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EVALUATION PROPERTY: Structural Performance

**Report for National Gypsum Company of assembly and test witnessing of test frames for structural performance conducted in accordance with a modified ASTM E330-02, "Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference"**

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## 2 Introduction

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Intertek has witnessed the installation and structural (wind load) testing of various wall assemblies. A total of eighteen wall assemblies were assembled and tested (3 different types of cladding materials, 2 different structural systems, 3 samples of each). The wall components were sampled at various manufacturing locations and then shipped to NGC Testing Services in Buffalo, NY for assembly and testing.

Structural testing of the assemblies was conducted in accordance with the methods of a modified ASTM E330-02, *“Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference”* and evaluated against International Building Code sections 1405.9 (2006) and 1405.10 (2009). The sampling, assembly and test witnessing dates are outlined below.

## 3 Material Sampling and Assembly and Test Witnessing

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Task	Product / Test	Inspector	Date	Location
Material Sampling	PermaBase Cement Board	Jeffrey Patterson	February 17, 2010	Unifix, Bromont, QC
Material Sampling	Laticrete Masonry Pointing Mortar	David Obedzinski	March 25, 2010	Laticrete, Intl Inc., Bethany, CT
Material Sampling	Laticrete Masonry Veneer Mortar	David Obedzinski	March 25, 2010	Laticrete, Intl Inc., Bethany, CT
Material Sampling	Laticrete Hydro Ban	David Obedzinski	March 25, 2010	Laticrete, Intl Inc., Bethany, CT
Assembly Witnessing	Witness assembly of masonry on test walls	Claudio Sacilotto	April 19, 20, May 14, 2010	NGC, Buffalo, NY
Test Witnessing	Structural test on wall assemblies	Claudio Sacilotto	May 10, 11, 12, 14, 28, 2010	NGC, Buffalo, NY

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## 4 Sampled Materials

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### 4.1. CEMENT BOARD

- PermaBase® Cement Board 1/2"×4'×8'
- Manufacturer – National Gypsum Company
- Lot/Serial No. BRO 02-17-10 09:06

### 4.2. WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE

- Laticrete Hydro Ban™
- Manufacturer – Laticrete International Inc.
- Lot/Serial No. 372931

### 4.3. MASONRY ADHESIVE

- Laticrete Masonry Veneer Mortar
- Manufacturer – Laticrete International Inc.
- Lot/Serial No. 371788-001 MFG 03/10
  - 373157-005

### 4.4. MASONRY GROUT

#### 4.4.1. Laticrete Masonry Pointing Mortar - Gray

- Manufacturer – Laticrete International Inc.
- Lot/Serial No. 372655-001 MFG 03/10

#### 4.4.2. Laticrete Masonry Pointing Mortar – Almond

- Manufacturer – Laticrete International Inc.
  - Lot/Serial No. 367073 4 MFG 11/09
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## **5 Other Notable Materials**

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### **5.1. FIBERGLASS-COATED GYPSUM SHEATHING**

- 5/8" thick

### **5.2. CDX PLYWOOD**

- 1/2" thick

### **5.3. GYPSUM BOARD**

- 5/8" Type X Gypsum Board

### **5.4. CEMENT BOARD FIBERGLASS TAPE**

- 4"×150'

### **5.5. GALVANIZED STEEL STUDS**

- Generic Manufacturer – 6" wide 18 Ga

### **5.6. MASONRY VENEER UNITS**

**5.6.1** Manufactured Stone

**5.6.2** Natural Stone

**5.6.3** Thin Brick

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## 6 Test Sample Assembly

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### 6.1. ASSEMBLY OF BED BASE on WOOD FRAMES

The bed base on wood frames was constructed in the following manner:

- 1/2" thick CDX plywood nailed to 2×4 wood stud frame (16" spacing) with 6d common nails. 6 mil polyethylene sheet was applied between the plywood and studs. The polyethylene sheet overhung the perimeter approximately 12". Nails were spaced 6" around perimeter and 12" on intermediate studs
- 1" thick rimboard was affixed to each end of the test assembly with six #10 screws
- 1/2" thick PermaBase® cement board was screwed onto CDX plywood with 2-1/4" corrosion-resistant screws. Screws were spaced 6" around the perimeter and along intermediate studs. At 8' mark, a second sheet of PermaBase® cement board was butt joined next to full sheet. The joint was treated with veneer mortar (about 1/16" thick) and 4" wide cement board fibreglass tape.
- Two coats of Hydro Ban™ were rolled on covering the PermaBase® cement board and fibreglass tape (0.030" total wet thickness)
- 5/8" gypsum board was placed on back of the assembly and screwed to the studs with 1-1/4" screws and spaced 12" throughout.

### 6.2. ASSEMBLY OF BED BASE on METAL FRAMES

The bed base on steel frames was constructed in the following manner:

- 5/8" thick fibreglass-coated gypsum sheathing was screwed into 6" 18Ga galvanized steel stud frame (16" spacing) with 1-1/4" screws. 6 mil polyethylene sheet was applied between the fibreglass-coated gypsum sheathing and studs. The polyethylene sheet overhung the perimeter approximately 12". Screws were spaced 12" around the perimeter and on intermediate studs.
  - 1" thick rimboard was affixed to each end of the test assembly with six #10 screws
  - 1/2" thick PermaBase® cement board was screwed onto plywood with 2-1/4" corrosion-resistant screws. Screws were spaced 6" throughout. At 8' mark, a second sheet of PermaBase® cement board was butt joined next to full sheet. The joint was treated with veneer mortar (about 1/16" thick) and 4" wide cement board fibreglass tape.
  - Two coats of Hydro Ban™ were rolled on covering the PermaBase® cement board and fibreglass tape (0.030" total wet thickness).
  - 5/8" gypsum board was placed on back of the assembly and screwed to the studs with 1-1/4" screws and spaced 12" throughout.
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### **6.3. ASSEMBLY OF MASONRY VENEER UNITS AND GROUTING**

Three different types of masonry veneer units were applied to the test frames (natural stone, manufactured stone and thin brick.):

#### **6.3.1. MIXING OF MORTAR**

The mortar was mixed as per the instructions on the bag. 6.25 quarts (5.9 ℓ) of water was added per 40 lbs bag. The mixture was thoroughly mixed and then allowed to slake for approximately 5 minutes and then mixed again.

The grout was also mixed as per the instructions on the bag. 4 quarts (3.8 ℓ) of water was added to each 50 lbs bag).

#### **6.3.2. ASSEMBLY OF MASONRY VENEER UNITS AND GROUTING**

The masonry veneer units were brushed on the back to remove excessive dust and loose stones. Laticrete Masonry Veneer Mortar was applied to the bed with a square notch trowel (1/2" × 1/2" × 1/2"). The masonry veneer units were laid on the test bed. A spacing of 3/16" separated each masonry unit. Once the veneer mortar cured, the test samples were grouted. The grouting process was conducted with a grout bag and small amounts of water were added as required to wet the grout and ease the grouting process.

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## 7 Testing and Evaluation Methods

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### 7.1 DEVIATION FROM ASTM E330-02

Structural performance testing was conducted in one direction only (negative wind load direction). Deviation from the standard procedure was based on the reasonable assumption that negative wind load testing would be the weakest direction, and therefore positive wind load testing was not evaluated. Because of this, the preload pressure (one-half of the test pressure) was not applied prior to the application of the test pressure.

### 7.2 STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE (UNIFORM LOAD TESTS)

A modified Uniform Load Deflection test was conducted in accordance with ASTM E-330-02 "Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference," Procedure A. The test sample was installed into NGC's Structural Performance Test Frame apparatus. The NGC Structural Performance Test Frame apparatus is set up such that the ends of the sample are fixed against the apparatus. Only one deflection point (at the center of the test sample) is set up at the center. (An assumption is made to ensure that there are no net deflections at the ends of the specimen).

The sample was sealed to the test apparatus. A negative wind load test pressure was applied to the sample until a deflection outlined below was achieved. The test pressure was measured after maintaining the load for 10 seconds. The test sample was observed (through the portholes) and inspected for cracking of the mortar or deterioration of the test sample.

Test span:120 inches	Deflection	
1.	Span/960	0.125"
2.	Span/840	0.143"
3.	Span/720	0.167"
4.	Span/600	0.200"
5.	Span/480	0.250"
6.	Span/360	0.333"

After two minutes with the pressure released, the residual deflection of the test sample assembly was recorded. Once complete, the samples were subjected to a pressure that corresponded to the next deflection level.

The deflection measurement of the test sample was measured on the interior side of the gypsum board. Simultaneous measurements of the sample were also recorded at the back of the fibreglass-coated gypsum sheathing/plywood on the exterior side of the steel/wood studs.

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## 8 Testing and Evaluation Results

### MANUFACTURED STONE ON METAL STUDS

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
1	Steel Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		5.0	26.0	1245	960	0.125	3.18	0.033	0.83	0.145	3.68	0.042	1.07			
4		120"		5.4	28.1	1345	840	0.143	3.63	0.038	0.98	0.162	4.11	0.047	1.19			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		6.4	33.3	1594	720	0.167	4.24	0.048	1.22	0.185	4.70	0.054	1.37	
12-May-10		61.7		49%		7.8	40.6	1943	600	0.200	5.08	0.057	1.45	0.218	5.54	0.062	1.57	
Failure						10.1	52.5	2516	480	0.250	6.35	0.073	1.85	0.274	6.96	0.070	1.78	
Max						14.0	72.8	3487	360	0.333	8.46	0.085	2.17	0.360	9.14	0.085	2.16	
						26.8	139.4	6676										
Comments: no failures observed																		

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
2	Steel Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		3.5	18.2	872	960	0.125	3.18	0.046	1.17	0.138	3.51	0.056	1.42			
3		120"		4.2	21.8	1046	840	0.143	3.63	0.054	1.38	0.159	4.04	0.066	1.68			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		5.5	28.6	1370	720	0.167	4.24	0.066	1.68	0.187	4.75	0.077	1.96	
12-May-10		61.7		49%		6.2	32.3	1544	600	0.200	5.08	0.079	2.00	0.216	5.49	0.085	2.16	
Failure						8.0	41.6	1993	480	0.250	6.35	0.097	2.46	0.286	7.26	0.098	2.49	
Max						11.8	61.4	2939	360	0.333	8.46	0.118	3.00	0.346	8.79	0.118	3.00	
						24.5	127.5	6103										
Comments: lost suction due to plastic tear; no failures observed																		

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
3	Steel Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		4.3	22.4	1071	960	0.125	3.18	0.006	0.16	0.130	3.30	0.007	0.18			
2		120"		4.8	25.0	1196	840	0.143	3.63	0.010	0.25	0.146	3.71	0.009	0.23			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		6.0	31.2	1495	720	0.167	4.24	0.014	0.36	0.171	4.34	0.014	0.36	
12-May-10		61.7		49%		7.9	41.1	1968	600	0.200	5.08	0.019	0.49	0.207	5.26	0.018	0.46	
Failure						10.7	55.7	2665	480	0.250	6.35	0.029	0.74	0.265	6.73	0.029	0.74	
Max						15.0	78.0	3736	360	0.333	8.46	0.046	1.18	0.360	9.14	0.048	1.22	
						29.2	151.9	7273										
Comments: no catastrophic failure																		

### MANUFACTURED STONE ON WOOD STUDS

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
1	Wood Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		3.2	16.6	797	960	0.125	3.18	0.010	0.25	N/A	N/A	0.012	0.30			
1		120"		3.4	17.7	847	840	0.143	3.63	0.014	0.36	0.150	3.81	0.017	0.43			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		3.8	19.8	947	720	0.167	4.24	0.018	0.45	0.175	4.45	0.020	0.51	
10-May-10		62.1		49%		4.3	22.4	1071	600	0.200	5.08	0.022	0.56	0.220	5.59	0.025	0.64	
Failure						5.4	28.1	1345	480	0.250	6.35	0.032	0.81	0.260	6.60	0.036	0.91	
Max						6.6	34.3	1644	360	0.333	8.46	0.044	1.13	0.350	8.89	0.050	1.27	
						18.6	96.8	4633										
Comments: cracking of mortar joint at 18.6 "WC; no catastrophic failure. No defl recorded at L/960																		

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
2	Wood Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		2.8	14.6	697	960	0.125	3.18	0.009	0.24	0.145	3.68	0.013	0.33			
3		120"		3.0	15.6	747	840	0.143	3.63	0.013	0.33	0.160	4.06	0.017	0.43			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		3.5	18.2	872	720	0.167	4.24	0.018	0.45	0.184	4.67	0.022	0.56	
10-May-10		62.1		49%		4.2	21.8	1046	600	0.200	5.08	0.024	0.61	0.214	5.44	0.030	0.76	
Failure						5.0	26.0	1245	480	0.250	6.35	0.052	1.33	0.230	5.84	0.051	1.30	
Max						5.8	30.2	1445	360	0.333	8.46	0.084	2.14	0.330	8.38	0.075	1.91	
						19.6	102.0	4882										
						29.8	155.0	7423										
Comments: cracking of mortar joint at 19.6 "WC; no catastrophic failure																		

Test		Manufactured Stone		y Load Applied			x Assembly Deflection					Assembly Residual Defl.		Back of Panel Deflection		Back of Panel Residual Defl.		
3	Wood Studs	"WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	
Frame ID		Span		3.2	16.6	797	960	0.125	3.18	0.013	0.32	0.145	3.68	0.021	0.53			
3		120"		3.5	18.2	872	840	0.143	3.63	0.015	0.39	0.157	3.99	0.025	0.64			
Test Date		Temp (°F)		Humidity		3.8	19.8	947	720	0.167	4.24	0.018	0.47	0.180	4.57	0.028	0.71	
10-May-10		62.1		49%		4.5	23.4	1121	600	0.200	5.08	0.024	0.60	0.215	5.46	0.034	0.86	
Failure						5.5	28.6	1370	480	0.250	6.35	0.033	0.83	0.272	6.91	0.045	1.14	
Max						6.8	35.4	1694	360	0.333	8.46	0.046	1.16	0.360	9.14	0.058	1.47	
						12.9	67.1	3213										
						30.2	157.1	7522										
Comments: cracking of mortar joint at 12.9 "WC; no catastrophic failure																		

**THIN BRICK ON STEEL STUDS**

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
1	Steel Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	4.5	23.4	1121	960	0.125	3.18	0.006	0.14	0.152	3.86	0.016	0.41
	6	120"	4.8	25.0	1196	840	0.143	3.63	0.038	0.97	0.179	4.55	0.058	1.47
			5.5	28.6	1370	720	0.167	4.24	0.050	1.26	0.208	5.28	0.074	1.88
			6.3	32.8	1569	600	0.200	5.08	0.071	1.79	0.251	6.38	0.098	2.49
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	7.5	39.0	1868	480	0.250	6.35	0.083	2.11	0.310	7.87	0.116	2.95
28-May-10	73.9	58%	11.6	60.3	2889	360	0.333	8.46	0.099	2.52	0.412	10.46	0.135	3.43
			Failure											
			Max	18.4	95.7	4583								
<b>Comments:</b> no failures observed														

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
2	Steel Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	6.6	34.3	1644	960	0.125	3.18	0.006	0.14	0.148	3.76	0.018	0.46
	1	120"	7.5	39.0	1868	840	0.143	3.63	0.009	0.22	0.167	4.24	0.022	0.56
			8.6	44.7	2142	720	0.167	4.24	0.012	0.31	0.193	4.90	0.027	0.69
			10.0	52.0	2491	600	0.200	5.08	0.017	0.42	0.230	5.84	0.032	0.81
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	12.0	62.4	2989	480	0.250	6.35	0.022	0.57	0.286	7.26	0.040	1.02
28-May-10	73.9	58%	15.9	82.7	3961	360	0.333	8.46	0.034	0.86	0.385	9.78	0.056	1.42
			Failure											
			Max	25.6	133.2	6377								
<b>Comments:</b> no failures observed														

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
3	Steel Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	7.9	41.1	1968	960	0.125	3.18	0.001	0.02	0.169	4.29	0.022	0.56
	5	120"	7.8	40.6	1943	840	0.143	3.63	0.003	0.08	0.185	4.70	0.027	0.69
			8.0	41.6	1993	720	0.167	4.24	0.002	0.04	0.206	5.23	0.027	0.69
			9.4	48.9	2341	600	0.200	5.08	0.004	0.10	0.242	6.15	0.032	0.81
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	12.2	63.5	3039	480	0.250	6.35	0.015	0.37	0.300	7.62	0.043	1.09
28-May-10	73.9	58%	15.4	80.1	3836	360	0.333	8.46	0.030	0.75	0.390	9.91	0.061	1.55
			Failure											
			Max	29.5	153.5	7348								
<b>Comments:</b> Top screw at base sheared off														

**THIN BRICK ON WOOD STUDS**

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
1	Wood Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	2.2	11.4	548	960	0.125	3.18	0.011	0.28	0.110	2.79	0.016	0.41
	5	120"	2.5	13.0	623	840	0.143	3.63	0.017	0.42	0.132	3.35	0.024	0.61
			2.9	15.1	722	720	0.167	4.24	0.023	0.58	0.150	3.81	0.032	0.81
			3.2	16.6	797	600	0.200	5.08	0.030	0.77	0.195	4.95	0.040	1.02
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	4.1	21.3	1021	480	0.250	6.35	0.057	1.45	0.240	6.10	0.068	1.73
10-May-10	64.3	46%	5.0	26.0	1245	360	0.333	8.46	0.076	1.93	0.331	8.41	0.086	2.18
			Failure											
			Max	22.6	117.6	5629								
				25.8	134.2	6426								
<b>Comments:</b> Top screw at base sheared off														

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
2	Wood Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	2.4	12.5	598	960	0.125	3.18	0.006	0.15	0.125	3.18	0.009	0.23
	4	120"	2.9	15.1	722	840	0.143	3.63	0.008	0.21	0.145	3.68	0.011	0.28
			3.3	17.2	822	720	0.167	4.24	0.011	0.27	0.167	4.24	0.014	0.36
			3.8	19.8	947	600	0.200	5.08	0.015	0.37	0.200	5.08	0.017	0.43
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	4.8	25.0	1196	480	0.250	6.35	0.021	0.52	0.250	6.35	0.024	0.61
11-May-10	61.4	48%	6.0	31.2	1495	360	0.333	8.46	0.032	0.82	0.330	8.38	0.035	0.89
			Failure											
			Max	15.9	82.7	3961								
				26.7	138.9	6651								
<b>Comments:</b> cracking of mortar joint at 15.9 "WC; no catastrophic failure														

<b>Test</b>	Thin Brick		<b>Load Applied</b>			<b>Assembly Deflection</b>			<b>Assembly Residual Defl.</b>		<b>Back of Panel Deflection</b>		<b>Back of Panel Residual Defl.</b>	
3	Wood Studs		" WC	psf	Pa	L/	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm	inches	mm
	<b>Frame ID</b>	<b>Span</b>	2.4	12.5	598	960	0.125	3.18	0.006	0.14	0.125	3.18	0.012	0.30
	7	120"	2.6	13.5	648	840	0.143	3.63	0.009	0.22	0.143	3.63	0.016	0.41
			2.9	15.1	722	720	0.167	4.24	0.010	0.25	0.170	4.32	0.018	0.46
			3.5	18.2	872	600	0.200	5.08	0.014	0.36	0.203	5.16	0.023	0.59
<b>Test Date</b>	<b>Temp (°F)</b>	<b>Humidity</b>	4.1	21.3	1021	480	0.250	6.35	0.022	0.55	0.252	6.40	0.031	0.79
11-May-10	61.4	48%	5.4	28.1	1345	360	0.333	8.46	0.038	0.97	0.340	8.64	0.046	1.17
			Failure											
			Max	28.8	149.8	7174								
<b>Comments:</b> no failures observed														



## 9 Summarized Results

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### Negative Wind Load Pressure Test

Masonry Veneer	Sheathing material	Stud wall construction	Ultimate Load (psf)		
			Test 1	Test 2	Test 3
Manufactured Stone	CDX Plywood	2×4 Wood studs	96.8	102.0	67.1
Natural Stone	CDX Plywood	2×4 Wood studs	83.2	98.8	137.3*
Thin Brick	CDX Plywood	2×4 Wood studs	117.6	82.7	149.8*
Manufactured Stone	Fiberglass-coated gypsum sheathing	16 Ga steel studs	139.4*	127.5*	151.9*
Natural Stone	Fiberglass-coated gypsum sheathing	16 Ga steel studs	163.9*	151.9*	151.9
Thin Brick	Fiberglass-coated gypsum sheathing	16 Ga steel studs	95.7*	133.2*	153.5

*\*includes a maximum obtainable load in which failure was not reached*

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## 10 Conclusion

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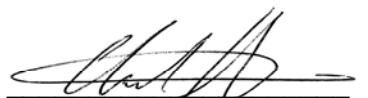
A total of 18 test walls were witnessed for installation and subsequent structural testing. All observations and test results are reported herein.

At the deflection of L/600, there were no mortar cracks, no mortar failures or any wall system failures observed. The wall assemblies were also tested to a more rigorous deflection of L/360 at which there were no mortar cracks, no mortar failures or any wall system failures observed.

All tested wall assemblies witnessed by Intertek and reported herein were tested to meet the standard range of wall deflections, including a deflection of L/600 which is required for adhered masonry veneer installations per International Building Code sections 1405.9 (2006) and 1405.10 (2009).

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## **Appendix A – Photos**

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Masonry application on to test frame



Grouting of masonry units





Structural performance test frame with wall assembly installed



Gage locations on test wall assembly. One gage on back of wall assembly and one gage on back of plywood/eXP® sheathing