

TEST REPORT

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PHOENIX METALWORKS, LLC D/B/A PHOENIX PANELS Lynden, Washington

PRODUCT TYPE: Wall Cladding System **SERIES/MODEL**: Phoenix Flex

AAMA 508-07, Voluntary Test Method and Specification for Pressure Equalized Rain Screen Wall Cladding Systems

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3.0 Project Summary:

- 3.1 Product Type: Wall Cladding System
- 3.2 Series/Model: Phoenix Flex
- **3.3 Compliance Statement**: Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test method(s). Test specimen description and results are reported herein.
- **3.4 Test Dates**: 03/13/14 03/17/14
- **3.5 Test Location**: Architectural Testing facility located in Kent, Washington.
- **3.6 Test Sample Source**: The test specimen was provided by the client.
- **3.7 Drawing Reference**: The test specimen drawings have been reviewed by Architectural Testing and are representative of the test specimen reported herein. Test specimen construction was verified by Architectural Testing per the drawings located in the appropriate Appendix. Any deviations are documented herein or on the drawings.

3.8 List of Official Observers:

<u>Name</u> Brian Rasmussen <u>Company</u> Architectural Testing, Inc.

4.0 Test Method(s):

AAMA 508-07, Voluntary Test Method and Specification for Pressure Equalized Rain Screen Wall Cladding Systems.

ASTM E 283-04, Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen. Testing was conducted at 75 Pa (1.57 psf) positive static air pressure difference.



4.0 Test Method(s): (Continued)

ASTM E 1233-06 (Modified), *Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior Windows, Doors, Skylights, and Curtain Walls by Cyclic Static Air Pressure Differential.* Testing was conducted for 100, three-second cycles from 240 Pa (5.0 psf) to 1200 Pa (25.0 psf) to 240 Pa (5.0 psf).

ASTM E 331-00, *Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls, by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference*. Testing was conducted at 300 Pa (6.24 psf) positive static air pressure difference for a 15-minute duration. Water was applied to the mock-up at a minimum rate of 5 gal/hr/ft².

AAMA 501.1-05, *Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Using Dynamic Pressure*. Testing was conducted with a dynamic pressure equivalent of 300 Pa (6.24 psf) for a 15-minute duration. Water was applied to the mock-up at a minimum rate of 5 gal/hr/ft².

5.0 Test Specimen Description:

Overall Area :	Width		Height	
5.9 m ² (64.0 ft ²)	millimeters	inches	millimeters	inches
Overall size	2438	96	2438	96
Panel size (4)	908	35-3/4	1197	47-1/8
Panel size (1)	578	22-3/4	2407	94-3/4

5.1 Product Sizes:

- **5.2 Panel Construction**: The test specimen was constructed of five 4 mm (0.15") thick Phoenix Panel Systems composite panels. The bottom of each panel utilized 4.8 mm (3/16") diameter weeps, two per panel.
- **5.3 Test Wall Construction**: The 96" wide by 96" high test wall was constructed of 2 x 6 Douglas Fir wood studs. The studs were spaced 16" on center inside a 2 x 6 wood buck. Four 2 x 4 studs were also added near the vertical panel joints to provide an anchoring substrate for the panel clips. The stud wall was covered with 3/16" thick clear polycarbonate and sealed and secured to the exterior of the wall to simulate an air/water barrier. The wall panel system was then installed onto the clear polycarbonate in a manner consistent with normal construction procedures for the system. The clear polycarbonate was calibrated to a predetermined air leakage rate by drilling 1/8" diameter holes on the back side in a uniform pattern, making sure to create an even pressure drop and leakage rate across the wall and in each quadrant.

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5.0 Test Specimen Description: (Continued)

- **5.4 Reinforcement**: One extruded aluminum tube stiffener, 25 mm x 25 mm (1" x 1"), was adhered to the center of each panel with adhesive sealant.
- **5.5 Installation**: Installation of the tested product was performed by the client.

The panels were installed in a bottom-to-top and left-to-right order. The sill and jambs utilized metal flashing and a continuous starter strip, secured to the studs with $#10 \times 1-1/2$ " long screws and spaced approx. 16" on center. The head also utilized metal flashing.

The corner panels were secured to a full length z-clip at their interior vertical edge. That z-clip was secured with #10 by 1-1/2" screws spaced approx. 16" on center. The center panel utilized spear clips spaced approximately 16" on center and secured with one #10 by 1-1/2" screw each. The remaining panel edges utilized field clips spaced approx. 16" on center and secured with one #10 by 1-1/2" screw each.

- **5.6 Cavity Depth**: 44 mm (1-3/4")
- **5.7 Vent Area (Weeps):** 0.0002 m² (0. 28 in²)
- **5.8 Air Cavity Volume to Vent Area Ratio**: 1483.6 m³/m² (4867.5 ft³/ft²)
- **6.0 Test Results**: The temperature during testing was approximately 21°C (69°F). The results are tabulated as follows:

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Pressure	Results	Allowed	Note
75 Pa (1.57 psf)	0.61 L/s/m ² (0.12 cfm/ft ²)	0.5 L/s/m ² (0.11 cfm/ft ²) min. 0.7 L/s/m ² (0.13 cfm/ft ²) max.	1

Air Leakage (Infiltration per ASTM E 283)

Pressure Cycling (per ASTM E 1233)

100 cycles from 240 Pa (5 psf) to 1200 Pa (25 psf) to 240 Pa (5 psf)			
Compartment #1	Results	Allowed	Note
Cycle Time Lag	0.01 sec.	0.08 sec. max.	
Cycle Pressure Difference	86 Pa (1.8 psf)	600 Pa (12.5 psf) max.	2
PASS / FAIL	PASS		



6.0 Test Results: (Continued)

Static Water Penetration (per ASTM E 331)			
Pressure	Results	Allowed	Note
300 Pa (6.24 psf)	<0.01 m ² (<0.01 ft ²)	0.30 m ² (3.20 ft ²)	
PASS / FAIL	PASS		

Dynamic Water Penetration (per AAMA 501.1)			
Pressure	Results	Allowed	Note
300 Pa (6.24 psf)	0.04 m ² (0.42 ft ²)	0.30 m ² (3.20 ft ²)	2
PASS / FAIL	PASS		3

Note #1: The calibrated leakage was achieved with 1/8" diameter holes drilled through the polycarbonate. All holes were evenly distributed in each stud cavity and located 6" above the bottom and the mid-span of the wall. A pressure tap was attached through the air barrier at the right side of the system.

Note #2: Reference Appendix A.

Note #3: Water on the polycarbonate air/water barrier surface was present at the horizontal joint in the form of mist or droplets.

General Note: All testing was performed in accordance with the referenced standards. This report is not intended as a comprehensive evaluation of the system regarding performance and application to specific buildings.

7.0 Test Equipment:

- Computerized control panel to run positive pressures, cyclic pressures, and measure air leakage rates.
- Structural test chamber to mount the test wall in, so as to evaluate the performance of the wall panel system for static and cyclic pressures, as well as water penetration. The wall was situated such that the interior side of the test wall was accessible to observe air and water leakage.
- Dynamic wind generator to create a wind pressure to test the wall panel system for dynamic water penetration.
- Computerized data management equipment to read, log, and graph differential pressures.



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Appendix A

Graph





Appendix **B**

Photographs



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Exterior face of test specimen



Interior face of test specimen

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Appendix C

Drawings







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