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Xci Foil, Xci CG & Xci Ply Fire Performance in Exterior Walls of
Buildings of Type I-IV Construction

Hunter Panels, LLC

Product:

Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply

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1 Innovative Products Evaluated^{1,2}

- 1.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply

2 Applicable Codes and Standards^{3,4}

2.1 Codes

- 2.1.1 IBC—15, 18, 21: *International Building Code*®
2.1.2 IRC—15, 18, 21: *International Residential Code*®
2.1.3 IECC—15, 18, 21: *International Energy Conservation Code*®

2.2 Standards and Referenced Documents

- 2.2.1 ASTM C1289: *Standard Specification for Faced Rigid Cellular Polyisocyanurate Thermal Insulation Board*
2.2.2 ASTM E84: *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*
2.2.3 ASTM E119: *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*
2.2.4 ASTM E136: *Standard Test Method for Assessing Combustibility of Materials Using a Vertical Tube Furnace at 750°C*
2.2.5 ASTM E1354: *Standard Test Method for Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter*

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⁴ 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.

- 2.2.6 *ASTM E2178: Standard Test Method for Air Permeance of Building Materials*
- 2.2.7 *FM 4880: Approval Standard for Class 1 Fire Rating of Building Panels or Interior Finish Materials*
- 2.2.8 *NFPA 259: Standard Test Method for Potential Heat of Building Materials*
- 2.2.9 *NFPA 268: Standard Test Method for Determining Ignitability of Exterior Wall Assemblies Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source*
- 2.2.10 *NFPA 285-12: Standard Fire Test Method for the Evaluation of Fire Propagation Characteristics of Exterior Nonload-bearing Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components*
- 2.2.11 *NFPA 286: Standard Methods of Fire Test for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth*
- 2.2.12 *UL 1040: Fire Test of Insulated Wall Construction*
- 2.2.13 *UL 1715: Fire Test of Interior Finish Material*

3 Performance Evaluation

- 3.1 Tests, test reports, research reports, duly authenticated reports and related engineering evaluations are defined as intellectual property and/or trade secrets and protected by Defend Trade Secrets Act 2016 (DTSA).⁵
- 3.2 Testing and/or inspections conducted for this TER were performed at an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing laboratory,⁶ an ISO/IEC 17020 accredited inspection body,⁷ which are internationally recognized accreditations through International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and/or a licensed Registered Design Professional (RDP).
- 3.3 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply were evaluated to determine:
 - 3.3.1 Performance for use in exterior walls of buildings of any height and of Type I-IV construction in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.
 - 3.3.2 Performance in accordance with UL 723 for flame spread and smoke-developed index ratings in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.4.
 - 3.3.3 Performance for use without a thermal barrier in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.2.
 - 3.3.4 Performance with regard to the potential heat generated by the Foam Plastic Insulating Sheathing (FPIS) in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.3.
 - 3.3.5 Performance with regard to vertical and lateral fire propagation in accordance with 2018 IBC Section 2603.5.5.
 - 3.3.6 Performance with regard to ignition in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.7.
- 3.4 Wind pressure resistance in accordance with IBC Section 2603.10 is outside the scope of this evaluation.
- 3.5 Fire resistance rated wall assemblies in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.1 are outside the scope of this evaluation.

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⁷ Ibid.

- 3.6 Any building code and/or accepted engineering evaluations (i.e. research reports, duly authenticated reports, etc.) that are conducted for this Listing were performed by DrJ Engineering, LLC (DrJ), an [ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body](#) and a professional engineering company operated by RDPs / [approved sources](#). DrJ is qualified⁸ to practice product and code compliance services within its scope of accreditation and engineering expertise, respectively.
- 3.7 Engineering evaluations are conducted with DrJ's ANAB [accredited ICS code scope](#), which are also its areas of professional engineering competence.
- 3.8 Any regulation specific issues not addressed in this section are outside the scope of this TER.

4 Product Description and Materials

- 4.1 The innovative products evaluated in this TER are shown in Figure 1.
 - 4.1.1 Xci Foil is a polyisocyanurate insulation board adhered to foil facers.
 - 4.1.2 Xci CG is a polyisocyanurate insulation board adhered to coated glass facers.
 - 4.1.3 Xci Ply is a polyisocyanurate insulation board bonded to APA-TECO rated exposure fire treated plywood.
- 4.2 The foam core of Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply is manufactured in accordance with ASTM C1289.

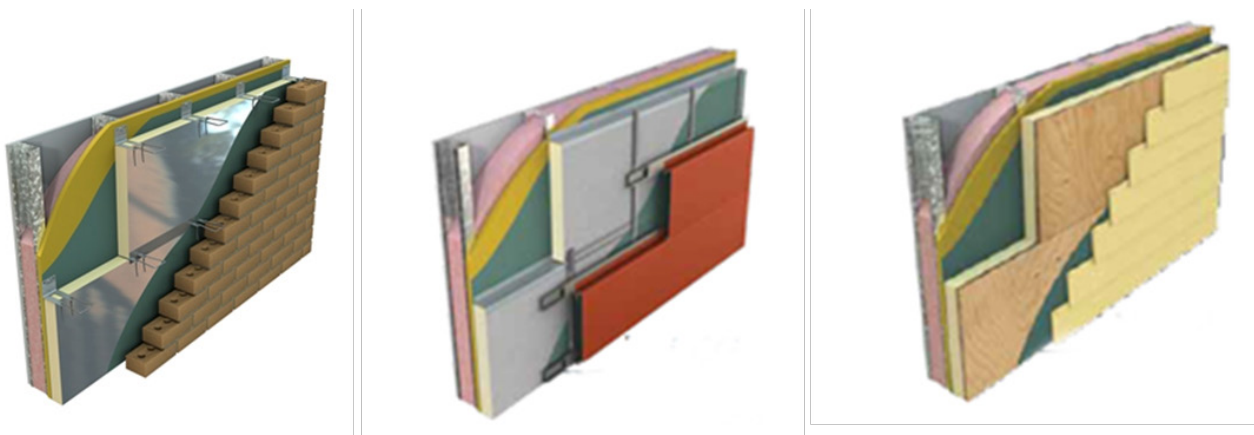


Figure 1. Xci Foil, Xci CG, & Xci Ply

4.3 Material Availability

4.3.1 Thickness:

- 4.3.1.1 Xci Foil and Xci CG: 1" (25 mm) through 3.5" (89 mm)
- 4.3.1.2 Xci Ply: available with either a $\frac{5}{8}$ " or $\frac{3}{4}$ " fire treated plywood and 1" through 3.5" coated glass polyiso
 - 4.3.1.2.1 Total thickness with $\frac{5}{8}$ " substrate: 1.6" through 4.1"
 - 4.3.1.2.2 Total thickness with $\frac{3}{4}$ " substrate: 1.7" through 4.3"
- 4.3.1.3 Standard product width: 48" (1220 mm)
- 4.3.1.4 **Standard Lengths:**
 - 4.3.1.4.1 Xci Foil and Xci CG: 96" (2438 mm), 120" (3048 mm) and 144" (3657 mm)
 - 4.3.1.4.2 Xci Ply: 96" (2438 mm)
- 4.3.1.5 Custom widths, lengths and thicknesses for Xci Foil and Xci CG are available upon request.

⁸ Qualification is performed by a legislatively defined [Accreditation Body](#). [ANSI National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#) is the largest independent accreditation body in North America and provides services in more than 75 countries. [DrJ](#) is an ANAB accredited [product certification body](#).

5 Applications

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are FPIS complying with [IBC Section 2603](#).
- 5.1.2 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are used in exterior walls of buildings of any height and of Type I-IV construction in accordance with [IBC Section 2603.5](#).
- 5.1.3 Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) for Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are available at polyiso.org.

5.2 Structural Applications

- 5.2.1 Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience, and technical judgment.

5.3 Fire Safety Performance

5.3.1 Surface Burn Characteristics:

- 5.3.1.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply were evaluated to assess performance with regard to flame spread and smoke-developed index in accordance with ASTM E84 as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Surface Burn Characteristics¹

Product Name	Flame Spread Index	Smoke Developed Index
Xci Foil, Xci CG & Xci Ply	≤ 75	≤ 450
1. Foam core tested in accordance with ASTM E84. Flame spread and smoke-developed indexes are shown for comparison purposes only and are not intended to represent the performance under actual fire conditions.		

5.3.2 Ignition:

- 5.3.2.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply were evaluated to assess performance with regard to ignition (NFPA 268) in accordance with [IBC Section 2603.5.7](#). Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply comply with this section when the exterior side of the sheathing is protected with one of the following materials:
 - 5.3.2.1.1 A thermal barrier complying with [IBC Section 2603.4](#).
 - 5.3.2.1.2 A minimum 1" (25 mm) thickness of concrete or masonry.
 - 5.3.2.1.3 Glass-fiber reinforced concrete panels of a minimum thickness of 3/8" (9.5 mm).
 - 5.3.2.1.4 Metal-faced panels having minimum 0.019" thickness (0.48 mm) aluminum or 0.016" thickness (0.41 mm) corrosion-resistant steel outer facings.
 - 5.3.2.1.5 A minimum 7/8" (22.2 mm) thickness of stucco complying with [IBC Section 2510](#).

5.3.3 Potential Heat:

- 5.3.3.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply were tested in accordance with NFPA 259 to assess the potential heat generated by the FPIS in accordance with [IBC Section 2603.5.3](#) as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Potential Heat

Product Name	Potential Heat (Btu/lb) ¹
Xci Foil	11,503
Xci CG	11,503
Xci Ply	11,503
SI: 1 lb = 4.45 N 1. Tested in accordance with NFPA 259 - foam core only.	

5.3.4 Vertical and Lateral Fire Propagation:

- 5.3.4.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply were tested to assess their performance with regard to vertical and lateral fire propagation in accordance with NFPA 285 and [2018 IBC Section 2603.5.5](#).
- 5.3.4.2 Engineering analysis has also been conducted to assess substitution of other products within the approved wall assemblies.
- 5.3.4.3 The wall assemblies listed in Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6 are approved for use in buildings of Type I-IV construction by demonstrating equivalency to similar assemblies tested in accordance with NFPA 285 and meeting the prescriptive requirement for less than 25 Flame Spread Index (FSI) material as required in [IBC Section 2603.5.4](#).

Table 3. NFPA 285 Approved Wall Assemblies with Xci CG as Exterior Insulation^{1,2,3}

Wall Component	Materials
Base Wall System Use either 1, 2, 3 or 4	1. Cast concrete walls 2. CMU concrete walls 3. 25-gauge min. 3⁵/₈" (min.) steel studs spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5⁵/₈" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Lateral bracing every 4' 4. FRTW (fire-retardant-treated wood) studs: min. nominal 2x4 dimension, spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5⁵/₈" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Bracing as required by building code
Fire-Stopping at Floor Lines	1. Any approved mineral-fiber-based safing insulation in each stud cavity at floor line. Safing thickness must match stud cavity depth. 2. Solid FRTW fire blocking at floor line in accordance with building code requirements for Type III construction.
Cavity Insulation Use either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15. Items 8, 9, 10 and 11 may only be used with exterior sheathing 2.	1. None 2. 1¹/₂" min. Carlisle® SPI SealTite PRO (up to full cavity thickness) 3. 1¹/₂" min. BASF Walltite SPF (up to full cavity thickness) 4. Any noncombustible insulation per ASTM E136 5. Any mineral fiber (Board type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) 6. Any fiberglass (Batt type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) 7. Any foam plastic insulation (SPF or board type) that has been tested per ASTM E1354 (at a minimum of 20 kW/m² heat flux) and shown by analysis to be less flammable (improved T_{ign}, Pk. HRR) than Covestro EcoBay CC or BASF Walltite 8. NCFI InsulBloc SPF (up to full cavity thickness) 9. Icynene MD-C-200v3 (Proseal) up to 5 1/2 inches (only with 1/2 in. [min.] exterior gypsum sheathing) 10. SWD Urethane Quik-Shield 112 up to 6 inches in s inch (max.) stud cavities with an air gap not exceeding 2 1/2 inches 11. 1¹/₂" (min.) ThermoSeal 2000 (up to full cavity thickness) 12. Carlisle SealTite PRO High Yield, SealTite PRO Open Cell, SealTite PRO No Mix, SealTite PRO No Trim 21, or SealTite PRO OCX – up to full cavity thickness with 1/2" (min.) exterior gypsum sheathing 13. Gaco (Firestone) F6500R, 052N, F4500, 183M, F1850, F1880 – 3 1/2" (max.) for use with 5/8" Exterior Gypsum Sheathing 14. JM Corbond III or Corbond IV – Full stud cavity depth or less for use with 5/8" exterior gypsum sheathing 15. Huntsman ProSeal HFO (8 in. max. thickness with no air gap, 6 inch max. thickness with air gap) for use with 1/2" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing
Exterior Sheathing Use either 1, 2 or 3	1. None (only with claddings 1-6 and cavity insulation 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, or 11) 2. 1/2" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing 3. 1/2" (min.) FRTW structural panels in Type III construction
Multi-Function Sheathing & WRB Products Use 1 or 2	1. USG Securock® Exoair® 430 System – See note and Table 6 2. 5/8" Georgia Pacific DensElement, flashed with Prosoco R-Guard FastFlash on sheathing joints

Wall Component	Materials
	Note: Item 1 or 2 replaces the exterior sheathings above. When either of these items are used, do not use exterior sheathings or WRB's on base wall surface in Table 6
WRB Over Base Wall Surface	See Table 6
Exterior Insulation Use 1 or 2 depending on cladding	3 1/2" (max.) Xci CG for all claddings. 4" thick (max.) Xci CG for Claddings 1-6.
WRB Over Exterior Insulation	See Table 6 The exterior insulation may be used with or without CavClear® Masonry Mat over the insulation with a maximum 1" air gap between the CavClear® and the cladding. When CavClear® is used, this may only be used with Cladding 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 or with thin brick/thin stone adhered to stucco as long as the total thickness is 3/4" min.
Exterior Cladding Use 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 Item 7 may use any tested/approved installation technique. Items 8, 9, or 12 may use any standard installation technique.	- Brick – Nominal 4" thick, clay or concrete brick or veneer with maximum 2" air gap behind the brick. Brick ties/Anchors 24" o.c. (max.). - Stucco – Minimum 3/4" thick, exterior cement plaster and lath. For systems that require a more durable WRB system, any building wrap or 15# felt that meets requirement #11 in WRB Over Exterior Insulation (Table 6) can be used as a slip sheet between the WRB/external insulation and the lath. - Limestone – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Natural stone veneer – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as grouted/mortared stone. - Cast artificial stone – Minimum 1 1/2" thick complying with ICC-ES AC 51 using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Terra Cotta Cladding – Minimum 1 1/4" thick (solid or equivalent by weight) using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Any MCM that has successfully passed NFPA 285. - Uninsulated sheet metal building panels including steel, copper, aluminum. 1/4" (min.) insulated fiber-cement siding or porcelain or ceramic tile mechanically attached. - Stone, porcelain, ceramic/aluminum honeycomb composite building panels that have successfully passed NFPA 285 criteria. - Autoclaved-aerated-concrete (AAC) panels that have successfully passed NFPA 285 criteria. - Terra Cotta Cladding – Any rain-screen Terra Cotta (min. 1/2" thick) with ventilated shiplap. 1/2" stucco – any one coat stucco (1/2" min.) which meets AC11 acceptance criteria or is approved for use in Type I-IV construction or has been tested per NFPA 285 or stays in place when tested per ASTM E119 (stucco exposed to fire) for at least 30 minutes. - Thin brick/cultured stone set in thin set adhesive and metal lath that has been tested to ASTM E119 (brick exposed to furnace) and remains in place for a minimum of 30 minutes, or has passed an NFPA 285 test. Minimum 3/4". For these systems that require a more durable WRB system, any building wrap or 15# felt that meets requirement #11 in WRB Over Exterior Insulation (Table 6) can be used as a slip sheet between the WRB/AVP and the lath. - Glen Gery Thin Tech Elite Series Masonry Veneer or TABS II Panel System with 1/2" thick bricks using TABS Wall Adhesive. - Natural Stone Veneer – minimum 1 1/4" thick using any standard installation technique. - FunderMax M.Look Grey Core – minimum 1/4" thick using any standard installation technique.
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm - The assemblies' combinations created herein and the various substitutions of products are based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. - Acceptance criteria for ASTM E1354 testing have not been well established in the referenced building codes and foam sheathing related sections. The criteria stated here for substitution of products is based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. - T_{ign} is the time to ignition from the start of the test until the sheathing ignites. Pk. HRR is the peak heat release rate during the test.	

Table 4. NFPA 285 Approved Wall Assemblies with Xci Foil as Exterior Insulation^{1,2,3}

Wall Component	Materials
Base Wall System Use either 1, 2, 3 or 4	1. Cast concrete walls 2. CMU concrete walls 3. 25-gauge min. 3⁵/₈" (min.) steel studs spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5⁵/₈" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Lateral bracing every 4' 4. FRTW (fire-retardant-treated wood) studs: min. nominal 2x4 dimension, spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5⁵/₈" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Bracing as required by code
Fire-Stopping at Floor Lines	1. Any approved mineral-fiber-based safing insulation in each stud cavity at floor line. Safing thickness must match stud cavity depth. 2. Solid FRTW fire blocking at floor line in accordance with building code requirements for Type III construction.
Cavity Insulation Use either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15. Items 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 and 11 may only be used with exterior sheathing 2.	1. None 2. 1¹/₂" min. Carlisle® SPI SealTite PRO (up to full cavity thickness) 3. 1¹/₂" min. BASF Walltite SPF (up to full cavity thickness) 4. Any noncombustible insulation per ASTM E136 5. Any mineral fiber (Board type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) 6. Any fiberglass (Batt type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) 7. Any foam plastic insulation (SPF or board type) that has been tested per ASTM E1354 (at a minimum of 20 kW/m² heat flux) and shown by analysis to be less flammable (improved T_{ign}, Pk. HRR) than Covestro EcoBay CC or BASF Walltite 8. NCFI InsulBloc SPF (up to full cavity thickness) 9. Icynene MD-C-200v3 (Proseal) up to 5¹/₂ inches (only with 1¹/₂ in. [min.] exterior gypsum sheathing) 10. SWD Urethane Quik-Shield 112 up to 6 inches in s inch (max.) stud cavities with an air gap not exceeding 2¹/₂ inches 11. 1¹/₂" (min.) ThermoSeal 2000 (up to full cavity thickness) 12. Carlisle SealTite PRO High Yield, SealTite PRO Open Cell, SealTite PRO No Mix, SealTite PRO No Trim 21, or SealTite PRO OCX – up to full cavity thickness with 1¹/₂" (min.) exterior gypsum sheathing 13. Gaco (Firestone) F6500R, 052N, F4500, 183M, F1850, or F1880 – 3¹/₂" (max.) for use with 5⁵/₈" exterior gypsum sheathing 14. JM Corbond III or Corbond IV – Full stud cavity depth or less for use with 5⁵/₈" exterior gypsum sheathing 15. Huntsman ProSeal HFO (8 in. max. thickness with no air gap, 6 inch max. thickness with air gap) for use with 1¹/₂" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing
Exterior Sheathing Use either 1, 2 or 3	1. None (only with cavity insulation 1, 4, 5 or 6) 2. 1¹/₂" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing 3. 1¹/₂" (min.) FRTW structural panels in Type III construction allowed in place of gypsum sheathing when combustible cavity insulation is not used.
Multi-Function Sheathing & WRB Products Use 1 or 2	1. USG Securock® Exoair® 430 System – See note and Table 6 2. 5⁵/₈" Georgia Pacific DensElement, flashed with Prosoco R-Guard FastFlash on sheathing joints Note: Item 1 or 2 replaces the exterior sheathings above. When either of these items are used, do not use exterior sheathings or WRB's on base wall surface in Table 6
WRB Over Base Wall Surface	See Table 6
Exterior Insulation Use option 1	1. 4" (max.) Xci Foil
WRB Over Exterior Insulation	See Table 6 The exterior insulation may be used with or without CavClear® Masonry Mat over the insulation with a maximum 1" air gap between the CavClear® and the cladding. When CavClear® is used, this may only be used with Cladding 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 or with thin brick/thin stone adhered to stucco as long as the total thickness is 3 ³ / ₄ " min.

Wall Component	Materials
Exterior Cladding Use 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6	1. Brick – Nominal 4" thick, clay or concrete brick or veneer with maximum 2" air gap behind the brick. Brick ties/Anchors 24" o.c. (max.). 2. Stucco – Minimum 3/4" thick, exterior cement plaster and lath. For systems that require a more durable WRB system, any building wrap or 15# felt that meets requirement #11 in WRB Over Exterior Insulation (Table 6) can be used as a slip sheet between the WRB/external insulation and the lath. 3. Limestone – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. 4. Natural Stone Veneer – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as grouted/mortared stone. 5. Cast Artificial Stone – Minimum 1 1/2" thick complying with ICC-ES AC51 using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. 6. Terra Cotta Cladding – Minimum 1 1/4" thick (solid or equivalent by weight) using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap.
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm 1. The assemblies' combinations created herein and the various substitutions of products are based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. 2. Acceptance criteria for ASTM E1354 testing have not been well established in the referenced building codes and foam sheathing related sections. The criteria stated here for substitution of products is based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. 3. T _{ign} is the time to ignition from the start of the test until the sheathing ignites. Pk. HRR is the peak heat release rate during the test.	

Table 5. NFPA 285 Approved Wall Assemblies with Xci Ply as Exterior Insulation^{1,2,3}

Wall Component	Materials
Base Wall System Use either 1, 2, 3 or 4	1. Cast concrete walls 2. CMU concrete walls 3. 25-gauge min. 3 5/8" (min.) steel studs spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Lateral bracing every 4' 4. FRTW (fire-retardant-treated wood) studs: min. nominal 2x4 dimension, spaced 24" o.c. (max.) a. 5/8" Type X gypsum wallboard interior b. Bracing as required by code
Fire-Stopping at Floor Lines	1. Any approved mineral-fiber-based safing insulation in each stud cavity at floor line. Safing thickness must match stud cavity depth. 2. Solid FRTW fire blocking at floor line in accordance with building code requirements for Type III construction.

Wall Component	Materials
Cavity Insulation Use either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 15. Items 3, 8, 9, 10 and 11 may only be used with exterior sheathing 2.	- None 1½" min. Carlisle® SPI SealTite PRO (up to full cavity thickness) 1½" min. BASF Walltite SPF (up to full cavity thickness) - Any noncombustible insulation per ASTM E136 - Any mineral fiber (Board type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) - Any fiberglass (Batt type Class A ASTM E84 faced or unfaced) - Any foam plastic insulation (SPF or board type) that has been tested per ASTM E1354 (at a minimum of 20 kW/m² heat flux) and shown by analysis to be less flammable (improved T_{ign}, PK. HRR) than Covestro EcoBay CC or BASF Walltite - NCFI InsulBloc SPF (up to full cavity thickness) - Icynene MD-C-200v3 (Proseal) up to 5½ inches (only with ½ in. [min.] exterior gypsum sheathing) - SWD Urethane Quik-Shield 112 up to 6 inches in 6 inch (max.) stud cavities with an air gap not exceeding 2½" 1½" (min.) Thermoseal 2000 (up to full cavity thickness) - Carlisle SealTite PRO High Yield, SealTite PRO Open Cell, SealTite PRO No Mix, SealTite PRO No Trim 21, or SealTite PRO OCX – up to full cavity thickness with ½" (min.) exterior gypsum sheathing - Gaco (Firestone) F6500R, 052N, F4500, 183M, F1850, F1880 – 3½" (max.) for use with ⅝" Exterior Gypsum Sheathing - JM Corbond III or Corbond IV – Full stud cavity depth or less for use with ⅝" exterior gypsum sheathing - Huntsman ProSeal HFO (8 in. max. thickness with no air gap, 6 inch max. thickness with air gap) for use with ½" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing
Exterior Sheathing Use either 1, 2 or 3	- None (only with cavity insulation 1, 2, 4, 5 or 6) ½" or thicker exterior gypsum sheathing ½" (min.) FRTW structural panels in Type III construction
Multi-Function Sheathing & WRB Products Use 1 or 2	- USG Securock® Exoair® 430 System – See note and Table 6 ⅝" Georgia Pacific DensElement, flashed with Prosoco R-Guard FastFlash on sheathing joints. Note: Item 1 or 2 replaces the exterior sheathings above. When either of these items are used, do not use exterior sheathings or WRB's on base wall surface in Table 6
WRB Over Base Wall Surface	See Table 6
Exterior Insulation Use either 1 or 2 depending on cladding.	4¼" thick (max.) Xci Ply (3½" foam max., ¾" FR Plywood max.) with all claddings. 4¾" thick (max.) Xci Ply (4" foam max., ¾" FR Plywood max.) may be used with claddings 1-6
WRB Over Exterior Insulation	See Table 6 The exterior insulation may be used with or without CavClear® Masonry Mat over the insulation with a maximum 1" air gap between the CavClear® and the cladding. When CavClear® is used, this may only be used with Cladding 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 or with thin brick/thin stone adhered to stucco as long as the total thickness is ¾" min.

Wall Component	Materials
Exterior Cladding Use 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17 Item 9 may use any tested/approved installation technique. Items 10, 11 or 14 may use any standard installation technique.	- Brick – Nominal 4" thick, clay or concrete brick or veneer with maximum 2" air gap behind the brick. Brick ties/Anchors 24" o.c. (max.). - Stucco – Minimum 3/4" thick, exterior cement plaster and lath. For systems that require a more durable WRB system, any building wrap or 15# felt that meets requirement #11 in WRB Over Exterior Insulation (Table 6) can be used as a slip sheet between the WRB/external insulation and the lath. - Limestone – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Natural Stone Veneer – Minimum 2" thick using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as grouted/mortared stone. - Cast Artificial Stone – Minimum 1 1/2" thick complying with ICC-ES AC51 using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Terra Cotta Cladding – Minimum 1 1/4" thick (solid or equivalent by weight) using any standard non-open joint installation technique such as shiplap. - Thin brick/cultured stone set in thin set adhesive and metal lath that has been tested to ASTM E119 (brick exposed to furnace) and remains in place for a minimum of 30 minutes, or has passed an NFPA 285 test. Minimum 3/4". For these systems which require a more durable WRB system, any building wrap or 15# felt that meets requirement #11 in WRB Over Exterior Insulation (Table 6) can be used as a slip sheet between the WRB/AVP and the lath. - Glen Gery Thin Tech Elite Series Masonry Veneer or TABS II Panel System with 1/2" thick bricks using TABS Wall Adhesive. - Any MCM that has passed NFPA 285. - Uninsulated sheet metal building panels including steel, copper, aluminum or zinc 1/4" (min.) uninsulated fiber-cement siding, or porcelain or ceramic tile mechanically attached. - Stone, porcelain, ceramic/aluminum honeycomb composite building panels that have successfully passed NFPA 285 criteria. - Autoclaved-aerated-concrete (AAC) panels that have successfully passed NFPA 285 criteria. - Terra Cotta Cladding – Any Rain-screen Terra Cotta (min. 1/2" thick) with ventilated shiplap. 1/2" Stucco – Any one coat stucco (1/2" min.) that meets AC11 acceptance criteria or is approved for use in Type I-IV construction or has been tested per NFPA 285 or stays in place when tested per ASTM E119 (stucco exposed to fire) for at least 30 minutes. - Natural Stone Veneer – minimum 1 1/4" thick using any standard installation technique. - FunderMax M.Look Grey Core – minimum 1/4" thick using any standard installation technique
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm - The assemblies' combinations created herein and the various substitutions of products are based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. - Acceptance criteria for ASTM E1354 testing have not been well established in the referenced building codes and foam sheathing related sections. The criteria stated here for substitution of products is based on testing and professional thermal engineering analysis by Priest and Associates. - T_{ign} is the time to ignition from the start of the test until the sheathing ignites. Pk. HRR is the peak heat release rate during the test.	

Table 6. NFPA 285 Allowable WRB Materials with Xci CG, Xci Foil, & Xci Ply¹⁻⁸

Wall Component	Materials
WRB Over Base Wall Surface Use either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, or None. Note: Some WRBs are only allowed with specific systems.	- Hunter Xci VP-SA WRB - Carlisle® Fire Resist 705RS, Fire Resist 705 VP, Fire Resist 705 FR-A, Fire Resist Barrithane VP, Fire Resist Barritech NP, Fire Resist Barritech VP (or VP LT). Fire Resist 705 VP may be used with 702 WB, Cav-Grip, or Low VOC Travel-Tack adhesives. Fire Resist 705 FR-A may be used with CCW 702, 702LV, 702 WB, CAV-Grip, and Low VOC Travel-Tack adhesives. - GE Momentive SEC 2500 SilShield, Elemex 2600 - Vaproshield Wrapshield SA, RevealShield SA - WR Grace Perm-A-Barrier® VPS, Perm-A-Barrier® NPL (aka PAB NP20), Perm-A-Barrier® VPL, Perm-A-Barrier® Aluminum Wall Membrane, Perm-A-Barrier® VPL LT. The following may only be used with claddings 1-6: Perm-A-Barrier® NPL 10, Perm-A-Barrier® VPL 50 - StoGuard Vaporseal 3M 3015 (with Hold Fast 70 adhesive @ 6 mils) - Henry Air-Bloc® 17MR, 21s, 31MR, 32 MR (only with Xci Ply), 33MR, Air-Bloc® 16MR, Blueskin VP 160.

Wall Component	Materials
Item 23 (Securock® Exoair®430) or 24 (DensElement w/ FastFlash) replaces the exterior sheathings in Tables 5-8. When either of these items are used, do not use exterior sheathings listed in Tables 5-8 or WRB's on base wall surface in this table.	1. Tyvek CommercialWrap or CommercialWrap D or StuccoWrap 10. PolyGuard Spray-N-Roll (STPE), Air Lok Sheet UV400 NP, Air Lok Flex VP, Flex Guard, Air Lok Flex, Air Lok Sheet 400NP (Only with Cladding 1-6) 11. Prosoco R-Guard Cat 5, R-Guard Cat 5 Rainscreen, R-Guard VB or R-Guard Spray Wrap MVP 12. Dryvit Backstop NT 13. WR Meadows Air Shield LMP (Gray), Air Shield LMP (Black), Air Shield TMP, Air Shield LSR 14. Dörken Systems, Inc., Delta-Vent SA, Delta-Vent S, Delta-Fassade S, Delta Maxx, Delta Stratus SA 15. Any WRB that has been tested per ASTM E1354 (at a minimum of 20 kW/m² heat flux) and shown by analysis to be less flammable (improved T_{ign}, Pk. HRR) than those listed above. 16. BASF Enershield HP or Enershield I 17. Soprema Sopraseal Stick VP, Soprasolin HD, LM 204 VP, Stick 1100T with Elastacool 600c Primer (for use with Xci-CG, or Xci-Ply) 18. Pecora XL Perm Ultra VP 19. Siga Majvest or Majvest 500 SA 20. Sto Gold Coat or Emerald Coat 21. Tremco ExoAir 230 and ExoAir 130 22. Fortifiber Building Systems Group WeatherSmart Housewrap, WeatherSmart Drainable, WeatherSmart Commercial or Super Jumbo Tex 60 23. USG Securock® Exoair® 430 System – see note on left and Air/Vapor System sections in Tables 5-8. 24. 5/8" Georgia Pacific DenElement, flashed with Prosoco R-Guard FastFlash on sheathing joints. 25. Dow Chemical Dowsil DefendAir 200 (or LT version) or DefendAir 200C (Charcoal) 26. Hohmann & Barnard Enviro Barrier and Enviro Barrier VP 27. STS FW100 or FW100A 28. Karnak 321 K-NRG 29. NaturaSeal AirSeal NS-A-250LP, AirSeal NS-A-250HP 30. Jumpstart HWW-65A, HWW-65B, HWHP-80A, HWMP-90A, HWD2-72A, HWHPT-92A, HWMPC-105A 31. Master Wall Rollershield 32. Parex WeatherSeal Spray & Roll-On
WRB Over Exterior Insulation Use 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, or None. Note: Some WRB's are only allowed with specific systems Insulation Joints may be taped with Foil-Grip 1402, 4" width (max.)	1. Hunter Xci VP-SA WRB 2. Carlisle® Fire Resist 705 RS, Fire Resist Barrithane VP, Fire Resist 705 VP (with 702 WB, Cav-Grip, or Low VOC Travel-Tack adhesives), Fire Resist 705 FR-A (with CCW 702, 702LV, 702 WB, CAV-Grip, and Low VOC Travel Adhesives), Fire Resist Barritech VP (or VP LT), Fire Resist Barritech NP 3. GE Momentive SEC 2500 SilShield, Elemax 2600 4. Vaproshield Wrapshield SA, RevealShield SA 5. WR Grace Perm-A-Barrier® NPL (aka PAB NP20), Perm-A-Barrier® VPL, Perm-A-Barrier® Aluminum Wall Membrane, Perm-A-Barrier® VPL LT, Perm-A-Barrier VPS 6. Henry Air-Bloc 17MR, 21S, 31MR, 33MR, 16MP, and Blueskin VP160 (only with Xci Ply) 7. Tyvek CommercialWrap or StuccoWrap 8. PolyGuard Air Lok Sheet UV400 NP, Air Lok Flex (only with claddings 1-6), Air Lok Flex VP (over Xci Ply with any claddings 1-6), FlexGuard (over Xci-Ply with any cladding listed or over the other Xci foams listed with claddings 1-6) 9. Prosoco R-Guard Cat 5, R-Guard Cat 5 Rainscreen, R-Guard VB or R-Guard Spray Wrap MVP 10. Sto Gold coat or Emerald Coat (only with Xci Ply) 11. Dryvit Backstop NT 12. Any WRB that has been tested per ASTM E1354 (at a minimum of 20 kW/m² heat flux) and shown by analysis to be less flammable (improved T_{ign}, Pk. HRR) than those listed above 13. 3" Aluma-GRIP 701 or 4" FG-1402 joint tape may be interchanged (Hardcast AFT is a rebrand of Aluma-GRIP 701) 14. WR Meadows Air Shield LMP (Gray), Air Shield LMP (Black), Air Shield TMP, Air Shield LSR 15. Dörken Systems, Inc., Delta-Vent SA, Delta-Vent S, Delta-Fassade S, Delta Maxx 16. Soprema Sopraseal Stick VP (with claddings 1-6, not with Xci Foil), Soprasolin HD 17. Pecora XL Perm Ultra VP 18. Siga Majvest (for all claddings) or Majvest 500 SA (only with Claddings 1-6) 19. Fortifiber Building Systems Group WeatherSmart Housewrap, WeatherSmart Drainable or WeatherSmart Commercial

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	20. Dow Chemical DefendAir 200 (or LT version) or DefendAir 200C (Charcoal) 21. Hohmann & Barnard Enviro Barrier VP 22. STS FW100A 23. Karnak 321 K-NRG 24. Jumpstart HWW-65A, HWW-65B, HWHP-80A, HWMP-90A, HWD2-72A, HWHPT-92A, HWMPC-105A 25. Master Wall Rollershield 26. Parex WeatherSeal Spray & Roll-On
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm 1. The following adhesives may be used for attachment of the polyisocyanurate (polyiso) insulation: a. Adhesive applied discontinuously at a rate of $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 3" dabs, 16" o.c.: LM 800 XL or BarriBond or BarriBond XL b. Aerosol adhesive at the application rate as per mfg. instructions: CAV-Grip™ or Low VOC Travel-Tack 2. The following may be used as gap filler between insulation panels: FOMO HandiFoam FireBlock and TVM FireBlock. 3. These CCW detailing materials may be used over the base wall assembly. The detailing materials can be used alone or with any approved WRB for the construction. a. Board Joint Treatments: i. 2" x 40 mil ribbon of BarriBond or BarriBond XL ii. 4" DCH Reinforcing Rabric embedded in Fire-Resist Barritech VP/NP/NP LT or embedded in Fire Resist Barrithane VP iii. 4" Foil-GRIP 1402 (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) iv. 4" AlumaGRIP 701 (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) b. Termination Mastic for Flashing/Membrane: 1" x 40 mil ribbon or tooled $\frac{3}{8}$ " bead of SURE-SEAL Lap Sealant, CCW-704, LM 800 XL, BarriBond, or BarriBond XL c. Detail Flashing, 3" on each side, at Openings, Terminations, Penetrations, Transitions, and Angle Changes. i. CCW-705/XLT, CCW-705 TWF/XLT, or Fire Resist 705 FR-A/XLT (all with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) ii. SURE-SEAL P/S Elastoform or SURE-SEAL P/S Cover Strip (both with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) iii. LiquiFiber or DCH Reinforcing Fabric embedded in Barritech VP/NP/NP LT iv. 40 mil application of BarriBond, BarriBond XL, or Barrithane VP 4. These CCW detailing materials may be used over the polyiso insulation and can be use alone or with any approved WRB for the assembly. a. Board Joint Treatments: i. 2" x 40 mil ribbon of BarriBond or BarriBond XL ii. 4" DCH Reinforcing Rabric embedded in Fire-Resist Barritech VP/NP/NP LT or embedded in Fire Resist Barrithane VP iii. 4" Foil-GRIP 1402 (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) iv. 4" AlumaGRIP 701 (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) b. Termination Mastic for Flashing/Membrane: 1" x 40 mil ribbon or tooled $\frac{3}{8}$ " bead of SURE-SEAL Lap Sealant, LM 800 XL, BarriBond, or BarriBond XL c. Detail Flashing, 3" on each side, at Openings, Terminations, Penetrations, Transitions, and Angle Changes. i. Fire Resist 705 FR-A/XLT (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) ii. SURE-SEAL P/S Elastoform or SURE-SEAL P/S Cover Strip (both with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) iii. LiquiFiber or DCH Reinforcing Fabric embedded in Barritech VP/NP/NP LT iv. 40 mil application of BarriBond, BarriBond XL, or Barrithane VP 5. In the NFPA 285 test, flashing for fenestration, including through-wall flashing (TWF), are not considered part of the WRB (ref: 2015 IBC Section 1405.4). TWF is permitted for use in wall assemblies clad with masonry or stone at the base of wall, head of wall, relieving angle, window head, windowsill, and at other interruptions in the exterior cavity. TWF shall be applied a maximum of 8" onto the back-up wall and terminate at daylight or onto a drip edge. The following TWF products may be used: a. CCW TWF/XLT (with surface preparation as recommended by CCW using CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, CCW-715, Low VOC Travel-Tack, CAV-Grip, HP 250 Primer, or Low VOC EPDM Primer per instructions on Product Data Sheet) b. Pre-Kleened EPDM TWF loose-laid or adhered with SURE-SEAL 90-8-30A bonding Adhesive or SURE-SEAL Low VOC Bonding Adhesive c. Metal TWF by others 6. BRT-801 tape may be used over Fire-Resist 705 RS at membrane splices, terminations, and penetrations. Fire-Resist 705 RS and the substrate may be trated with CCW-702, CCW-702 LV, CCW-702 WB, or Low VOC Travel-Tack to promote adhesion of BRT-801.	

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7.	Fire-Resist 705 RS may be used in the following applications: a. Over the exterior insulation, while another approved WRB is used over the base wall assembly. b. Over a WRB on the base wall assembly while no exterior insulation is used. Use only WRBs listed below: i. CC Fire Resist 705 FR-A ii. Other WRBs that produce no ignition when tested per ASTM E1354 at a heat flux of 50 kW/m².
8.	Insulating coating applied over noncombustible substrate can be used for mitigating thermal bridging at wall assembly terminations and penetrations. Coating applied in these conditions cover a small percentage of the total wall surface area. The following products are allowed: a. Aerolon 945 tape with primer by Tnemec b. Aerolon 971 coating with primer by Tnemec

5.3.5 Special Approval – 2012 IBC (or Earlier):

- 5.3.5.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply have been tested in accordance with NFPA 285, which is a full-scale fire test that evaluates the use of foam plastics in exterior wall assemblies using actual end-use configurations. See Section 5.3.4 and the evaluations listed in Section 7.
- 5.3.5.2 Special approval by large-scale testing is allowed by 2012 IBC Section 2603.10, which states:

2603.10 Special approval.

Foam plastic shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Sections 2603.4 through 2603.8 where specifically approved based on large-scale tests such as, but not limited to, NFPA 286 (with the acceptance criteria of Section 803.1.2.1), FM 4880, UL 1040 or UL 1715. Such testing shall be related to the actual end-use configuration and be performed on the finished manufactured foam plastic assembly in the maximum thickness intended for use. Foam plastics that are used as interior finish on the basis of special tests shall also conform to the flame spread and smoke-developed requirements of Chapter 8. Assemblies tested shall include seams, joints and other typical details used in the installation of the assembly and shall be tested in the manner intended for use.

- 5.3.5.2.1 The testing listed in this section (NFPA 286, FM 4880, UL 1040 or UL 1715) are all tests that evaluate the potential for fire growth of combustible interior finishes.
- 5.3.5.2.2 Since Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are not intended for use as interior finishes, these are not the appropriate end-use tests for these applications.
- 5.3.5.2.3 This section allows the use of other larger-scale tests. NFPA 285 is a large-scale test that evaluates the wall assembly in fire conditions after flashover occurs, and it is indicative of the end-use conditions.
- 5.3.5.2.4 This special approval exempts a product from the need to comply with 2012 IBC Section 2603.4 through 2012 IBC Section 2603.8. This includes exemption from 2012 IBC Section 2603.5.4, which requires a flame spread index of 25 or less.
- 5.3.5.2.5 Xci Foil and Xci CG are not interior finish materials and shall be covered with a minimum 1/2" gypsum wallboard, which meets the requirements of 2012 IBC Section 2603.5.2 for thermal barriers.
- 5.3.5.2.6 There is no flame spread requirement in 2012 IBC Chapter 8 that applies to foam plastics used as insulation inside exterior non-load bearing wall assemblies in which foam is covered by a thermal barrier.

- 5.3.5.2.7 Based upon the above analysis and interpretation, Xci Foil and Xci CG meet the requirements of 2012 IBC Section 2603.10, which specifically exempts the foam from the requirement of 2012 IBC Section 2603.5.4 that requires a flame spread index of 25 or less.
- 5.3.5.2.8 Xci Ply integrates Fire Retardant Treated (FRT) plywood which has a flame spread rating of 25 or less, and has been tested in accordance with NFPA 285, which, per the above analysis, allows it to meet the requirements of 2012 IBC Section 2603.10.

5.3.6 *Special Approval – 2015, 2018, 2021 IBC:*

- 5.3.6.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply have been tested in accordance with NFPA 285, which is a full-scale fire test that evaluates the use of foam plastics in exterior wall assemblies using actual end-use configurations. See Section 5.3.4 and the evaluations listed in Section 7.
- 5.3.6.2 Special approval by large-scale testing is allowed by IBC Section 2603.9, which states:

2603.9 Special approval.

Foam plastic shall not be required to comply with the requirements of Section 2603.4 or those of Section 2603.6 where specifically approved based on large-scale tests such as, but not limited to, NFPA 286 (with the acceptance criteria of Section 803.1.1.1), FM 4880, UL 1040 or UL 1715. Such testing shall be related to the actual end-use configuration and be performed on the finished manufactured foam plastic assembly in the maximum thickness intended for use. Foam plastics that are used as interior finish on the basis of special tests shall conform to the flame spread and smoke-developed requirements of Chapter 8. Assemblies tested shall include seams, joints and other typical details used in the installation of the assembly and shall be tested in the manner intended for use.

- 5.3.6.2.1 The tests listed in this section (NFPA 286, FM 4880, UL 1040 or UL 1715) are all tests that evaluate the potential for fire growth of combustible interior finishes.
- 5.3.6.2.2 Since Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are not intended for use as interior finishes, these are not the appropriate end-use tests for these applications.
- 5.3.6.2.3 This section allows the use of other larger-scale tests. NFPA 285 is a large-scale test that evaluates the wall assembly in fire conditions after flashover occurs, and it is indicative of the end-use conditions.
- 5.3.6.2.4 This special approval exempts a product from the need to comply with IBC Section 2603.4 and IBC Section 2603.6. This change in the code language from the 2012 version does not include the exemption from IBC Section 2603.5.4, which requires a flame spread rating of 25 or less.
- 5.3.6.2.5 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are not interior finish materials and shall be covered with a minimum 1/2" gypsum wallboard, which meets the requirements of IBC Section 2603.5.2 for thermal barriers.
- 5.3.6.2.6 There is no flame spread requirement in IBC Chapter 8 that applies to foam plastics used as insulation inside exterior non-load bearing wall assemblies in which foam is covered by a thermal barrier.
- 5.3.6.2.7 The foam plastic materials in Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply do not have a flame spread index of 25 or less as required by IBC Section 2603.5.4. However, they have met the intent of the code by showing that in their end-use configuration, they meet the requirements of the NFPA 285 assembly test, and, for the assemblies defined herein, are equivalent to assemblies containing foam plastics with a flame spread index of 25 or less.
- 5.3.6.2.8 Based upon the above analysis and interpretation, Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply meet the requirements of IBC Section 2603.9 when installed in accordance with the provisions of this TER.

5.4 Air Barrier

- 5.4.1 Xci CG may be used as an air barrier material as prescribed in IECC Section R402.4.1.1 and IECC Section C402.5.1 in accordance with ASTM E2178. Air permeability test results are recorded in Table 7.

Table 7. Air Permeability¹

Product Name	Air Pressure	Air Permeability
Xci CG	75 Pa	< 0.02 L/s·m ²
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm 1. Foam core tested in accordance with ASTM E2178. Air pressure and permeability numbers shown represent Xci CG compliance and are not intended to represent the performance under actual conditions.		

- 5.5 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.

6 Installation

- 6.1 Installation shall comply with the approved construction documents, the manufacturer installation instructions, this TER and the applicable building code.
- 6.2 In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 6.3 *Installation Procedure*
- 6.3.1 Protect surrounding areas and surfaces from damage.
 - 6.3.2 If wall assembly design calls for WRB installed over the base wall, ensure that the WRB is one of those identified in Table 6 and the WRB is installed correctly and in good condition before covering with FPIS.
 - 6.3.3 FPIS shall not be applied over walls while they are vulnerable to water intrusion from above or behind.
 - 6.3.4 Do not block flashing, weeps or other drainage paths with FPIS.
 - 6.3.5 Do not span expansion joints with FPIS.
 - 6.3.6 During installation, take precautions to minimize moisture intrusion behind insulation.
 - 6.3.7 Beginning at the base of the wall, apply FPIS horizontally or vertically using maximum board lengths to minimize the number of joints.
 - 6.3.8 Pre-cut FPIS to fit openings and penetrations.
 - 6.3.9 Offset FPIS board joints a minimum of 6". Do not form four-corner intersections.
 - 6.3.10 Form a "corner lock" pattern by staggering vertical joints at inside and outside corners.
 - 6.3.11 Fill gaps greater than 1/8" between FPIS boards with expanding spray foam, or approved sealant and strike flush. Expanding spray foam may also be applied onto the FPIS board edges during installation.
 - 6.3.12 Verify all materials are installed in accordance with current Hunter Panels published literature and local code requirements.
 - 6.3.13 Additional information on the installation and detailing of Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply can be found at hunterpanels.com.

- 6.4 This section provides additional general guidelines for the installation of **Xci Foil and Xci CG only**. Refer to the manufacturer installation instructions in addition to this TER, for complete details and requirements.
- 6.4.1 Cut with a knife using a square to guide the cut or use a table saw.
 - 6.4.2 Abut all joints tightly and ensure an overall flush, level surface.
 - 6.4.3 Mechanically fasten using the fastening pattern as indicated.
 - 6.4.3.1 Space fasteners 12" o.c. at the perimeter and 16" o.c. in the field.
 - 6.4.3.2 Set back perimeter fasteners $\frac{3}{8}$ " from board edges.
 - 6.4.3.3 **Note:** Where Xci Foil or Xci CG are installed by the same trade as the cladding, or in close cooperation with that trade, cladding attachment hardware can supplement or replace the insulation fasteners and insulation adhesive. Cladding fasteners fulfilling the Xci Foil or Xci CG attachment function shall be designed for this function. If the cladding attachment is 16" o.c. or closer, and it tightly secures the insulation, no additional fastening or adhesive is required.
 - 6.4.4 When adhesive is used, periodically verify adhesion. Properly installed adhesively applied Xci Foil or Xci CG will cohesively break the adhesive while still wet and destroy the substrate when dry.
 - 6.4.5 Consult the detailed manufacturer installation instructions for the proper adhesive pattern to maintain the drainage plane.
- 6.5 This section provides additional general guidelines for the installation of **Xci Ply only**. Refer to the manufacturer installation instructions, in addition to this TER, for complete details and requirements.
- 6.5.1 Provide separation of the edge of Xci Ply from concrete at grade with pressure-treated lumber sill plate, sill gasket or non-permeable flashing material.
 - 6.5.2 Begin at base of wall from firm, permanent support.
 - 6.5.3 Fasten Xci Ply with proper fasteners and spacing to accommodate design. Fasten Xci Ply to the structure using SIPs fasteners or similar hardware driven into steel studs, wood studs, concrete or CMU substrate. Fastening shall be approved by a structural engineer, as the fastening must be sufficient to support both the weight of the Xci Ply and the weight of the cladding for the project conditions.
 - 6.5.4 Allow a minimum $\frac{1}{8}$ " and a maximum $\frac{1}{4}$ " gap between Xci Ply boards to accommodate hydric movement of wood. Fasten boards tightly to provide a flush, level surface.
 - 6.5.5 Apply WRB, from approved list in Table 6, over plywood side of Xci PLY according to WRB manufacturer instructions.

7 Substantiating Data

- 7.1 Testing has been performed under the supervision of a professional engineer and/or under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 as follows:
- 7.1.1 Flame spread and smoke developed rating testing in accordance with ASTM E84
 - 7.1.2 Fire performance criteria testing in accordance with NFPA 285
 - 7.1.3 Potential heat testing in accordance with NFPA 259
 - 7.1.4 Air barrier material testing in accordance with ASTM E2178
- 7.2 Engineering analysis comparing the fire resistance properties of Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply by Priest and Associates.
- 7.3 Engineering analysis assessing the substitution of products within the approved NFPA 285 tested wall assemblies by Priest and Associates.
- 7.4 Information contained herein may include the result of testing and/or data analysis by sources that are approved agencies (i.e., ANAB accredited agencies), approved sources (i.e., RDPs), and/or professional engineering regulations. Accuracy of external test data and resulting analysis is relied upon.

- 7.5 Where pertinent, testing and/or engineering analysis is based upon provisions that have been codified into law through state or local adoption of codes and standards. The developers of these codes and standards are responsible for the reliability of published content. DrJ's engineering practice may use a code-adopted provision as the control sample. A control sample versus a test sample establishes a product as being equivalent to the code-adopted provision in terms of quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, and safety.
- 7.6 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, Listings, certified reports, duly authenticated reports from approved agencies, and research reports prepared by approved agencies and/or approved sources provided by the suppliers of products, materials, designs, assemblies and/or methods of construction. These are presumed to be minimum properties and relied upon to be accurate. The reliability of DrJ's engineering practice, as contained in this TER, may be dependent upon published design properties by others.
- 7.7 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.⁹
- 7.8 Where additional condition of use and/or code compliance information is required, please search for Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply on the DrJ Certification website.

8 Findings

- 8.1 As delineated in Section 3, Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply have performance characteristics that were tested and/or meet pertinent standards and is suitable for use pursuant to its specified purpose.
- 8.2 When used and installed in accordance with this TER and the manufacturer installation instructions, Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply shall be approved for the following applications:
- 8.2.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are approved for use in exterior walls of buildings of Type I-IV construction in accordance with IBC Section 2603.5.
- 8.2.2 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are approved for use in wall assemblies meeting the requirements of NFPA 285 testing when constructed in accordance with Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6.
- 8.2.3 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply described in this TER comply with, or are a suitable alternative to, the applicable sections of the codes listed in Section 2.
- 8.3 Unless exempt by state statute, when the Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply is to be used as a structural and/or building envelope component in the design of a specific building, the design shall be performed by an RDP.
- 8.4 Any application specific issues not addressed herein can be engineered by an RDP. Assistance with engineering is available from Hunter Panels, LLC.
- 8.5 IBC Section 104.11 (IRC Section R104.11 and IFC Section 104.10¹⁰ 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.

⁹ See Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 24 Subtitle B Chapter XX Part 3280 for definition.

¹⁰ 2018 IFC Section 104.9

- 8.6 **Approved:**¹¹ Building codes require that the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports¹² or research reports¹³ from approved agencies and/or approved sources (i.e., licensed RDP) with respect to the quality and manner of use of new products, materials, designs, services, assemblies, or methods of construction.
- 8.6.1 Acceptance of an approved agency, by a building official, is performed by verifying that the agency is accredited by a recognized accreditation body of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF).
- 8.6.2 Acceptance of a licensed RDP, by a building official, is performed by verifying that the RDP and/or their business entity is listed by the licensing board of the relevant jurisdiction.
- 8.6.3 Federal law, Title 18 US Code Section 242, 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, as denial without written reason deprives a protected right to free and fair competition in the marketplace.
- 8.7 DrJ is an engineering company, employs RDPs and is an ISO/IEC 17065 ANAB-Accredited Product Certification Body – Accreditation #1131.
- 8.8 Through ANAB accreditation and the IAF Multilateral Agreements, this TER can be used to obtain product approval in any jurisdiction or country that has IAF MLA Members & Signatories to meet the Purpose of the MLA – “*certified once, accepted everywhere.*” IAF specifically says, “*Once an accreditation body is a signatory of the IAF MLA, it is required to recognise certificates and validation and verification statements issued by conformity assessment bodies accredited by all other signatories of the IAF MLA, with the appropriate scope.*”¹⁴

9 Conditions of Use

- 9.1 Material properties shall not fall outside the boundaries defined in Section 3.
- 9.2 As defined in Section 3, 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.
- 9.3 As listed herein, Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply shall not be used:
- 9.3.1 To resist lateral loads. Walls shall be braced by other materials in accordance with the applicable code, and the exterior wall covering shall be capable of resisting the full design wind pressure.
- 9.4 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are approved for use in exterior walls of buildings of any height and of Type I, II, III, or IV construction as described in Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6.
- 9.5 Xci Ply may be used as a structural nailing base for claddings. Xci Foil and Xci CG shall not be used as a nailing base for claddings.
- 9.6 When required by adopted legislation and enforced by the building official, also known as the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed:
- 9.6.1 Any calculations incorporated into the construction documents shall conform to accepted engineering practice, and, when prepared by an approved source, shall be approved when signed and sealed.
- 9.6.2 This TER and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- 9.6.3 These innovative products have an internal quality control program and a third-party quality assurance program.
- 9.6.4 At a minimum, these innovative products shall be installed per Section 6 of this TER.
- 9.6.5 The review of this TER, by the AHJ, shall be in compliance with IBC Section 104 and IBC Section 105.4.

¹¹ 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.

¹² <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1>

¹³ <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1703.4.2>

¹⁴ <https://iaf.nu/en/about-iaf-mla/#:~:text=required%20to%20recognise>

- 9.6.6 These innovative products have 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.
- 9.6.7 The application of these innovative products in the context of this TER are dependent upon the accuracy of the construction documents, implementation of installation instructions, inspection as required by IBC Section 110.3, IRC Section R109.2 and any other regulatory requirements that may apply.
- 9.7 The approval of this TER by the AHJ shall comply with IBC Section 1707.1, where legislation states in pertinent part, “*the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in Section 104.11*”, all of IBC Section 104, and IBC Section 105.4.
- 9.8 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 (i.e., owner or RDP).
- 9.9 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.

10 Identification

- 10.1 The innovative products listed in Section 1.1 are identified by a label on the board or packaging material bearing the manufacturer name, product name, TER number, and other information to confirm code compliance.
- 10.2 Additional technical information can be found at hunterpanels.com.

11 Review Schedule

- 11.1 This TER is subject to periodic review and revision. For the most recent version, visit drjcertification.org.
- 11.2 For information on the status of this TER, contact DrJ Certification.

12 Approved for Use Pursuant to US and International Legislation Defined in Appendix A

- 12.1 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply are included in this TER 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, and whose TER Listing states either that the material, product, or service meets identified standards or has been tested and found suitable for a specified purpose. This TER meets the legislative intent and definition of being acceptable to the AHJ.

Appendix A

1 Legislation that Authorizes AHJ Approval

- 1.1 **Fair Competition:** State legislatures 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, and
 - 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 Xci Foil, Xci CG, and Xci Ply 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 Federal Department of Justice 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 Title 18 US Code Section 242 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 stating the reasons why the alternative was not approved, with reference to the specific legislation violated.
 - 1.2.3 The federal government and each state have a public records act. In addition, each state also has legislation that mimics the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act 2016 (DTSA),¹⁵ where providing test reports, engineering analysis and/or other related IP/TS is subject to prison of not more than 10 years¹⁶ and/or a \$5,000,000 fine or 3 times the value of¹⁷ 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 new materials¹⁸ that are not specifically provided for in any building code, the design strengths and permissible stresses shall be established by tests, where suitable load tests simulate the actual loads and conditions of application that occur.
 - 1.2.5 The design strengths and permissible stresses of any structural material shall conform to the specifications and methods of design using accepted engineering practice.¹⁹
 - 1.2.6 The commerce of approved sources (i.e., registered PEs) is regulated by professional engineering legislation. Professional engineering commerce shall always be approved by AHJs, except where there is evidence, provided in writing, that specific legislation has been violated by an individual registered PE.
 - 1.2.7 The AHJ shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in IBC Section 104.11.²⁰

¹⁵ <http://www.drjengineering.org/AppendixC> and <https://www.drjcertification.org/cornell-2016-protection-trade-secrets>.

¹⁶ <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=imprisoned%20not%20more%20than%2010%20years>

¹⁷ <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/1832#:~:text=Any%20organization%20that,has%20thereby%20avoided>

¹⁸ <https://up.codes/viewer/wyoming/ibc-2021/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1706.2>

¹⁹ IBC 2021, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards

²⁰ IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General

- 1.3 **Approved²¹ 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 Division 35, Article 1, Chapter IX 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, which apply. Whenever tests or certificates of any material or fabricated assembly are required by Chapter IX of the LAMC, such tests or certification shall be made by a testing agency 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.²² The Superintendent of Building roster of approved testing agencies is provided by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS). The Center for Building Innovation (CBI) Certificate of Approval License is TA24945. Tests and certifications found in a CBI Listing are LAMC approved. In addition, the Superintendent of Building shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies as provided for in the California Building Code (CBC) Section 1707.1.²³
- 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 NYC Building Code 2022 (NYCBC) states in pertinent part that an approved agency shall be deemed²⁴ an approved testing agency via ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation, an approved inspection agency via ISO/IEC 17020 accreditation, and an approved product evaluation agency via ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation. 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 agreement²⁵ (i.e., ANAB, International Accreditation Forum (IAF), etc.).
- 1.6 **Approved by Florida:** Statewide approval of products, methods, or systems of construction shall be approved, without further evaluation, by 1) A certification mark or listing of an approved certification agency, 2) A test report from an approved testing laboratory, 3) A product evaluation report based upon testing or comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, from an approved product evaluation entity; 4) A product evaluation report based upon testing or comparative or rational analysis, or a combination thereof, developed and signed and sealed by a professional engineer or architect, licensed in Florida. 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) A certification mark, listing, or label from a commission-approved certification agency indicating that the product complies with the code; 2) A test report from a commission-approved testing laboratory indicating that the product tested complies with the code; 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; 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; 5) A statewide product approval issued by the Florida Building Commission. The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) website provides a listing of companies certified as a Product Evaluation Agency (i.e., EVLMiami 13692), a Product Certification Agency (i.e., CER10642), and as a Florida Registered Engineer (i.e., ANE13741).

²¹ See Section 8 for the distilled building code definition of Approved

²² Los Angeles Municipal Code, SEC. 98.0503. TESTING AGENCIES

²³ https://up.codes/viewer/california/ca-building-code-2022/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1

²⁴ New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies

²⁵ New York City, The Rules of the City of New York, § 101-07 Approved Agencies

- 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 [553.842](#) and [553.8425](#).
- 1.8 **Approved by New Jersey:** Pursuant to Building Code 2018 of New Jersey in [IBC Section 1707.1 General](#),²⁶ it states: “In the absence of approved rules or other approved standards, the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports from [approved agencies](#) 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 \(N.J.A.C. 5:23\)](#)”.²⁷ Furthermore N.J.A.C 5:23-3.7 states: Municipal approvals of alternative materials, equipment, or methods of construction. **(a) 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. 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 (a) above. 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 (a) above. The [New Jersey Department of Community Affairs](#) has confirmed that technical evaluation reports, from any accredited entity listed by [ANAB](#), meets the requirements of item 2 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, [Part 3282.14](#),²⁸ and [Part 3280](#),²⁹ the Department encourages innovation and the use of new technology in manufactured homes. The design and construction of a manufactured home shall conform with the provisions of Part 3282 and Part 3280 where key approval provisions in mandatory language follow: 1) “All construction methods shall be in conformance with accepted engineering practices”; 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.”; and 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 [new materials](#) that are not specifically provided for in this code, the [design strengths and permissible stresses](#) shall be established by tests.³⁰
- 1.10.2 For [innovative alternative products, materials, designs, services and/or methods of construction](#), in the absence of approved rules or other approved standards...the building official shall accept duly authenticated reports (i.e., listing and/or research report) from [approved agencies](#) with respect to the quality and manner of use of [new materials or assemblies](#).³¹ A building official [approved agency](#) is deemed to be approved via certification from an [accreditation body](#) that is listed by the [International Accreditation Forum](#)³² or equivalent.

²⁶ https://up.codes/viewer/new_jersey/ibc-2018/chapter/17/special-inspections-and-tests#1707.1

²⁷ <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/codereg/ucc.html>

²⁸ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3282/subpart-A/section-3282.14>

²⁹ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-XX/part-3280>

³⁰ [IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, 1706.2 New Materials](#). Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.2.

³¹ [IBC 2021, Section 1707 Alternative Test Procedure, 1707.1 General](#). Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1707.1.

³² Please see the [ANAB directory](#) for building official approved agencies.

- 1.10.3 The design strengths and permissible stresses of any structural material...shall conform to the specifications and methods of design of accepted engineering practice performed by an approved source.³³ An approved source is defined as a PE subject to professional engineering laws, where a research and/or a technical evaluation report certified by a PE, shall be approved.
- 1.11 **Approval by International Jurisdictions:** The USMCA and GATT agreements provide for approval of innovative materials, products, designs, services, assemblies and/or methods of construction through the Technical Barriers to Trade agreements and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA), where these agreements:
- 1.11.1 Permit participation of conformity assessment bodies located in the territories of other Members (defined as GATT Countries) under conditions no less favourable than those accorded to bodies located within their territory or the territory of any other country,
 - 1.11.2 State that conformity assessment procedures (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.
 - 1.11.3 State that conformity assessment procedures are not prepared, adopted, or applied with a view to or with the effect of creating unnecessary obstacles to international trade. This means that conformity assessment procedures shall not be more strict or be applied more strictly than is necessary to give the importing Member adequate confidence that products conform to the applicable technical regulations or standards.
 - 1.11.4 **Approved:** The purpose of the IAF MLA 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, products, designs, services, assemblies and/or methods of construction. Accreditations granted by IAF MLA signatories are recognised worldwide based on their equivalent accreditation programs, therefore reducing costs and adding value to businesses and consumers.

³³ IBC 2021, Section 1706 Design Strengths of Materials, Section 1706.1 Conformance to Standards Adopted law pursuant to IBC model code language 1706.1.