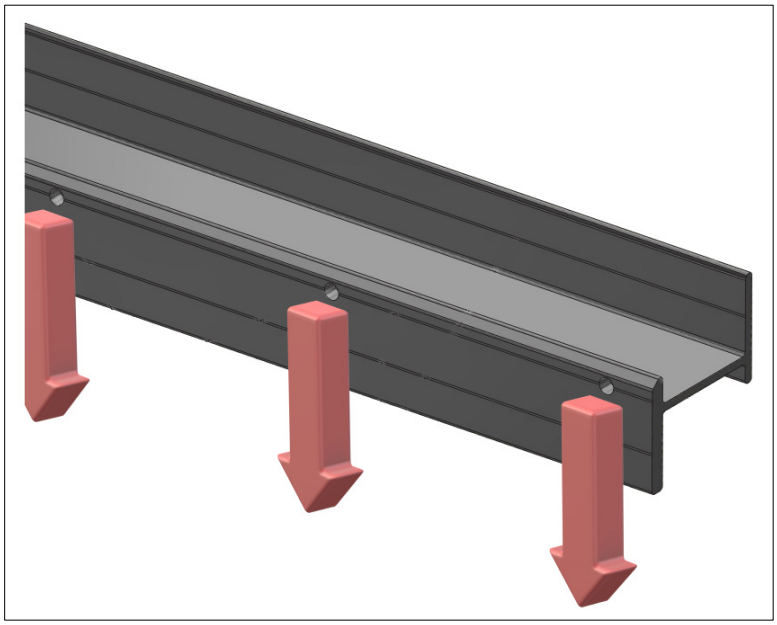


Figure 6. Vertical Deflection of Girt from Cladding Weight

6.5.3 Vertical deflection for girts fastened with and without washers, are provided in **Table 7** and **Table 8**.

Table 7. Vertical Deflection of STRONGIRT from Cladding Weight

STRONGIRT Size	STRONGIRT Spacing (in)	Deflection[1,2,3] (in)					
		Cladding Weight[4,5,6] (psf)					
		3	5	7	9	11	15
1"	16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.5"	16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
	24	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03
	36	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05
	48	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	-
2"	16	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05
	24	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.09
	36	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.11	-
	48	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.12	-	-

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Table 7. Vertical Deflection of STRONGIRT from Cladding Weight

STRONGIRT Size	STRONGIRT Spacing (in)	Deflection[1,2,3] (in)					
		Cladding Weight[4,5,6] (psf)					
		3	5	7	9	11	15
2.5"	16	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.11
	24	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.20
	36	0.03	0.07	0.12	0.17	0.23	-
	48	0.05	0.11	0.18	-	-	-
3"	16	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.19
	24	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.16	0.21	-
	36	0.06	0.12	0.20	0.29	-	-
	48	0.09	0.19	0.31	-	-	-
3.5"	16	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.18	0.28
	24	0.05	0.10	0.16	0.24	0.33	-
	36	0.09	0.18	0.30	-	-	-
	48	0.13	0.28	-	-	-	-
4"	16	0.04	0.08	0.13	0.18	0.25	0.40
	24	0.07	0.14	0.23	0.34	0.46	-
	36	0.12	0.26	0.43	-	-	-
	48	0.18	0.40	-	-	-	-
4.5"	16	0.05	0.10	0.17	0.25	0.33	-
	24	0.09	0.19	0.31	0.45	-	-
	36	0.16	0.34	-	-	-	-
	48	0.25	-	-	-	-	-
5"	16	0.06	0.13	0.22	0.32	0.43	-
	24	0.11	0.24	0.40	-	-	-
	36	0.21	0.44	-	-	-	-
	48	0.32	-	-	-	-	-
5.5"	16	0.08	0.16	0.27	0.39	0.53	-
	24	0.14	0.30	0.50	-	-	-
	36	0.26	0.55	-	-	-	-
	48	0.39	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 7. Vertical Deflection of STRONGIRT from Cladding Weight

STRONGIRT Size	STRONGIRT Spacing (in)	Deflection[1,2,3] (in)					
		Cladding Weight[4,5,6] (psf)					
		3	5	7	9	11	15
6"	16	0.09	0.20	0.33	0.48	0.65	-
	24	0.17	0.37	0.61	-	-	-
	36	0.31	-	-	-	-	-
	48	0.48	-	-	-	-	-

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1-psf = 0.0479 kN/m^2

1. Analysis is for STRONGIRT only; it does not include insulation. Applies to girts installed with and without washers and framing members spaced a maximum of 24" o.c.
2. The vertical deflection caused by flexure of the girt between framing members is negligible. The vertical deflection values in this table represent a deflection of the exterior flange of the girt in relation to the interior flange and is not dependent on framing spacing.
3. Table values represent the deflection induced on the girt at thirty percent (30%) of the ultimate tested failure load.
4. Cladding weight gravity load is assumed to be acting vertically at the outside edge of the girt at the fastener. Cladding weight listed shall include the weight of any hat channel or furring used.
5. EOR/installer must verify that the deflection limits selected are acceptable for the application. Deflections less than 0.25" are recommended for better in-service performance.
6. "-" indicates Not Permitted

Table 8. Vertical Deflection of STRONGIRT Ultra from Cladding Weight

STRONGIRT Ultra Size	STRONGIRT Ultra Spacing (in)	Deflection[1,2,3] (in)					
		Cladding Weight[4,5] (psf)					
		3	5	7	9	11	15
4" Ultra	16	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.11
	24	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.16
	36	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.18	-
	48	0.06	0.11	0.15	-	-	-
5" Ultra	16	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.17
	24	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.15	0.18	-
	36	0.07	0.12	0.17	-	-	-
	48	0.10	0.17	-	-	-	-
5.5" Ultra	16	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.20
	24	0.06	0.10	0.14	0.18	0.22	-
	36	0.09	0.15	0.21	-	-	-
	48	0.12	0.20	-	-	-	-

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Table 8. Vertical Deflection of STRONGIRT Ultra from Cladding Weight

STRONGIRT Ultra Size	STRONGIRT Ultra Spacing (in)	Deflection[1,2,3] (in)					
		Cladding Weight[4,5] (psf)					
		3	5	7	9	11	15
6" Ultra	16	0.05	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.17	0.24
	24	0.07	0.11	0.16	0.21	0.26	-
	36	0.10	0.17	0.25	-	-	-
	48	0.14	0.24	-	-	-	-
8" Ultra	16	0.08	0.13	0.18	0.24	0.30	-
	24	0.11	0.19	0.28	-	-	-
	36	0.17	0.30	-	-	-	-
	48	0.24	-	-	-	-	-

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1-psf = 0.0479 kN/m^2

1. Analysis is for STRONGIRT Ultra only; it does not include insulation. Applies to girts installed with and without washers and framing members spaced a maximum of 24" o.c.
2. The vertical deflection caused by flexure of the girt between framing members is negligible. The vertical deflection values in this table represent a sagging deflection of the exterior flange of the girt and are not dependent on framing spacing.
3. Table values represent the deflection induced on the girt at thirty percent (30%) of the ultimate tested failure load.
4. Cladding weight gravity load is assumed to be acting vertically at the outside edge of the girt at the fastener. Cladding weight listed shall include the weight of any hat channel or furring used.
5. EOR/installer must verify that the deflection limits selected are acceptable for the application. Deflections less than 0.25" are recommended for better in-service performance.

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6.5.4 Vertical deflection of the unsupported girt end from cladding weight is shown in **Figure 7**. Vertical deflection applies only to girts installed horizontally with a maximum cladding weight of 15-psf. The maximum distance (L) from fastener to unsupported end of girt is limited to 16". Vertical deflection for unsupported (cantilevered) ends of girts fastened with or without washers, meets or exceeds L/600 deflection criteria.

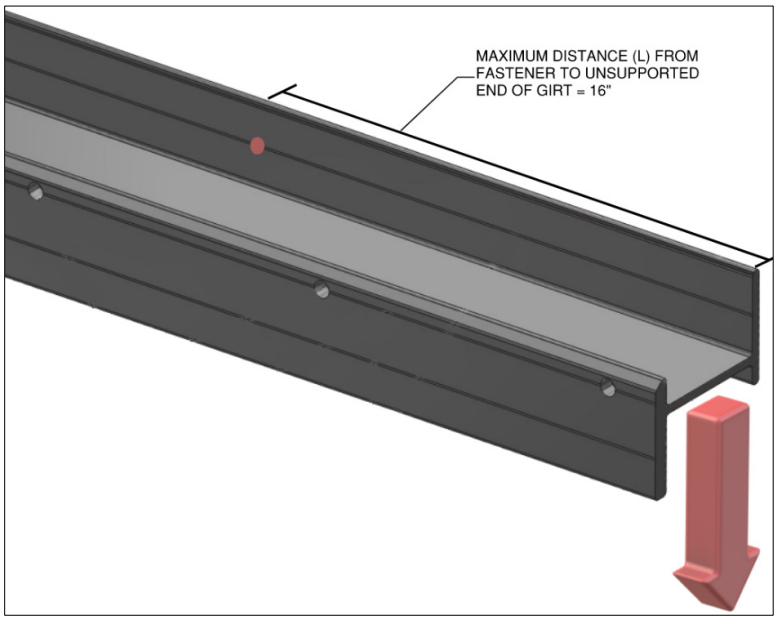


Figure 7. Vertical Deflection of Unsupported Girt End from Cladding Weight

6.6 *Surface Burning Characteristics*

6.6.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra assembly with mineral wool insulation has the surface burning characteristics shown in **Table 9**, in accordance with IBC Section 2613.5, IBC Section 2603.5.4, and IRC Section R303.3.[27]

Table 9. Surface Burning Characteristics[1]

Product	Flame Spread	Smoke Developed	Classification
STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra	≤ 25	≤ 450	Class A
1. STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra and mineral wool insulation assembly tested in accordance with ASTM E84.			

6.7 *Vertical and Lateral Fire Propagation*

6.7.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra were evaluated to assess performance of *"Vertical and Lateral Fire Propagation"* for exterior wall assemblies in accordance with NFPA 285, IBC Section 2613.5, and IBC Section 2603.5.5.

6.7.2 Engineering analysis has been conducted to assess substitution of other products within the approved wall assemblies.

6.7.3 The wall assemblies listed in **Table 10** are approved for use in buildings of Type I-IV construction.

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Table 10. Approved NFPA 285 Wall Assemblies

Wall Component	Materials
Base Wall System Use item 1, 2, or 3	1. Cast Concrete Walls 2. CMU Concrete Walls 3. 20-gauge (minimum) 3 5/8" (minimum) steel studs or 2 x 4 (minimum) FRT wood studs spaced 24" o.c. (maximum) with 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard interior
Fire-Stopping in Stud Cavity at Floor Lines Use item 1 or 2	1. 4" (minimum), 4-pcf (minimum) mineral fiber (mineral wool) installed friction fit or with z-clips 2. FRT lumber fireblocking (1 1/2" thick minimum)
Cavity Insulation Use any item 1 - 4	1. None 2. Any insulation determined to be noncombustible per ASTM E136 3. Any mineral fiber (faced or unfaced) complying with applicable code 4. Any fiberglass (faced or unfaced) complying with applicable code
Exterior Sheathing	1. For base wall 3 only – 5/8" (minimum) gypsum board sheathing (paper or glass mat faced) 2. For HPL cladded walls, use what the HPL approval states. Base wall shall be the cold-formed steel stated in base wall 3.
WRB Applied to Sheathing Use manufacturer instructions to apply WRB	1. Any WRB - only 2" (minimum), 4-pcf (minimum) mineral wool (unfaced) meeting ASTM E136 covering the WRB 2. For HPL specifically, use WRB and insulation approved for the NFPA 285-compliant HPL system.
With Exterior Insulation	1. Any STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra size listed in **Section 2.3**, with a minimum thickness of 2". Minimum 2", 4-pcf (minimum) mineral wool (unfaced) meeting ASTM E136. 2. Hunter Panels Xci-Foil (Class A) Polyiso – 3 1/2" thick
Window Perimeter	1. For the specific HPL system, use the opening perimeter flashing that is approved with the HPL system.
Attachment System	1. For the specific HPL system, use the attachment system approved with the HPL system.
Air Gap	1. 2 5/16" (maximum) for ACM cladding 2. For the specific HPL system, use the air gap approved with the HPL system 3. For all other noncombustible claddings, the air gap is not limited
Exterior Cladding Use any item 1 – 17 Item 16 shall be installed onto metal Z-furring and metal hat channels using 9.5 mm rivets. Metal furring attached to STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra using 1/4"-14 self-drilling screws.	1. Brick – nominal 4" clay brick or veneer with any air gap behind the brick. Brick ties/anchors 24" o.c. (maximum) 2. Stucco – minimum 3/4" thick exterior cement plaster and lath. A secondary WRB (WRB items above allowed over foam) can be installed between the insulation and lath and must not be full coverage asphalt or butyl based self-adhering membranes, but may be asphalt or butyl based slip-sheet (stapled) with no adhesive. 3. Limestone – minimum 2" thick 4. Natural stone veneer – minimum 2" thick 5. Cast artificial stone – minimum 1 1/2" thick complying with ICC-ES AC 51 6. Terracotta cladding – minimum 1 1/4" thick 7. Any ACM/MCM that has passed NFPA 285 with mineral wool

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Table 10. Approved NFPA 285 Wall Assemblies

Wall Component	Materials
Exterior Cladding Continued	8. Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) panels (minimum 1 1/2" thick) 9. Terreal Zephir® Evolution Rainscreen System (terra cotta), minimum 9/16" thick 10. Glen-Gery Thin Tech Masonry Veneer (only with optional noncombustible mortar) 11. Glen-Gery Tru-Brix (only with optional noncombustible mortar) 12. Terra Cotta Cladding – any rain-screen terra cotta (minimum 1/2" thick) with ventilated shiplap 13. 1/2" Stucco – any one-coat stucco that meets AC 11 acceptance criteria, is approved for use in Type I-IV construction, has been tested per NFPA 285, or stays in place when tested per ASTM E119 (stucco exposed to fire) for at least 30 minutes. 14. Natural stone veneer – minimum 1 1/4" thick using any standard installation technique 15. High-Pressure Laminate (HPL) exterior veneers are allowed for use with the horizontal STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra when the HPL veneer (with attachment hardware as tested to create the tested air gap) and the WRB and exterior insulation intended for use are approved or tested per NFPA 285. 16. Swisspearl Fiber Cement Cladding, 8mm thick 17. Any noncombustible rainscreen cladding (per ASTM E136) – mechanically attached (not adhered) with 3/8" panel gaps (maximum) to include the following: a. Uninsulated sheet metal building panels including minimum 0.019" aluminum, 0.0149" steel (per code), 0.0216" copper (per code), or zinc (30% thicker than 0.019" aluminum) b. Uninsulated fiber-cement siding (minimum 1/4" thick) that meets ASTM E136 c. High-density fiber cement that meets ASTM E136 – 1/4" minimum d. Ultra-high performance concrete that meets ASTM E136 – 1/2" minimum e. GFRC panels that meet ASTM E136 – 3/8" minimum f. Porcelain that meets ASTM E136 – 1/4" minimum g. Sintered or engineered stone panels (rainscreen or non-rainscreen) that meet ASTM E136 – 1/4" minimum
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm	

6.8 *Thermal Performance*

6.8.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra have the thermal conductivity provided in **Table 11**.

Table 11. Thermal Conductivity[1]

Product	Thermal Conductivity (W/m·K)
STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra	0.318
SI: 1 W/m·K = 0.5782 BTU/hr·ft·°F 1. STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra tested in accordance with ASTM E1530.	

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6.8.2 The R-values and efficiencies listed in **Table 12** are for the assembly and are based on the insulation layer only, which includes the insulation and girts. Other building materials used in the exterior wall assembly are not included and should be taken into account by the building designer or RDP.

Table 12. Thermal Performance of Insulation[3] Installed with STRONGIRT[1,2]

Spacing (in)	Size and Exterior Insulation Thickness (in)	Nominal (Without STRONGIRT)	Effective[3] (With STRONGIRT)		Efficiency[4]
		Insulation R-Value (hr·ft²·°F/BTU)	Assembly R-Value (hr·ft²·°F/BTU)	Assembly U-Factor (BTU/hr·ft²·°F)	
16	1.5	6.5	6.0	0.167	92.6%
	2.0	8.6	8.0	0.126	92.6%
	2.5	10.8	10.0	0.100	92.6%
	3.0	12.9	11.9	0.084	92.6%
	3.5	15.1	13.9	0.072	92.6%
	4.0	17.2	15.9	0.063	92.6%
	4.5	19.4	17.9	0.056	92.6%
	5.0	21.5	19.9	0.050	92.6%
	5.5	23.7	21.9	0.046	92.6%
	6.0	25.8	23.9	0.042	92.6%
24	1.5	6.5	6.1	0.163	95.0%
	2.0	8.6	8.2	0.122	95.0%
	2.5	10.8	10.2	0.098	95.0%
	3.0	12.9	12.3	0.082	95.0%
	3.5	15.1	14.3	0.070	95.0%
	4.0	17.2	16.3	0.061	95.0%
	4.5	19.4	18.4	0.054	95.0%
	5.0	21.5	20.4	0.049	95.0%
	5.5	23.7	22.5	0.045	95.0%
	6.0	25.8	24.5	0.041	95.0%

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		Insulation R-Value (hr·ft²·°F/BTU)	Assembly R-Value (hr·ft²·°F/BTU)	Assembly U-Factor (BTU/hr·ft²·°F)	
36	1.5	6.5	6.2	0.161	96.6%
	2.0	8.6	8.3	0.120	96.6%
	2.5	10.8	10.4	0.096	96.6%
	3.0	12.9	12.5	0.080	96.6%
	3.5	15.1	14.5	0.069	96.6%
	4.0	17.2	16.6	0.060	96.6%
	4.5	19.4	18.7	0.054	96.6%
	5.0	21.5	20.8	0.048	96.6%
	5.5	23.7	22.8	0.044	96.6%
	6.0	25.8	24.9	0.040	96.6%
48	1.5	6.5	6.3	0.159	97.4%
	2.0	8.6	8.4	0.119	97.4%
	2.5	10.8	10.5	0.095	97.4%
	3.0	12.9	12.6	0.080	97.4%
	3.5	15.1	14.7	0.068	97.4%
	4.0	17.2	16.8	0.060	97.4%
	4.5	19.4	18.9	0.053	97.4%
	5.0	21.5	20.9	0.048	97.4%
	5.5	23.7	23.0	0.043	97.4%
	6.0	25.8	25.1	0.040	97.4%

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. Calculated values are based on STRONGIRT webs and insulation only using the parallel path method. The STRONGIRT flanges were ignored as they extend beyond the front and back of the insulation panel. The assembly R-value is based on one (1) linear foot of STRONGIRT and one (1) square foot of insulation along the length of the girt.
2. Fasteners excluded from the calculation.
3. The R-value of the insulation used in the calculations is 4.3 hr•ft²·°F/BTU•in. Any insulation with an equal or greater R-value may be used.
4. Computed by dividing the effective R-value of the wall assembly by the nominal R-value of the assembly.

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6.8.3 The R-values and efficiencies listed in **Table 13** are for the assembly and are based on the insulation layer only, which includes the insulation and girts. Other building materials used in the exterior wall assembly are not included and should be taken into account by the building designer or RDP.

Table 13. Thermal Performance of Insulation Installed with STRONGIRT Ultra[2]

Spacing (in)	Size and Exterior Insulation Thickness (in)	Nominal (Without STRONGIRT Ultra)	Effective[1] (With STRONGIRT Ultra)		Efficiency[4]
		Insulation R-Value[3] (hr•ft²•°F/BTU)	Assembly R-Value[3] (hr•ft²•°F/BTU)	Assembly U-Factor (BTU/hr•ft²•°F)	
16	5	21.5	19.0	0.053	88.3%
	5.5	23.7	20.9	0.048	88.3%
	6	25.8	22.8	0.044	88.3%
	8	34.4	30.4	0.033	88.3%
24	5	21.5	19.8	0.051	91.9%
	5.5	23.7	21.7	0.046	91.9%
	6	25.8	23.7	0.042	91.9%
	8	34.4	31.6	0.032	91.9%
36	5	21.5	20.3	0.049	94.4%
	5.5	23.7	22.3	0.045	94.4%
	6	25.8	24.4	0.041	94.4%
	8	34.4	32.5	0.031	94.4%
48	5	21.5	20.6	0.049	95.8%
	5.5	23.7	22.6	0.044	95.8%
	6	25.8	24.7	0.040	95.8%
	8	34.4	32.9	0.030	95.8%

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. Calculated values are based on STRONGIRT Ultra webs and insulation only using the parallel path method. The STRONGIRT Ultra flanges were ignored as they extend beyond the front and back of the insulation panel. The assembly R-value is based on one (1) linear foot of STRONGIRT Ultra and one (1) square foot of insulation along the length of the girt.
2. Fasteners excluded from the calculation.
3. The R-value of the insulation used in the calculations is 4.3 hr•ft²•°F/BTU•in. Any insulation with an equal or greater R-value may be used.
4. Computed by dividing the effective R-value of the wall assembly by the nominal R-value of the assembly.

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

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7 Certified Performance[28]

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.[29]

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.[30]

8 Regulatory Evaluation and Accepted Engineering Practice

8.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra comply with the following legislatively adopted regulations and/or accepted engineering practice for the following reasons:

8.1.1 Structural performance under transverse load conditions for wind loading in accordance with IBC Section 1609, specifically IBC Section 1609.4.3.

8.1.2 Allowable wind pressure resistance in accordance with IBC Section 1603.1.4.

8.1.3 Performance for use in exterior walls of buildings of any height and of Type I-V construction in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5 and IRC Section R303.5.12.[31]

8.1.4 Performance in accordance with ASTM E84 for flame spread and smoke development ratings in accordance with IBC Section 2613.5, IBC Section 2603.5.4, and IRC Section R303.3.[32]

8.1.5 Performance of vertical and lateral fire propagation in accordance with NFPA 285, IBC Section 2613.5, and IBC Section 2603.5.5.

8.1.6 Thermal resistance performance in accordance with IECC Section C402.

8.2 Any building code, regulation and/or accepted engineering evaluations (e.g., research reports, duly authenticated reports, etc.) that are conducted for this Listing were performed by DrJ, which is an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body and a professional engineering company operated by RDP or approved sources. DrJ is qualified[33] to practice product and regulatory compliance services within its scope of accreditation and engineering expertise,[34] respectively.

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

9 Installation

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

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

9.3 *Installation Procedure*

9.3.1 Inspect the substrate for the readiness to install girts.

9.3.2 Inspect STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra for any quality issues per ASTM D4385 prior to installation.

9.3.3 If required, STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra may be cut to length or predrilled using traditional tools.

9.3.3.1 It is recommended to use carbide/diamond gritted saw blades and drill bits.

9.3.4 Fasten any optional flashing or STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra J-section to the substrate per the installation plan. See the Strongwell product catalog for STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra J-section installation information, when used.

9.3.5 Place the insulation in between the flanges of STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra and ensure it is properly fitted into place and secured.

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9.3.6 Place the next level of STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra over the insulation, level it, and make sure that the insulation is fully engaged within the bottom flanges of the STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra before fastening to the substrate.

9.3.7 Repeat this pattern to continue the installation of STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra per the installation plan with proper terminations at the opening and top wall conditions.

9.3.7.1 Details of termination conditions shall be in accordance with the approved construction drawings.

9.4 STRONGIRT parts have a thin flange (0.15") on the wall side and a thick flange (0.25") on the cladding side. STRONGIRT Ultra has flanges of the same thickness (0.25") on both the wall side and the cladding side.

9.4.1 Thin flanges connect to the wall-side substrate and thick flanges connect to the cladding.

9.4.2 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra include a debossed line on both flanges to identify a safe distance to screw the girt to the substrate and the cladding, as shown in **Figure 8**.

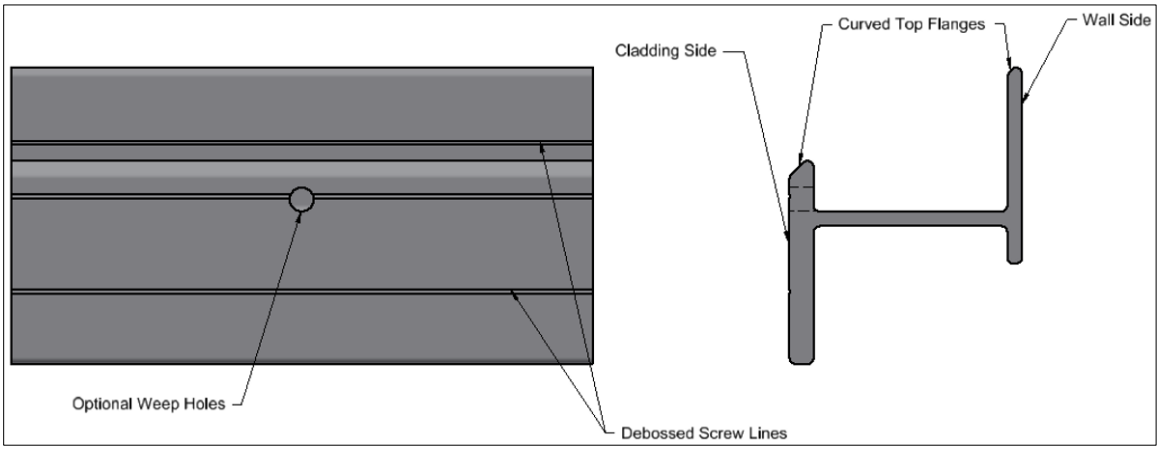


Figure 8. STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra Orientation for Installation

9.4.3 All screws must be fastened along the debossed screw lines to maintain an adequate edge distance from the center of the screw to the edge of the girt.

9.4.4 A minimum end distance of four (4) times the diameter of the screw is recommended.

9.5 The top of the flanges are curved to allow rainwater to flow away from the wall and insulation.

9.5.1 Cladding flanges have the option of weep holes to drain moisture further.

9.5.2 When installing STRONGIRT Ultra, the curved tops of the flanges denote which of the two flanges is the wall side flange and which is the cladding side flange (both are 0.25" thick).

9.6 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra can be installed horizontally or vertically on a wall to support the cladding and accommodate the insulation between flanges.

9.7 Minimum #14 self-drilling screws are required at 16" – 24" on center based on allowable load requirements determined by the Engineer of Record (EOR).

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9.8 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra shall be fastened on both of its ends to the substrate.

9.8.1 Where necessary, the maximum allowable cantilever span is 16", see **Figure 9**. Review **Section 6.5.4** for more information.

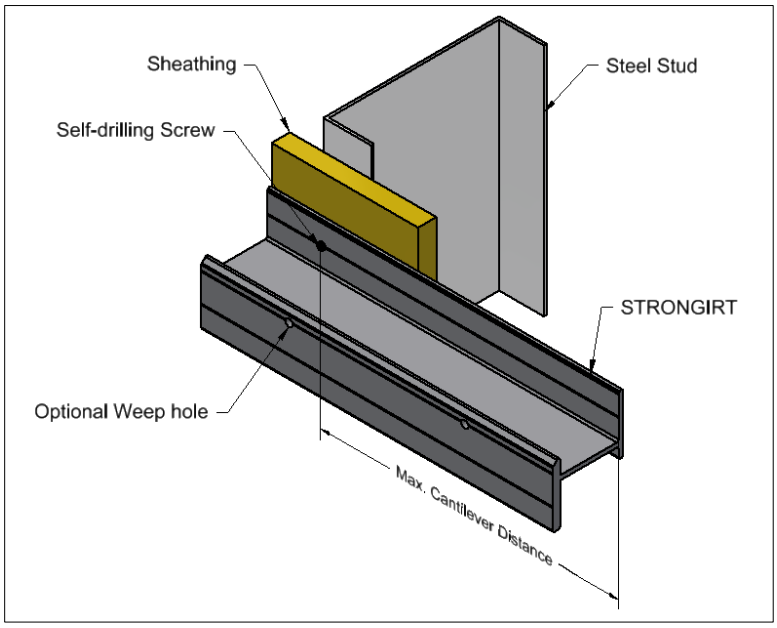


Figure 9. Maximum Allowable Cantilever Distance for STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra

9.9 If STRONGIRT or STRONGIRT Ultra must be attached to a masonry substrate, threaded concrete fasteners shall be used.

9.10 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra shall be installed with a 1/4" - 1/2" gap between girt ends to allow for any thermal cycling.

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 testing in accordance with ASTM D638 per ASTM D4762

10.1.2 Shear strength testing in accordance with ASTM D2344 per ASTM D4762

10.1.3 Bearing strength testing in accordance with ASTM D5961 per ASTM D4762

10.1.4 Head pull through testing in accordance with ASTM D7332 per ASTM D4762

10.1.5 Screw pullout testing in accordance with ASTM D1761

10.1.6 Transverse load resistance testing in accordance with ASTM E72

10.1.7 Gravity load resistance testing in accordance with ASTM D198 and ASTM D1761

10.1.8 Transverse and lateral combined load resistance testing in accordance with ASTM E72, ASTM D198, and ASTM D1761

10.1.9 Surface burning characteristics in accordance with ASTM E84

10.1.10 Vertical and lateral fire propagation testing in accordance with NFPA 285

10.1.11 Thermal resistance testing in accordance with ASTM E1530

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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.[35]

10.6 Where additional condition of use and/or regulatory compliance information is required, please search for STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra on the DrJ Certification website.

11 Findings

11.1 As outlined in **Section 6**, STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra 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, STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra shall be approved for the following applications:

11.2.1 Performance under transverse load conditions for wind loading in accordance with IBC Section 1609, specifically IBC Section 1609.4.3.

11.2.2 Performance for use in exterior walls of buildings of any height and of Type I-V construction in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5 and IRC Section R303.5.12.[36]

11.2.3 Performance in accordance with ASTM E84 for flame spread and smoke development ratings in accordance with IBC Section 2613.5, IBC Section 2603.5.4, and IRC Section R303.3.[37]

11.2.4 Performance in accordance with NFPA 285 for vertical and lateral fire propagation in accordance with IBC Section 2613.5 and IBC Section 2603.5.5, when used with the assemblies listed in **Table 10**.

11.2.5 Thermal resistance performance in accordance with IECC Section C402.

11.3 Unless exempt by state statute, when STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra 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 Strongwell.

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11.5 IBC Section 104.2.3[38] (IRC Section R104.2.2[39] and IFC Section 104.2.3[40] 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:**[41] Building regulations require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports.[42]

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.[43]

12 Conditions of Use

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

12.2 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:

12.2.1 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.

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

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

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

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

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

12.3 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.

12.4 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).

12.5 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.

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13 Identification

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

13.2 Additional technical information can be found at www.strongirt.com/technical-information.

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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Appendix A

1 Screw Information

1.1 Screws required for connection of cladding to STRONGIRT with and without washers:

1.1.1 Fully threaded #14 Hex Head self-drilling screws with a major diameter of 0.244", a root diameter of 0.190", a minimum head diameter of 0.485", and a thread count of 15 threads per inch.

1.2 Screws for attaching STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra to soffits:

1.2.1 *Concrete:* Tapcon 1/4" diameter, exterior rated hex washer head concrete screws with minimum 1" embedment into 3,000-psi concrete. Minimum fastener length of 1 1/4".

1.2.2 *Steel:* 1/4" Teks hex washer head self-tapping screws installed in steel framing having a minimum tensile capacity of 45-ksi. Minimum penetration of three (3) threads beyond the back face of the main member.

1.2.3 *Wood:* #12 diameter (0.216") wood screws with 1 1/4" minimum embedment into specific gravity=0.42 wood framing. Head diameter shall be 0.485" minimum or screw shall be installed with fender washers with minimum 0.485" diameter and minimum 0.047" thickness.

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FBC Supplement to Report Number 2009-02

REPORT HOLDER: Strongwell

1 Evaluation Subject

1.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra

2 Purpose and Scope

2.1 Purpose

2.1.1 The purpose of this Report Supplement is to show STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra, recognized in Report Number 2009-02, 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*

3 Conclusions

3.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra, described in Report Number 2009-02, 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 110.4 is reserved and replaces IBC Section 110.4.

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

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

3.2.5 FBC-B Section 105.3 replaces IBC Section 105.3.

3.2.6 FBC-B Section 105.3.1 replaces IBC Section 105.3.1.

3.2.7 FBC-B Section 110.3 replaces IBC Section 110.3.

3.2.8 FBC-B Section 1603.1.4 replaces IBC Section 1603.1.4.

3.2.9 FBC-B Table 1604.3 replaces IBC Table 1604.3.

3.2.10 FBC-B Section 1707.1 replaces IBC Section 1707.1.

3.2.11 FBC-B Section 2306.1 replaces IBC Section 2306.1.

3.2.12 FBC-B Section 2306.3 replaces IBC Section 2306.3.

3.2.13 FBC-B Section 2603.5 replaces IBC Section 2603.5.

3.2.14 FBC-B Section 2603.5.4 replaces IBC Section 2603.5.4.

3.2.15 FBC-B Section 2613.5 replaces IBC Section 2613.5.

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3.2.16 FBC-R Section R104 and FBC-R Section R109 are reserved.

3.2.17 FBC-R Section R316.3 replaces IRC Section R303.3.

3.2.18 FBC-R Section R316.5.12 replaces IRC Section R303.5.12.

4 Conditions of Use

4.1 STRONGIRT and STRONGIRT Ultra, described in Report Number 2009-02, must comply with all of the following conditions:

4.1.1 All applicable sections in Report Number 2009-02.

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

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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 and FBC-R are the same as the 2024 IBC and 2024 IRC 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 IRC Section R316.3

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

29 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

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[30] 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

[31] 2021 IRC Section R316.5.12

[32] 2021 IRC Section R316.3

[33] 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.

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

[35] 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

[36] 2021 IRC Section R316.5.12

[37] 2021 IRC Section R316.3

[38] 2021 IBC Section 104.11

[39] 2021 IRC Section R104.11

[40] 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

[41] 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.

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

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

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