

BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series – Limit States

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**1. Products Evaluated:**

- 1.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series utilizing WALLTITE® v.3 and WALLTITE® CM01 SPF medium density Polyurethane Foam (SPF) in combination with NEOPOR® Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Foam Plastic Insulating Sheathing (FPIS) with 50 mm x 50 mm (2" x 2") horizontal Z-bar girts, Hat Channels or timber girts.
- 1.2. WALLTITE® CM01 SPF may be used in lieu of WALLTITE® v.3 SPF, wherever WALLTITE® v.3 SPF is specified throughout this TER.
- 1.3. For the most recent version of this Technical Evaluation Report (TER), visit [drjengineering.org](http://drjengineering.org). For more detailed state professional engineering and code compliance legal requirements and references, visit [drjengineering.org/statelaw](http://drjengineering.org/statelaw). DrJ is fully compliant with all state professional engineering and code compliance laws.
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- 1.5. Building code regulations require that evaluation reports are provided by an approved agency meeting specific requirements, such as those found in [IBC Section 1703](#). Any agency accredited in accordance with ANSI ISO/IEC 17065 meets this requirement within ANSI's scope of accreditation. For a list of accredited agencies, visit ANSI's [website](#). For more information, see [drjcertification.org](#).
- 1.6. Requiring an evaluation report from a specific private company (i.e. ICC-ES, IAPMO, CCMC, DrJ, etc.) can be viewed as discriminatory and is a violation of international, federal, state, provincial and local anti-trust and free trade regulations.
- 1.7. DrJ's code compliance work:
  - 1.7.1. Conforms to code language adopted into law by individual states and any relevant consensus based standard such as an ANSI or ASTM standard.
  - 1.7.2. Complies with accepted engineering practice, all professional engineering laws and by providing an engineer's seal DrJ takes professional responsibility for its specified scope of work.

## 2. Applicable Codes and Standards:<sup>1</sup>

- 2.1. *2015 National Building Code of Canada (NBC)*
- 2.2. *ASTM C518 – Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus*
- 2.3. *ASTM C578 – Standard Specification for Rigid, Cellular Polystyrene Thermal Insulation*
- 2.4. *ASTM D1622 – Standard Test Method for Apparent Density of Rigid Cellular Plastics*
- 2.5. *ASTM D1623 – Standard Test Method for Tensile and Tensile Adhesion Properties of Rigid Cellular Plastics*
- 2.6. *ASTM D2126 – Standard Test Method for Response of Rigid Cellular Plastics to Thermal and Humid Aging*
- 2.7. *ASTM D2842 – Standard Test Method for Water Absorption of Rigid Cellular Plastics*
- 2.8. *ASTM D6226 – Standard Test Method for Open Cell Content of Rigid Cellular Plastics*
- 2.9. *ASTM E72 – Standard Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction*
- 2.10. *ASTM E96 – Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials*
- 2.11. *ASTM E283 – Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen*
- 2.12. *ASTM E330 – Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*
- 2.13. *ASTM E564 – Standard Practice for Static Load Test for Shear Resistance of Framed Walls for Buildings*
- 2.14. *ASTM E2126 – Standard Test Methods for Cyclic (Reversed) Load Test for Shear Resistance of Vertical Elements of the Lateral Force Resisting Systems for Buildings*
- 2.15. *ASTM E2178 – Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials*
- 2.16. *CAN/CSA O86-09 – Engineering Design in Wood*
- 2.17. *CAN/ULC S102.2 – Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Flooring, Floor Coverings, and Miscellaneous Materials and Assemblies*
- 2.18. *CAN/ULC S701 – Thermal Insulation, Polystyrene, Boards and Pipe Coverings*
- 2.19. *CAN/ULC S705.1 – Standard for Thermal Insulation - Spray Applied Rigid Polyurethane Foam, Medium Density - Material - Specification*
- 2.20. *Engineering Guide for Wood Frame Construction, Canadian Wood Council*
- 2.21. *NFPA 286 – Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth*

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, code references are to the 2015 version of the NBC. This product is also approved for use with the 2010 NBC and the standards referenced therein.

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### 3. Performance Evaluation:

- 3.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series was evaluated to determine:
  - 3.1.1. Structural performance under lateral load conditions in accordance with:
    - 3.1.1.1. NBC Division B Subsection 9.23.13 Bracing to Resist Lateral Loads Due to Wind and Earthquake.
    - 3.1.1.2. NBC Section 4.1 Structural Loads and Procedures and the CWC *Engineering Guide for Wood Frame Construction*.
  - 3.1.2. Structural performance under uplift and gravity loads for use with single top plates in accordance with NBC Division B Article 9.23.11.3.
  - 3.1.3. Structural performance under transverse load conditions for use to resist factored external wind loads in accordance with NBC Division B Subsection 9.23.13.
  - 3.1.4. Continuous insulated sheathing requirements complying with the provisions NBC Division B Part 5 and Subsection 9.25.2.
  - 3.1.5. Performance for use as a component of the air barrier in accordance with NBC Division B Section 5.4 and Subsection 9.25.3.
  - 3.1.6. Flame-spread rating and smoke developed classification complying with the provisions of NBC Division B Subsection 3.1.12.
- 3.2. Performance of HP+™ Wall XR Series or any of its component materials for use as a water-resistive barrier (WRB) assembly or WRB material is outside the scope of this evaluation.
- 3.3. Performance of HP+™ Wall XR Series or any of its component materials as used in the normal construction process is outside the scope of this TER.
  - 3.3.1. This includes storage, weather conditions, durability considerations, handling, installing, restraining and bracing of HP+™ Wall XR Series through the shipping, storing, and construction means and methods process.
- 3.4. Use of HP+™ Wall XR Series in a portal frame is outside the scope of this evaluation.
- 3.5. All other code compliance assessments or evaluations are outside the scope of this TER. Consult the manufacturer for other code compliance issues.

### 4. Product Description and Materials:

- 4.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series is a proprietary wall system consisting of WALLTITE® v.3 Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF) combined with NEOPOR® Rigid Foam Insulation (FPIS), and horizontal Z-bar girts (or hat channel furring also called Omega bar) installed on wood studs.
  - 4.1.1. The BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series described in this TER contains a combination of the following materials:
    - 4.1.1.1. WALLTITE® v.3 Spray Foam - 64 mm (2.5") or 76 mm (3")
    - 4.1.1.2. NEOPOR® FPIS – minimum thickness: 25.4 mm (1") or 50 mm (2")
      - 4.1.1.2.1. Field: fastened with minimum #7 screw with plastic cap 300 mm (12") o.c. into horizontal Z-bar girts.
      - 4.1.1.2.2. Top/Bottom: fastened with minimum 3.3 mm (0.131") x 89 mm (3.5") nail 150 mm (6") o.c.
    - 4.1.1.3. 50 mm x 50 mm (2"x2") horizontal Z-bar girts, galvanized 60, 20 gauge, at 600 mm (24") o.c.
      - 4.1.1.3.1. Fastened to framing with one of the following:
        - 4.1.1.3.1.1. Minimum 3.3 mm (0.131") x 63 mm (2.5") ring shank nail
        - 4.1.1.3.1.2. Minimum No.8- 1.6 mm dia. (0.164") x 50 mm (2") wood screw.
      - 4.1.1.3.2. Two fasteners per stud

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- 4.1.1.4. As an alternate to [Section 4.1.1.3](#), hat channel furring (also called Omega bar) up to 50 mm (2") in depth, galvanized 60, 20 gauge, at 600 mm (24") o.c.
  - 4.1.1.4.1. Each side of channel fastened to framing with one of the following:
    - 4.1.1.4.1.1. Minimum 3.3 mm (0.131") x 63 mm (2.5") ring shank nail.
    - 4.1.1.4.1.2. Minimum No. 8, 1.6 mm dia. (0.164") x 50 mm (2") wood screw.
  - 4.1.1.4.2. Two fasteners per stud
- 4.1.1.5. As an alternate to [Section 4.1.1.3](#), rough wood or sawn wood studs measuring 1.75" x 3.75", rough cut or sawn wood timber girts measuring 1.75" x 3.75" at 600 mm (24") o.c. may be fastened horizontally to studs with two (2) 0.131" x 3.25" nails at each stud intersection. Total thickness of the stud plus girt is 5.5".
- 4.1.1.6. As an alternate to [Section 4.1.1.3](#), nominal 2x4 studs (1.5" x 3.5"), rough cut or sawn wood timber girts measuring a full 2" x 4" at 600 mm (24 ) o.c. may be fastened horizontally to studs with two 0.131" x 3.25" nails at each stud intersection. Total thickness of the stud plus girt is 5.5".
- 4.1.1.7. As an alternate to [Section 4.1.1.3](#), 2" x 4" (1.5" x 3.5") finished timber girts may be installed horizontally at 600 mm (24") o.c. with ½" plywood strips (minimum 3.5" wide).
  - 4.1.1.7.1. Fastened to framing with two 0.131" x 3.25" nails at each stud intersection.
- 4.1.1.8. 2x Wood Framing
  - 4.1.1.8.1. 2x4 Studs – stud grade SPF or greater.
  - 4.1.1.8.2. Each stud fastened to top and bottom plates with three (3) 3.3 mm (0.131") x 82.5 mm (3.25") nails.
  - 4.1.1.8.3. 2x6 Top (single or double) and Bottom Plates - #2 SPF or greater.

## 5. Applications:

### 5.1. General

- 5.1.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series are used in buildings constructed in accordance with *NBC* Division B Section 9.23 for wood frame construction. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series is used to provide:
  - 5.1.1.1. Lateral load resistance (wind and seismic) for braced HP+™ Wall XR Series panels used in wood frame construction.
  - 5.1.1.2. Transverse load resistance (wind positive and negative pressure) for braced HP+™ Wall XR Series panels used in wood frame construction.
  - 5.1.1.3. Resistance to uplift and gravity loads in single top plate applications for HP+™ Wall XR Series assemblies used in wood frame construction in accordance with *NBC* Division B Article 9.23.11.3.
- 5.1.2. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series is used to provide thermal resistance in the exterior wall component of the building thermal envelope in accordance with *NBC* Division B Subsections 5.3.1 and 9.25.2.
- 5.1.3. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series may be used in buildings designed in accordance with *NBC* Division B Section 4.1 Structural Loads and Procedures or the *CWC Engineering Guide for Wood Frame Construction*.

### 5.2. Structural Applications

#### 5.2.1. General Structural Provisions

- 5.2.1.1. Except as otherwise described in this TER, BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series shall be installed in accordance with the applicable building codes listed in [Section 2](#) using the provisions set forth therein for the design and installation of wood structural panels (WSP) and this TER.
- 5.2.1.2. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series are permitted to be designed in accordance with *NBC* Division B Part 9 Articles 9.23.13.1, 9.23.13.2 and 9.23.13.3 for the design of lateral-load-resisting systems using the methods and conditions set forth therein for equivalence to the sheathing requirements in Tables 9.23.17.2(1) and 9.23.13.6 as follows:

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- 5.2.1.2.1.** For framing 400 mm (16") o.c. equivalent to 12.5 mm (0.5") sheathing fastened at a minimum of 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges and 300 mm (12") along intermediate supports using a 3.7 mm (0.145") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 41 mm (1.6"), except as specifically allowed in this TER
- 5.2.1.2.2.** For framing 600 mm (24") o.c. equivalent to 12.5 mm (0.5") sheathing fastened at a minimum of 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges and 300 mm (12") along intermediate supports using a 3.3 mm (0.131") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 38 mm (1.5"), except as specifically allowed in this TER
- 5.2.1.3.** BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series are permitted to be designed in accordance with *Engineering Guide for Wood Frame Construction*, Section 10 for the design of lateral-load-resisting systems using the methods and conditions set forth therein for equivalence to Table 10.2.10A or CAN/CSA O86 Table 9.5.1A as follows:
  - 5.2.1.3.1.** For framing 400 mm (16") o.c. equivalent to 12.5 mm (0.5") sheathing fastened at a minimum of 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges and 300 mm (12") along intermediate supports using a 3.7 mm (0.145") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 41 mm (1.6"), except as specifically allowed in this TER
  - 5.2.1.3.2.** For framing 600 mm (24") o.c. equivalent to 12.5 mm (0.5") sheathing fastened at a minimum of 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges and 300 mm (12") along intermediate supports using a 3.3 mm (0.131") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 38 mm (1.5"), except as specifically allowed in this TER
- 5.2.1.4.** Anchorage for in-plane shear shall be provided to transfer the induced shear force into and out of each shear wall in accordance with *NBC Division B Subsection 9.23.6*.
  - 5.2.1.4.1.** For buildings with two (2) or more floors supported by frame walls that are in areas where the seismic spectral response acceleration is equal to or greater than 0.70 but not greater than 1.2 or where the 1-in-50 hourly wind pressure is equal to or greater than 0.80 kPa (16.7 psf) but not greater than 1.20 kPa (25 psf), two anchor bolts per braced wall panel are required.
    - 5.2.1.4.1.1.** Anchor bolt diameter shall not be less than 15.9 mm (0.625"), located within 0.5 m (19.75") of the end of the foundation and spaced not more than 2.4 m (8') o.c.
    - 5.2.1.4.1.2.** Anchor bolt diameter shall not be less than 12.7 mm (0.5"), located within 0.5 m (19.75") of the end of the foundation and spaced not more than 1.7 m (6') o.c.
  - 5.2.1.4.2.** Where the seismic spectral response acceleration,  $S_a(0.2)$ , is greater than 1.2 or the 1-in-50 hourly wind pressure is equal to or greater than 1.2 kPa (25 psf), anchorage shall be designed according to Part 4.
- 5.2.1.5.** The maximum aspect ratio for full height BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series braced wall segments shall be 4:1.
- 5.2.1.6.** The minimum full height panel width shall be 600 mm (24"). Panels may be installed vertically or horizontally.
- 5.2.1.7.** NEOPOR® panel top and bottom edges shall be supported with a minimum 38 mm (1.5") framing member.
- 5.2.1.8.** Installation is permitted for single top plate or double top plate applications in accordance with *NBC Division B Article 9.23.11.3* where concentrated loads from ceilings, floors and roofs are not more than 50 mm (2") to one side of the studs.
- 5.2.1.9.** Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience and good technical judgment.

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### 5.2.2. Acceptable Solutions in accordance with NBC Division B Part 9 Bracing Applications

- 5.2.2.1.** BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series may be used to brace walls of buildings as an equivalent to OSB, O-2 Grade in NBC Division B Table 9.23.17.2A Wall Sheathing Thickness and Specifications as referenced in 9.23.13.1 as follows:
- 5.2.2.1.1.** Supports 400 mm (16") o.c. – 6.0 mm (0.24") minimum sheathing thickness.
  - 5.2.2.1.2.** Supports 600 mm (24") o.c. – 7.5 mm (0.3") minimum sheathing thickness.
- 5.2.2.2.** Where a building, or portion thereof, does not comply with one or more of the bracing requirements within the acceptable solutions of NBC Part 9, those portions shall be designed and constructed in accordance NBC Division B Part 4 Structural Loads and Procedures or the CWC *Engineering Guide for Wood Frame Construction 2009* in accordance with NBC Division B Sentences 9.23.13.1(b)(ii & iii) as follows:
- 5.2.2.2.1.** As an equivalent to OSB, O-1 or O-2 Grades in NBC Division B Table 9.23.13.6: supports 400 mm (16") o.c. – 9.5 mm (0.375") minimum sheathing thickness with fasteners spaced 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges & 150 mm (12") o.c. in field using a 3.7 mm (0.145") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 41 mm (1.6").
  - 5.2.2.2.2.** As an equivalent to OSB, O-1 or O-2 Grades in NBC Division B Table 9.23.13.6: supports 600 mm (24") o.c. – 12.5 mm (0.5") minimum sheathing thickness with fasteners spaced 150 mm (6") o. c. at edges & 300 mm (12") o.c. in field using a 3.3 mm (0.131") diameter fastener having a penetration of at least 38 mm (1.5")
  - 5.2.2.2.3.** Or using the design values given in [Table 1](#).

Table 1: Specified Shear Design Values (Limit States Design) for BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series – Wind or Seismic<sup>1,2</sup>

BASF HP+™ Wall XR System Design Values	Type of Girt	Maximum Stud Spacing o.c., mm, (in)	Interior Gypsum Board Minimum Thickness, mm (in)	Gypsum Board Fastener Spacing Minimum (edge/field), mm (in)	Specified Shear Strength, kN/m (plf)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 75 mm (3") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	None	N/A	6.7 (460)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 63.5 mm (2.5") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.9 (470)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 75 mm (3") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	7.0 (480)
BASF 29 mm (1.125") NEOPOR® + 63.5 mm (2.5") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.3 (430)
BASF 25.4 mm (1") NEOPOR® + 63.5 mm (2.5") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.2 (425)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 63.5 mm (2.5") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	600 (24)	None	N/A	5.7 (390)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 63.5 mm (2.5") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	600 (24)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.6 (450)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 50 mm (2") SPF	Z-bar or Hat Channel	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.67 (410)
BASF 50 mm (2") NEOPOR® + 50 mm (2") SPF	Timber (see <a href="#">Sections 4.1.1.5 through 4.1.1.7</a> )	400 (16)	12.7 (0.5)	300/300 (12/12)	6.88 (420)

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

1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series fastening per Sections 4.1.1.

2. Interior Gypsum wall board attached to framing with minimum 2.14 mm (0.086") nail or #6 Type W screw fasteners. Minimum penetration of nails or screws into framing is 19 mm (3/4"). Fastener spacing shall be as required above. Note: NBC Table 9.23.13.6 requires 15.9 mm thick gypsum with framing 600 mm o.c.

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### 5.3. Axial loading

- 5.3.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series will perform the same as prescriptive wall assemblies.
- 5.3.2. Designs shall have a load path capable of transferring loads from their point of origin to their final point of resistance in accordance with *NBC* Division C Sentence 2.2.4.3(1).

### 5.4. Transverse Wind Loading

- 5.4.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series installed over exterior framing spaced a maximum of 600 mm (24") o.c. without an interior covering can resist allowable wind loads as shown in [Table 2](#). Hourly wind pressures (1/50) to be resisted are found in *NBC* Division B, Appendix C, Table C-2, for selected locations.

Table 2: Summary of Transverse Load Capacity of BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series			
SPF & Sheathing Material (Minimum)	Transverse Wind Load Resistance		Hourly 1-in-50 Wind Pressure, kPa (psf)
	Negative	Positive	
	Specified Average Pressure, kPa (psf)	Specified Average Pressure, kPa (psf)	Maximum 600 mm (24") o.c. Framing
38 mm (1½") SPF + 33 mm (1⅛") NEOPOR®	3.2 (67)	3.1 (65)	3.1 (65)
For SI: 1" = 25.4 mm, 1 psf = 0.04788 kPa 1. NEOPOR® attached to Z-bar girt 12" o.c. and to top and bottom plates with 3.3 mm (0.131") x 89 mm (3.5") nail 150 mm (6") o.c. The attachment of the sheathing to the framing is primarily through the adhesion of the SPF to the framing and NEOPOR® Sheathing. 2. Hourly Wind Pressure (1/50) for selected locations can be located in <i>NBC</i> Division B, Appendix C, Table C-2			

### 5.5. Thermal Resistance

- 5.5.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series meets the continuous insulated sheathing requirements complying with the provisions of *NBC* Division B Subsection 9.36.2.5.
- 5.5.2. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series components have the thermal resistance as shown on [Table 3](#).

Table 3: BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series Thermal Resistance Properties		
Component	Thickness, mm (in)	RSI/R-Value, m²K/W (h·ft²·°F/Btu)
NEOPOR®	28.6 (1⅛)	0.88 (5.0)
NEOPOR®	50.8 (2)	1.55 (8.8)
WALLTITE® v.3	63.5 (2.5)	2.78 (15.8)
WALLTITE® v.3	76.2 (3)	3.38 (19.2)
For SI: 1" = 25.4 mm, 1 m²K/W = 5.678 hr·ft²·°F/Btu		

### 5.6. Air Barrier Compliance

- 5.6.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series components have the air permeance performance material properties shown in [Table 4](#) in accordance with *NBC* Division B Article 5.4.1.2 and Subsection 9.25.3.

Table 4: BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series Air Permeance Performance	
Component	Air Permeance (l/s/m² @ 75 Pa)
WALLTITE® v.3	≤ 0.02
1. Tested in accordance with the Technical Guide for Air Barrier Systems for Exterior Walls of Low-Rise Buildings. CCMC Evaluation Report 13467-R	

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### 5.7. Thermal Barrier Requirements

- 5.7.1. Foam plastics that form part of a wall or ceiling assembly in combustible construction shall be protected from adjacent spaces in the building, other than adjacent concealed spaces within attic or roof spaces, crawl spaces, and wall assemblies by an approved thermal barrier as required by *NBC* Division B Article 3.1.5.12 and 9.10.17.10.

### 5.8. Fire Resistance Properties

#### 5.8.1. Surface Burn Characteristics

- 5.8.1.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series panels have the flame spread characteristics shown in [Table 5](#).

Table 5: Flame Spread Classification of WALLTITE® v.3	
WALLTITE® v.3	≤ 500
1. Tested in accordance with <i>Can/ULC-S102</i> including <i>CAN/ULC-S127</i> .	

## 6. Installation:

### 6.1. General

- 6.1.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions and this TER.
- 6.1.2. A copy of the manufacturer's published installation instructions shall be available at all times on the jobsite during installation.
- 6.1.3. Installation shall comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 6.1.4. Where required, gypsum wallboard shall be a minimum 12.7 mm (0.5") thickness.

### 6.2. Orientation

- 6.2.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series sheathing panels must be installed vertically with the length dimension of the panels parallel to the framing behind and perpendicular to the Z-bar girts or hat channel furring (also called Omega bar).
- 6.2.2. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series Z-bar girts or hat channel furring (also called Omega bar) must be installed over studs, with framing that has a thickness of not less than 38 mm (1.5") and spaced a maximum of 600 mm (24") o.c.

### 6.3. Fasteners

#### 6.3.1. NEOPOR®

- 6.3.1.1. #7 (0.151" dia) screws with plastic cap. Screw must be long enough to penetrate NEOPOR® sheathing and Z-bar girt or hat channel furring, plus 3 threads.
- 6.3.1.2. Top/Bottom (at the 2x6 plates): 3.3 mm (0.131") x 89 mm (3.5") nail and a minimum of 38 mm (1.5") penetration into framing.

#### 6.3.2. Z-bar Girt or Hat Channel Furring

- 6.3.2.1. Minimum 3.3 mm (0.131") x 63 mm (2.5") ring shank nail.
- 6.3.2.2. Minimum No.8 (0.164 dia. X 2") wood screw.
- 6.3.2.3. Two (2) fasteners into each framing member.

#### 6.3.3. Rough Cut Timber

- 6.3.3.1. As an alternate to [Section 6.3.2](#), full 2" x 4" (1.75" x 3.75") rough cut timber girts at 24" o.c., fastened to framing with two (2) 0.131" x 3.25" nails at each stud intersection.



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### 6.3.4. Finished Timber

- 6.3.4.1. As an alternate to [Section 6.3.2](#), 2" x 4" (1.5" x 3.5") timber girts installed horizontally at 24" o.c. with ½" plywood strips (minimum 3.5" wide), fastened to framing with two (2) 0.131" x 3.25" nails at each stud intersection.

### 6.3.5. Gypsum Wallboard

- 6.3.5.1. Where required, gypsum wallboard shall be installed in accordance with *NBC* Division B Subsection 9.29.5, except No. 6 x 32 mm (1.25") Type W or S wood screw or equivalent is permitted where a fire-resistance rating is not required.

## 6.4. Fastener Spacing

### 6.4.1. BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series (NEOPOR® sheathing)

- 6.4.1.1. Maximum of 150 mm (6") o.c. along the edge and 305 mm (12") o.c. in the field.

### 6.4.2. Z-bar Girt or Hat Channel Furring (also called Omega bar)

- 6.4.2.1. Two fasteners into each framing member

### 6.4.3. Gypsum Wallboard

- 6.4.3.1. For *NBC* Division B Part 9 applications, gypsum nail fasteners shall be spaced a minimum of 150 mm (6") o.c. on vertical wall supports and 300 mm (12") o.c. along intermediate supports.
- 6.4.3.2. For *NBC* Division B Part 9 applications, gypsum screw fasteners shall be spaced a minimum of 150 mm (6") o.c. on vertical wall supports and 300 mm (12") o.c. along intermediate supports.
- 6.4.3.3. For engineered design, see [Table 1](#).

## 6.5. Fastener Edge Distance

- 6.5.1. For *NBC* Division B Part 9 applications, fastener edge distance is a minimum of 10 mm (<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>") for both BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series and gypsum.

## 6.6. NEOPOR® attachment where furring is installed on the exterior side.

- 6.6.1. Install the plastic cap screws in at the corners of each NEOPOR® panel only, then install minimum 19 mm x 63 mm (nominal 1" x 3") wood furring using a screw going through the furring strip, through the NEOPOR® and finally into the hat furring or Z-bar. The wood furring and its connection shall be designed to support the cladding weight and transfer any required loads to the framing members.

## 7. Test and Engineering Substantiating Data:

- 7.1. Lateral load testing conducted by SBCRI, based on *ASTM E2126*.
- 7.2. Transverse wind load testing conducted by SBCRI, based on *ASTM E330*.
- 7.3. Uplift load testing conducted by SBCRI, based on *ASTM E72*.
- 7.4. Gravity load testing for single top plate applications conducted by SBCRI, based on *ASTM E72*.
- 7.5. Surface burning testing conducted by Intertek, based on *CAN/ULC S102*.
- 7.6. Material property testing conducted by QAI, based on *ASTM C578*.
- 7.7. WALLTITE® v.3 product listing per CCMC 13588-L.
- 7.8. WALLTITE® CM01 product listing per CCMC 14100-L.
- 7.9. The product(s) evaluated by this TER fall within the scope of one or more of the model, state or local building codes for building construction. The testing and/or substantiating data used in this TER is limited to buildings, structures, building elements, construction materials and civil engineering related specifically to buildings.
- 7.10. The provisions of model, state or local building codes for building construction do not intend to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction. Alternatives shall use consensus standards, performance-based design methods or other engineering mechanics based means of compliance. This TER assesses compliance with defined standards, accepted engineering analysis, performance-based design methods, etc. in the context of the pertinent building code requirements.
- 7.11. Some information contained herein is the result of testing and/or data analysis by other sources, which DrJ relies on to be accurate, as it undertakes its engineering analysis.

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- 7.12. DrJ has reviewed and found the data provided by other professional sources are credible. The information in this TER conforms to DrJ's procedure for acceptance of data from approved sources.
- 7.13. DrJ's responsibility for data provided by approved sources is in accordance with professional engineering law.
- 7.14. Where appropriate, DrJ relies on the derivation of design values, which have been codified into law through the codes and standards (e.g., *NBC*, *CAN/CSA O86*, etc.). This includes review of code provisions and any related test data that helps with comparative analysis or provides support for equivalency to an intended end-use application. Where the accuracy of design values provided herein is reliant upon the published properties of commodity materials (e.g. lumber, steel, concrete, etc), DrJ relies upon grade/properties provided by the raw material supplier to be accurate and conforming to the mechanical properties defined in the relevant material standard.

### 8. Findings:

- 8.1. When installed in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions and this TER, BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series complies with, or is a suitable alternative to, the applicable sections of the codes listed in [Section 2](#) for the following applications.
  - 8.1.1. Lateral load resistance due to wind and seismic loads carried by shear walls in accordance with [Table 1](#).
  - 8.1.2. Transverse wind load resistance in accordance with [Table 2](#).
  - 8.1.3. Thermal resistance properties in accordance with [Table 3](#).
  - 8.1.4. Air permeance performance in accordance with [Table 4](#).
  - 8.1.5. Fire resistance properties in accordance with [Table 5](#).
- 8.2. *NBC* Division A, Article 1.2.1. states:
  - 1.2.1.1. Compliance with this Code
    - 1) Compliance with this Code shall be achieved by
      - a) complying with the applicable acceptable solutions in Division B (see Note A-1.2.1.1.(1)(a)), or
      - b) using alternative solutions that will achieve at least the minimum level of performance required by Division B in the areas defined by the objectives and functional statements attributed to the applicable acceptable solutions (see Note A-1.2.1.1.(1)(b)).
    - 2) For the purposes of compliance with this Code as required in Clause 1.2.1.1.(1)(b), the objectives and functional statements attributed to the acceptable solutions in Division B shall be the objectives and functional statements referred to in Subsection 1.1.2. of Division B.
- 8.3. *NBC* Division C, Section 2.3 includes additional guidance for Alternative Solutions.
- 8.4. This product has been evaluated with the codes listed in [Section 2](#), and is compliant with all known provincial and local building codes. Where there are known variations in provincial or local codes that are applicable to this evaluation, they are listed here:
  - 8.4.1. No known variations
- 8.5. This TER uses professional engineering law, the building code, ANSI/ASTM consensus standards and generally accepted engineering practice as its criteria for all testing and engineering analysis. DrJ's professional engineering work falls under the jurisdiction of each state Board of Professional Engineers, when signed and sealed.

### 9. Conditions of Use:

- 9.1. Where required by the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed, this TER and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- 9.2. Any generally accepted engineering calculations needed to show compliance with this TER shall be submitted to the code official for review and approval.
- 9.3. Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed and/or by the Building Designer (e.g., Owner, Registered Design Professional, etc.).
- 9.4. When BASF HP+™ Wall XR Series are not installed for use as wall bracing, as described in this TER, the walls shall be braced by other materials, in accordance with the applicable code.

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- 9.5. Loads applied shall not exceed those recommended by the manufacturer as follows:
- 9.5.1. Allowable shear loads do not exceed values in [Table 1](#), as applicable.
  - 9.5.2. Allowable axial loads do not exceed values in [Section 5.3](#).
  - 9.5.3. Allowable transverse loads do not exceed values in [Table 2](#).
- 9.6. The manufacturer's installation instructions shall be available on the jobsite for inspection.
- 9.7. All panel edges shall be supported by wall framing or solid blocking a minimum of 50 mm (2") nominal thickness.
- 9.8. NEOPOR® beads used to produce the FPIS are manufactured in Ludwigshafen, Germany, under a quality assurance program with inspections by Intertek.
- 9.9. The BASF SPF insulation components are manufactured in Toronto, Ontario, Canada under a quality assurance program with inspections. The plant is ISO 9001:2008 certified.
- 9.10. Design
- 9.10.1. Building Designer Responsibility
    - 9.10.1.1. Unless the AHJ allows otherwise, the Construction Documents shall be prepared by a Building Designer (e.g., Owner, Registered Design Professional, etc.) for the Building and shall be in accordance with *NBC* Division C Sentence 2.2.4.3(1).
    - 9.10.1.2. The Construction Documents shall be accurate and reliable and shall provide the location, direction and magnitude of all applied loads and shall be in accordance with *NBC* Division C Sentence 2.2.4.3(1) and Appendix Sentence 2.2.6.2.(1).
  - 9.10.2. Construction Documents
    - 9.10.2.1. Construction Documents shall be submitted to the Building Official for approval and shall contain the plans, specifications and details needed for the Building Official to approve such documents.
- 9.11. Responsibilities
- 9.11.1. The information contained herein is a product, material, detail, design and/or application TER evaluated in accordance with the referenced building codes, testing and/or analysis through the use of accepted engineering practice, experience and technical judgment.
  - 9.11.2. DrJ TERs provide an assessment of only those attributes specifically addressed in the Products Evaluated or Code Compliance Process Evaluated section.
  - 9.11.3. The engineering evaluation was performed on the dates provided in this TER, within DrJ's professional scope of work.
  - 9.11.4. The actual design, suitability and use of this TER, for any particular building, is the responsibility of the Owner or the Owner's authorized agent, and the TER shall be reviewed for code compliance by the Building Official.
  - 9.11.5. The use of this TER is dependent on the manufacturer's in-plant QC, the ISO/IEC 17020 third-party quality assurance program and procedures, proper installation per the manufacturer's instructions, the Building Official's inspection and any other code requirements that may apply to demonstrate and verify compliance with the applicable building code.
10. Identification:
- 10.1. Each NEOPOR® sheathing panel described in this TER is identified by a label on the material bearing the manufacturer's name, product name, label of the third-party inspection agency, and other information to confirm code compliance.
  - 10.2. BASF spray foam components are identified by a label on the containers bearing the manufacturer's name, product name, label of the third-party inspection agency, and other information to confirm code compliance.
  - 10.3. Additional technical information can be found at [walltite.com](http://walltite.com).

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### 11. Review Schedule:

- 11.1. This TER is subject to periodic review and revision. For the most recent version of this TER, visit [drjengineering.org](http://drjengineering.org).
- 11.2. For information on the current status of this TER, contact [DrJ Engineering](#).



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