

STRUCTURAL TEST REPORT

24" OC Studs Siding-Master™ Vinyl Siding Attachment/Alignment System

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Project Summary: Architectural Testing, Inc. (ATI) was contracted by Siding-Master to perform structural load testing in accordance with ASTM D 5206, Method B. Testing was performed on vinyl siding identified as CertainTeed Rollover Hem Panel. One sample was tested; the load before failure was 35.0 psf (118 mph).

Test Procedure:

The test specimens were evaluated in accordance with ASTM D 5206-91, iWind Load Resistance of Rigid Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Siding.

Testing was conducted by first applying a 5 psf (45 mph) preliminary load. The loose-fitting, 2-mil plastic film was then positioned to allow the greatest transfer of load to the siding. Loads were then increased in 5 psf (45 mph) increments and maintained for 30 seconds until failure. Failure was defined as the point at which the tab tore, starter strip failed or the fastener pulled out or disengaged.

Test Specimen Description:

Product: CertainTeed Rollover Hem Panel

General Description: The vinyl siding was constructed of 0.040" thick vinyl with a wood-grain finish on the exterior. Each panel tier consisted of two 4" horizontal leaves interlocking at the nail hem. The nail hem consisted of vinyl that ran the length of the siding.

Test Buck: Test buck measured 49-1/2" wide by 39" high and was constructed of nominal 2" by 4" stud grade framing lumber. An intermediate stud was spaced 24" on center along the 49-1/2" wide span. Studs were secured to top and bottom plates with two 3" sheetrock screws. A 2-mil thick plastic film was loosely draped over the interior side of the studs to enable attainment of test pressures.

Siding Installation: A Siding-Master™ Vinyl Siding Attachment/Alignment System strip was attached in a vertical fashion to each stud. Each strip was secured using 1-5/8" drywall screws in every other hole. Each strip was fabricated from 22-gauge (0.029") sheetmetal. The strips were approximately 1-7/8" wide with each side having a double-fold return leg along the entire length of the strip. The vinyl starter strip was attached to a pre-fabricated 1-5/16" wide leg protruding perpendicular to the face of the strips, 3/8" and then down 3/8". A pre-fabricated 1-5/16" wide by 1-1/8" tall hand-like fastener was positioned by bending one of the fingers, nearest to the center of slot on nailing hen, at a 90o angle to rest of 'hand.' The remainder of hand was bent almost parallel, allowing the bent 'finger' to insert through slot of nailing hem and into a punched hole 1-5/16" wide by 1/4" high. Four tiers of single 8" ship-lap siding were locked into the receiving flange of the tier below and secured in a fashion described above.

Test Results:

Sample #1

Product: CertainTeed Rollover Hem Panel

Laboratory Temperature: 72.0o

Fastener Type: Siding- Master™ Vinyl Siding Attachment/Alignment System

Summary: Loads were increased in 5 psf (45 mph) increments with increasing deflection occurring from 30 psf (110 mph) to 35 psf (118 mph). At 40 psf (127 mph), failure occurred when the second, third and fourth clips disengaged from the center stud, allowing the siding to pull loose.

Ultimate Load at Failure: 40 psf (127 mph)

Witnesses: The following individuals witnessed all or part of the testing:

NameCompany

Pat Carbaugh	Architectural Testing, Inc.
Eric Schoenthaler	Architectural Testing, Inc.

A copy of this report will be retained by ATI for a period of four years. The above results were secured by using the designated test methods and they indicate compliance with the performance requirements of the above referenced specification. This report does not constitute certification of this product which may only be granted by the certification program administrator.

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