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# Perma "R" Underlayment

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# **CSI Designations:**

DIVISION: 07 00 00 - THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION

Section: 07 30 00 - Steep Slope Roofing

# 1 Innovative Product Evaluated<sup>1</sup>

1.1 ProFelt Plus™

# 2 Product Description and Materials

2.1 The label for the innovative product evaluated in this report is shown in **Figure 1**.



Figure 1. ProFelt Plus Label

2.2 ProFelt Plus underlayments are made from a synthetic membrane engineered specifically for use as a roofing underlayment.









- 2.3 Material Availability
  - 2.3.1 Standard Width:
    - 2.3.1.1 48" (1219 mm)
  - 2.3.2 Standard Lengths:
    - 2.3.2.1 125' (38.1 m)
    - 2.3.2.2 250' (76.2 m)
  - 2.3.3 Other custom widths and lengths can be manufactured.
- 2.4 As needed, review material properties for design in **Section 6** and the regulatory evaluation in **Section 8**.

# 3 Definitions

- 3.1 <u>New Materials<sup>2</sup></u> 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.<sup>3</sup> The <u>design strengths</u> and permissible stresses shall be established by tests<sup>4</sup> and/or engineering analysis.<sup>5</sup>
- 3.2 <u>Duly authenticated reports</u><sup>6</sup> and <u>research reports</u><sup>7</sup> are test reports and related engineering evaluations, which are written by an <u>approved agency</u><sup>8</sup> and/or an <u>approved source</u>.<sup>9</sup>
  - 3.2.1 These reports contain intellectual property and/or trade secrets, which are protected by the <u>Defend Trade</u> <u>Secrets Act</u> (DTSA).<sup>10</sup>
- 3.3 An approved agency is *"approved"* when it is <u>ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited</u>. DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ) is listed in the <u>ANAB directory</u>.
- 3.4 An approved source is *"approved"* when a professional engineer (i.e., <u>Registered Design Professional</u>, or RDP) is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce. The regulatory authority governing approved sources is the <u>state legislature</u> via its professional engineering regulations.<sup>11</sup>
- 3.5 Testing and/or inspections conducted for this <u>duly authenticated report</u> were performed by an <u>ISO/IEC 17025</u> <u>accredited testing laboratory</u>, an <u>ISO/IEC 17020 accredited inspection body</u>, and/or a licensed <u>RDP</u>.
  - 3.5.1 The <u>Center for Building Innovation</u> (CBI) is <u>ANAB<sup>12</sup> ISO/IEC 17025</u> and <u>ISO/IEC 17020</u> accredited.
- 3.6 The regulatory authority shall <u>enforce</u><sup>13</sup> 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 <u>writing</u><sup>14</sup> stating the nonconformance and the path to its cure.
- 3.7 The regulatory authority shall accept <u>duly authenticated reports</u> from an <u>approved agency</u> and/or an <u>approved</u> <u>source</u> 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.<sup>15</sup>
- 3.8 ANAB is an <u>International Accreditation Forum</u> (IAF) <u>Multilateral Recognition Arrangement</u> (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.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 <u>duly authenticated reports</u> are approval equivalent.<sup>17</sup>
- 3.9 Approval equity is a fundamental commercial and legal principle.<sup>18</sup>





# 4 Applicable Standards for the Listing; Regulations for the Regulatory Evaluation<sup>19</sup>

## 4.1 Standards

- 4.1.1 ASTM D146: Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Bitumen-Saturated Felts and Woven Fabrics for Roofing and Waterproofing
- 4.1.2 ASTM D226: Standard Specification for Asphalt-Saturated Organic Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing
- 4.1.3 ASTM D828: Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Paper and Paperboard Using Constant-Rateof-Elongation Apparatus
- 4.1.4 ASTM D1204: Standard Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheeting or Film at Elevated Temperature
- 4.1.5 ASTM D1922: Standard Test Method for Propagation Tear Resistance of Plastic Film and Thin Sheeting by Pendulum Method
- 4.1.6 ASTM D4533: Standard Test Method for Trapezoid Tearing Strength of Geotextiles
- 4.1.7 ASTM D4869: Standard Specification for Asphalt-Saturated Organic Felt Underlayment Used in Steep Slope Roofing
- 4.1.8 ASTM D5034: Standard Test Method for Breaking Strength and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Grab Test)
- 4.1.9 ASTM D5035: Standard Test Method for Breaking Force and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Strip Method)
- 4.1.10 ASTM D8257: Standard Specification for Mechanically Attached Polymeric Roof Underlayment Used in Steep Slope Roofing
- 4.1.11 ASTM F1087: Standard Test Method for Linear Dimensional Stability of a Gasket Material to Moisture

#### 4.2 Regulations

- 4.2.1 IBC 15, 18, 21: International Building Code®
- 4.2.2 IRC 15, 18, 21: International Residential Code®
- 4.2.3 IECC 15, 18, 21: International Energy Conservation Code®
- 4.2.4 FBC-B—20, 23: Florida Building Code Building<sup>20</sup>
- 4.2.5 FBC-R—20, 23: Florida Building Code Residential<sup>20</sup>

## 5 Listed<sup>21</sup>

5.1 Equipment, materials, products, or services included in a List published by a <u>nationally recognized testing</u> <u>laboratory</u> (i.e., CBI), an <u>approved agency</u> (i.e., CBI and DrJ), and/or and <u>approved source</u> (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 ProFelt Plus underlayment complies with <u>IBC Section 1507.1.1</u>.
  - 6.1.2 ProFelt Plus underlayment is used with any roof covering in <u>IBC Table 1507.1.1(1)</u>, that allows for the use of ASTM 226 Type I or ASTM 226 II underlayment. ProFelt Plus may also be used with any roof covering in <u>IBC Table 1507.1.1(1)</u> that allows for the use of ASTM 4869 Type II or ASTM 4869 IV underlayment.





## 6.2 Pliability

6.2.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to pliability in accordance with ASTM D146. Results are as shown in **Table 1**.

### Table 1. ProFelt Plus Pliability Testing<sup>1</sup>

Product	Complete Test
ProFelt Plus	Pass
1. In accordance with ASTM D146.	

#### 6.3 Average Breaking Strength

6.3.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to average breaking strength in accordance with ASTM D828 modified by ASTM D146. The results are as shown in **Table 2**.

## Table 2. Breaking Strength of ProFelt Plus Underlayment<sup>1</sup>

Product	Machine Direction (lbf/in. width)	Cross-Machine Direction (lbf/in. width)
ProFelt Plus	79.0	35.8
SI: 1 lbf/in = 0.000113 kN/m 1. In accordance with ASTM D828 modified by ASTM D146.		

#### 6.4 Loss on Heating

6.4.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to loss on heating in accordance with ASTM D146. Results are as shown in **Table 3**.

#### Table 3. ProFelt Plus Loss on Heating Test Results<sup>1</sup>

Product	Mass Lost to the Nearest 0.5%
ProFelt Plus	0.5%
1. In accordance with ASTM D146.	

## 6.5 Average Tear Strength

6.5.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to tearing strength with and across the machine direction in accordance with ASTM D1922. Results are as shown in **Table 4**.

#### Table 4. ProFelt Plus Tearing Strength<sup>1</sup>

Product	Machine Direction (lbf)	Cross-Machine Direction (lbf)
ProFelt Plus	5.97	10.28
SI: 1 lbf = 4.45 N 1. In accordance with ASTM D1922.		





### 6.6 Liquid Water Transmission

6.6.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to water transmission in accordance with ASTM D4869. Results are as shown in **Table 5**.

#### Table 5. Liquid Water Transmission Test Results<sup>1</sup>

Product	Panel 1
ProFelt Plus	Pass
1. In accordance with ASTM D4869.	

#### 6.7 Dimensional Stability Against Humidity

6.7.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regard to their dimensional stability against humidity changes in accordance with ASTM F1087 modified by ASTM D4869. Results are as shown in **Table 6**.

#### **Table 6**. Dimensional Stability Against Humidity<sup>1</sup>

Product	Change of Length in Machine Direction (%)	Change of Length in Cross Machine Direction (%)
ProFelt Plus	0	0
1. In accordance with ASTM F1087 modified by ASTM D4869.		

#### 6.8 Unrollability

6.8.1 ProFelt Plus underlayments were evaluated to assess their performance with regards pliability in accordance with ASTM D4869. Results are as shown in **Table 7**.

#### Table 7. Unrollability

Product	Test at ≤ 50° F	Test at ≥ 140° F
ProFelt Plus	Pass	Pass
SI: ° F= (9/5 ° C)+32		

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

## 7 Certified Performance<sup>22</sup>

- 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.<sup>23</sup>
- 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.<sup>24</sup>





# 8 Regulatory Evaluation and Accepted Engineering Practice

- 8.1 ProFelt Plus complies with the following legislatively adopted regulations and/or accepted engineering practice for the following reasons:
  - 8.1.1 ProFelt Plus has been evaluated to determine compliance with ASTM D226 Type I and II and ASTM D4869 Type II and IV by conducting the following:
    - 8.1.1.1 Pliability testing performed according to ASTM D146 as specified in ASTM D226 or ASTM D4869
    - 8.1.1.2 Average breaking strength with and across the machine direction according to ASTM D5035 or ASTM D828 modified by ASTM D146
    - 8.1.1.3 Loss on heating following the procedure laid out in ASTM D146
    - 8.1.1.4 Average tear strength with and across the machine direction according to ASTM D1922 or ASTM D4533
    - 8.1.1.5 Liquid water transmission test performed in accordance with ASTM D4869
    - 8.1.1.6 Dimensional stability against humidity changes in the machine direction and cross-machine direct according to ASTM F1087 modified by ASTM D4869 or according to ASTM D1204
    - 8.1.1.7 Unrollability test performed according to ASTM D146 as specified in ASTM D226 or ASTM D4869
- 8.2 Any building code, regulation and/or accepted engineering evaluations (i.e., <u>research reports</u>, <u>duly</u> <u>authenticated reports</u>, etc.) that are conducted for this Listing were performed by DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ), an <u>ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body</u> and a professional engineering company operated by <u>RDP/approved sources</u>. DrJ is qualified<sup>25</sup> 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 <u>accredited ICS code scope</u> 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 Installation Procedure

- 9.3.1 Preparation:
  - 9.3.1.1 The deck surface must be dry and free of dust, dirt, loose nails, debris, and other protrusions.
  - 9.3.1.2 Damaged sheathing must be replaced.
  - 9.3.1.3 Ensure that the space beneath the roof sheathing is properly ventilated before installing.
- 9.3.2 Installation:
  - 9.3.2.1 ProFelt Plus is laid out horizontally (parallel) to the eave, with the printed side up, using 4" horizontal laps and 6" vertical laps.
  - 9.3.2.2 Follow codes for low slopes as defined as 2:12 to 4:12 and steep slopes greater than 4:12 applications.
  - 9.3.2.3 ProFelt Plus is designed to withstand 180 days of exposure prior to being covered. Perma "R" Products, Inc. recommends covering ProFelt Plus with the finish roofing material as soon as possible.





#### 9.3.3 Fasteners:

- 9.3.3.1 Perma "R" Products, Inc. recommends attaching ProFelt Plus to structural roof deck material using plastic cap, ring shanked, roofing nails that have a minimum 1" diameter cap.
- 9.3.3.2 Fasteners to be installed at a minimum per the surface markings on the product, spaced 6" on-center in vertical and horizontal laps, and 12" on-center along the center of the roll.
- 9.3.3.3 If the installation of ProFelt Plus and the roof covering occur on the same day, the option to use every other printed anchoring mark is acceptable. For same day coverage, corrosion resistant <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" head and 1" leg roofing nails are acceptable as well as 1" plastic cap staples.
- 9.3.3.4 High slope roofs, (> 7/12 pitch) must use plastic cap nails. All fasteners must be flush, 90° to the roof deck, and tight with the underlayment surface and the structural roof deck.
- 9.3.4 Refer to <u>IBC Table 1507.1.1(2)</u> for the application procedure depending on the roof covering used and the basic design wind speed.
- 9.3.5 Refer to <u>IBC Table 1507.1.1(3)</u> for the required attachment procedure depending on the roof covering used and the basic wind speed.

## **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 Pliability testing performed according to ASTM D146 as specified in ASTM D226 or ASTM D4869
  - 10.1.2 Average breaking strength with and across the machine direction in accordance with ASTM D5035 or ASTM D828 modified by ASTM D146
  - 10.1.3 Loss on heating in accordance with ASTM D146
  - 10.1.4 Average tear strength with and across the machine direction in accordance with ASTM D1922 or ASTM D4533
  - 10.1.5 Liquid water transmission in accordance with ASTM D4869
  - 10.1.6 Dimensional stability against humidity changes in the machine direction and cross-machine direct in accordance with ASTM D1204 or ASTM F1087 modified by ASTM D4869
  - 10.1.7 Unrollability test performed according to ASTM D146 as specified in ASTM D226 or ASTM D4869
- 10.2 Information contained herein may include the result of testing and/or data analysis by sources that are <u>approved agencies</u>, <u>approved sources</u>, and/or an <u>RDP</u>. 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 <u>being equivalent</u> to the regulatory provision in terms of quality, <u>strength</u>, effectiveness, <u>fire resistance</u>, 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 <u>duly authenticated reports</u> from <u>approved</u> <u>agencies</u> and/or <u>approved sources</u> 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 <u>duly</u> authenticated report, may be dependent upon published design properties by others.





- 10.5 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.<sup>26</sup>
- 10.6 Where additional condition of use and/or regulatory compliance information is required, please search for ProFelt Plus on the <u>DrJ Certification website</u>.

# 11 Findings

- 11.1 As outlined in **Section 6**, ProFelt Plus has performance characteristics that were tested and/or meet applicable regulations and are suitable for use pursuant to its specified purpose.
- 11.2 When used and installed in accordance with this <u>duly authenticated report</u> and the manufacturer installation instructions, ProFelt Plus shall be approved for the following applications:
  - 11.2.1 Any applications that allow for use of ASTM 226 Type I or ASTM 226 II underlayments
- 11.3 Any application specific issues not addressed herein can be engineered by an RDP. Assistance with engineering is available from Perma "R" Products, Inc.
- 11.4 <u>IBC Section 104.11 (IRC Section R104.11</u> and <u>IFC Section 104.10</u><sup>27</sup> 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:<sup>28</sup> Building regulations require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports.<sup>29</sup>
  - 11.5.1 An approved agency is "approved" when it is ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited.
  - 11.5.2 An <u>approved source</u> is "approved" when an <u>RDP</u> is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce.
  - 11.5.3 Federal law, <u>Title 18 US Code Section 242</u>, 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 <u>RDP</u>s and is an <u>ANAB Accredited Product</u> <u>Certification Body</u> – <u>Accreditation #1131</u>.
- 11.7 Through the <u>IAF Multilateral Agreements</u> (MLA), this <u>duly authenticated report</u> can be used to obtain product approval in any <u>jurisdiction</u> or <u>country</u> because all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 <u>duly authenticated reports</u> are equivalent.<sup>30</sup>

# 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, ProFelt Plus shall not be used:
  - 12.3.1 As an ice barrier as noted in <u>IBC Section 1507.1.2</u>
  - 12.3.2 In valleys covered by asphalt shingles as noted in <u>IBC Section 1507.2.8.2</u>
  - 12.3.3 In only a single layer for roof slopes of four (4) units vertical by twelve (12) units horizontal unless otherwise stated in <u>IBC Table 1507.1.1(2)</u>





- 12.4 When required by adopted legislation and enforced by the <u>building official</u>, also known as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed:
  - 12.4.1 Any calculations incorporated into the construction documents shall conform to accepted engineering practice and, when prepared by an <u>approved source</u>, shall be approved when signed and sealed.
  - 12.4.2 This report and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
  - 12.4.3 This innovative product has an internal quality control program and a third-party quality assurance program.
  - 12.4.4 At a minimum, this innovative product shall be installed per **Section 9** of this report.
  - 12.4.5 The review of this report by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 104 and IBC Section 105.4.
  - 12.4.6 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.
  - 12.4.7 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 <u>IBC</u> <u>Section 110.3</u>, <u>IRC Section R109.2</u>, and any other regulatory requirements that may apply.
- 12.5 The approval of this report by the AHJ shall comply with <u>IBC Section 1707.1</u>, 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 <u>IBC Section 104</u>, and <u>IBC Section 105.4</u>.
- 12.6 <u>Design loads</u> 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., <u>owner</u> or <u>RDP</u>).
- 12.7 The actual design, suitability, and use of this report for any particular building, is the responsibility of the <u>owner</u> or the authorized agent of the <u>owner</u>.

## 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 <u>www.permarproducts.com</u>.

## 14 Review Schedule

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

## 15 Approved for Use Pursuant to United States and International Legislation Defined in Appendix A

15.1 ProFelt Plus underlayment 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**: <u>State legislatures</u> 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 products 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 <u>Federal Department of Justice</u> 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 <u>Title 18 US Code Section 242</u> 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 <u>stating the reasons</u> why the alternative was not approved, with reference to the specific legislation violated.
  - 1.2.3 The <u>federal government</u> and each state have a <u>public records act</u>. In addition, each state also has legislation that mimics the federal <u>Defend Trade Secrets Act 2016</u> (DTSA),<sup>31</sup> where providing test reports, engineering analysis, and/or other related IP/TS is subject to <u>prison of not more than ten years</u><sup>32</sup> and/or a <u>\$5,000,000 fine or 3 times the value of</u><sup>33</sup> 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 <u>new materials</u><sup>34</sup> that are not specifically provided for in any regulation, the <u>design strengths and</u> <u>permissible stresses</u> shall be established by <u>tests</u>, where <u>suitable load tests simulate the actual loads and</u> <u>conditions of application that occur</u>.
  - 1.2.5 The <u>design strengths and permissible stresses</u> of any structural material shall <u>conform</u> to the specifications and methods of design using accepted engineering practice.<sup>35</sup>
  - 1.2.6 The commerce of <u>approved sources</u> (i.e., registered PEs) is regulated by <u>professional engineering</u> <u>legislation</u>. Professional engineering <u>commerce shall always be approved</u> 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 <u>duly authenticated reports</u> from <u>approved agencies</u> in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in <u>IBC Section 104.11</u>.<sup>36</sup>





- 1.3 Approved<sup>37</sup> 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 <u>Division 35</u>, <u>Article 1</u>, <u>Chapter IX</u> 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 <u>Chapter IX</u> of the LAMC, such tests or certification shall be made by a <u>testing agency</u> 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.<sup>38</sup> The Superintendent of Building <u>Approved Testing Agency Roster</u> is provided by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). The Center for Building Innovation (CBI) Certificate of Approval License is <u>TA24945</u>. Tests and certifications found in a <u>DrJ Listing</u> are LAMC approved. In addition, the Superintendent of Building shall accept <u>duly authenticated reports</u> from <u>approved agencies</u> in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in the <u>California Building Code</u> (CBC) <u>Section 1707.1</u>.<sup>39</sup>
- 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 deemed<sup>40</sup> an approved testing agency via <u>ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation</u>, an approved inspection agency via <u>ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation</u>, and an approved product evaluation agency via <u>ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation</u>. 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 agreement<sup>41</sup> (i.e., <u>ANAB</u>, <u>International Accreditation Forum also</u> known as IAF, etc.).
- 1.6 **Approved by Florida**: <u>Statewide approval</u> 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
  - 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 <u>Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation</u> (DBPR) website provides a listing of companies certified as a <u>Product Evaluation Agency</u> (i.e., EVLMiami 13692), a <u>Product Certification</u> <u>Agency</u> (i.e., CER10642), and as a <u>Florida Registered Engineer</u> (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 <u>553.842</u> and <u>553.8425</u>.
- 1.8 **Approved by New Jersey**: Pursuant to the 2018 Building Code of New Jersey in <u>IBC Section 1707.1</u> <u>General</u>,<sup>42</sup> it states: "In the absence of approved rules or other approved standards, the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from <u>approved agencies</u> 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 (<u>N.J.A.C. 5:23</u>)".<sup>43</sup> 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 <u>New Jersey Department of Community Affairs</u> has confirmed that technical evaluation reports, from any accredited entity listed by <u>ANAB</u>, 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, <u>Part 3282.14</u><sup>44</sup> and <u>Part 3280</u>,<sup>45</sup> 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 <u>new materials</u> that are not specifically provided for in this code, the <u>design strengths and permissible</u> <u>stresses</u> shall be established by tests.<sup>46</sup>
  - 1.10.2 For innovative <u>alternatives</u> and/or methods of construction, the building official shall accept <u>duly</u> <u>authenticated reports</u> from <u>approved agencies</u> with respect to the quality and manner of use of <u>new</u> <u>materials or assemblies</u>.<sup>47</sup>
    - 1.10.2.1 An <u>approved agency</u> is *"approved"* when it is <u>ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited</u>. DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ) is in the <u>ANAB directory</u>.
    - 1.10.2.2 An <u>approved source</u> is *"approved"* when an <u>RDP</u> is properly licensed to transact engineering commerce. The regulatory authority governing approved sources is the <u>state legislature</u> via its professional engineering regulations.<sup>48</sup>
  - 1.10.3 The <u>design strengths and permissible stresses</u> of any structural material...shall conform to the specifications and methods of design of accepted engineering practice performed by an <u>approved</u> <u>source</u>.<sup>49</sup>
- 1.11 **Approval by International Jurisdictions**: The <u>USMCA</u> and <u>GATT</u> agreements provide for approval of innovative materials, designs, services, and/or methods of construction through the <u>Agreement on Technical</u> <u>Barriers to Trade</u> and the <u>IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement</u> (MLA), where these agreements:
  - 1.11.1 State that <u>conformity assessment procedures</u> (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 <u>purpose of the MLA</u> 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 <u>IAF-MLA</u> 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.<sup>50</sup>
  - 1.11.4 Therefore, all ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 duly authenticated reports are approval equivalent.<sup>51</sup>
- 1.12 Approval equity is a fundamental commercial and legal principle.<sup>52</sup>





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# FBC Supplement to Report Number 2305-03

REPORT HOLDER: Perma "R" Products, Inc.

# **1** Evaluation Subject

1.1 ProFelt Plus™

# 2 Purpose and Scope

- 2.1 Purpose
  - 2.1.1 The purpose of this Report Supplement is to show ProFelt Plus, recognized in Report Number 2305-03, has also been evaluated for compliance with the codes listed below as adopted by the Florida Building Commission.
- 2.2 Applicable Building 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 ProFelt Plus, described in Report Number 2305-03, complies with the FBC-B and FBC-R and is 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 104.4, Section 110.4 and Section 1507.2.8.2 are reserved.
  - 3.2.2 FBC-R Section R104 and Section R109 are reserved.
  - 3.2.3 FBC-B Section 104.11 replaces IBC Section 104.11.
  - 3.2.4 FBC-B Section 105.4 replaces IBC Section 105.4.
  - 3.2.5 FBC-B Section 110.3 replaces IBC Section 110.3.
  - 3.2.6 FBC-B Section 1507.1.1 replaces IBC Section 1507.1.1.

## 4 Conditions of Use

- 4.1 ProFelt Plus, described in Report Number 2305-03, must comply with all of the following conditions:
  - 4.1.1 All applicable sections in Report Number 2305-03.
  - 4.1.2 The design, installation, and inspections are in accordance with additional requirements of FBC-B Chapter 16 and Chapter 17, as applicable.



# Notes

- For more information, visit <u>dricertification.org</u> or call us at 608-310-6748.
- https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1702
- <sup>3</sup> 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 <u>https://www.justice.gov/atr/mission and https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11</u>
- tests#1706:~:text=the%20design%20strengths%20and%20permissible%20stresses%20shall%20be%20established%20by%20tests%20as
   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-andtests#1706:~:text=shall%20conform%20to%20the%20specifications%20and%20methods%20of%20design%20of%20accepted%20engineering%20practice
- https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-andtests#1707.1:~:text=the%20building%20official%20shall%20accept%20duly%20authenticated%20reports%20from%20approved%20agencies
- <sup>7</sup> <u>https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4.2</u>
- 8 https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/2/definitions#approved\_agency
- 9 https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/2/definitions#approved\_source
- 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 <u>federal government</u> and each state have a <u>public records act</u>. To follow DTSA and comply state public records and trade secret legislation requires approval through <u>ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification bodies</u> or <u>approved sources</u>. For more information, please review this website: <u>Intellectual Property and Trade Secrets</u>.
- 11 <u>https://www.nspe.org/resources/issues-and-advocacy/professional-policies-and-position-statements/regulation-professional AND https://apassociation.org/list-of-engineeringboards-in-each-state-archive/</u>
- 12 https://www.cbitest.com/accreditation/
- 13 https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104:~:text=to%20enforce%20the%20provisions%20of%20this%20code
- <sup>14</sup> <u>https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-and-administration#104.11:~:text=Where%20the%20alternative%20material%2C%20design%20or%20method%20of%20construction%20is%20not%20approved%2C%20the%20buildi ng%20official%20shall%20respond%20in%20writing%2C%20stating%20the%20reasons%20why%20the%20alternative%20was%20not%20approved https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-andhttps://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/1/scope-an</u>
  - administration#105.3.1:~:text=lf%20the%20application%20or%20the%20construction%20documents%20do%20not%20conform%20to%20the%20requirements%20of%20pertinen t%20laws%2C%20the%20building%20official%20shall%20reject%20such%20application%20in%20writing%2C%20stating%20the%20reasons%20therefore
- https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-andtests#1707.1:~:text=the%20building%20official%20shall%20accept%20duly%20authenticated%20reports%20from%20approved%20agencies%20in%20respect%20to%20the%20 quality%20and%20manner%20of%20use%20of%20new%20materials%20or%20assemblies%20as%20provided%20for%20in%20Section%20104.11
- 16 <u>https://iaf.nu/en/about-iaf-</u>

mla/#:~:text=it%20is%20required%20to%20recognise%20certificates%20and%20validation%20and%20verification%20statements%20issued%20by%20conformity%20assessmen t%20bodies%20accredited%20by%20all%20other%20signatories%20of%20the%20IAF%20MLA%2C%20with%20the%20appropriate%20scope

- <sup>17</sup> True for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.
- <sup>18</sup> <u>https://www.justice.gov/crt/deprivation-rights-under-color-law</u> AND <u>https://www.justice.gov/atr/mission</u>
- <sup>19</sup> 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.
- <sup>20</sup> All references to the FBC-B and FBC-R are the same as the 2021 IBC and 2021 IRC unless otherwise noted in the Florida Supplement at the end of this report.
- <sup>21</sup> <u>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</u>
- 22 https://up.codes/viewer/colorado/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4
- 23 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%20liv able%2C%20and%20safe%20housing%20and%20shall%20demonstrate%20acceptable%20workmanship%20reflecting%20journeyman%20quality%20of%20work%20of%20the% 20various%20trades
- 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%20 engineering%20analysis%20or%20by%20suitable%20load%20tests%20to%20simulate%20the%20actual%20loads%20and%20conditions%20of%20application%20that%20occur
- Qualification is performed by a legislatively defined <u>Accreditation Body</u>. <u>ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)</u> is the largest independent accreditation body in North America and provides services in more than 75 countries. <u>DrJ</u> is an ANAB accredited <u>product certification body</u>.
- <sup>26</sup> See Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) <u>Title 24 Subtitle B Chapter XX Part 3280</u> for definition.
- <sup>27</sup> 2018 IFC Section 104.9
- <sup>28</sup> 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 where the building code authorizes sentences to have an ordinarily accepted meaning such as the context implies.
- 29 https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1
- <sup>30</sup> Multilateral approval is true for all ANAB accredited product evaluation agencies and all International Trade Agreements.





- 31 http://www.drjengineering.org/AppendixC AND https://www.drjcertification.org/cornell-2016-protection-trade-secrets
- <sup>32</sup> https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=imprisoned%20not%20more%20than%2010%20years
- 33 https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=Any%20organization%20that,has%20thereby%20avoided
- <sup>34</sup> https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706.2
- 35 IBC 2021, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards
- <sup>36</sup> IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General
- <sup>37</sup> See **Section 11** for the distilled building code definition of Approved.
- <sup>38</sup> Los Angeles Municipal Code, SEC. 98.0503. TESTING AGENCIES
- <sup>39</sup> <u>https://up.codes/viewer/california/ca-building-code-2022/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1</u>
- <sup>40</sup> New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies
- <sup>41</sup> <u>New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies</u>
- 42 https://up.codes/viewer/new\_jersey/ibc-2018/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1
- 43 https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/codreg/ucc.html
- <sup>44</sup> <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3282/subpart-A/section-3282.14</u>
- <sup>45</sup> <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280</u>
- 46 IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, 1706.2 New Materials, Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.2.
- 47 IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General, Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1707.1.
- 48 <u>https://www.nspe.org/resources/issues-and-advocacy/professional-policies-and-position-statements/regulation-professional AND https://apassociation.org/list-of-engineeringboards-in-each-state-archive/</u>
- <sup>49</sup> IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.1.
   <sup>50</sup> https://iaf.nu/en/about-iaf-
- mla/#:~:text=it%20is%20required%20to%20recognise%20certificates%20and%20validation%20and%20verification%20statements%20issued%20by%20conformity%20assessmen t%20bodies%20accredited%20by%20all%20other%20signatories%20of%20the%20IAF%20MLA%2C%20with%20the%20appropriate%20scope
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