

REPORT OF

PERFORMANCE TESTING FOR WINDLOAD RESISTANCE AND HEAT RAIN EXPOSURE

CONDUCTED ON

PVC SIDING CLIPS

FOR

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PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

Intertek has performed a Uniform Load Test and a Heat/Rain Test on PVC Siding Clips for Raindog Inc. Testing was conducted on April 28 and May 2, 2005.

The Wind Load tests were performed in accordance with ASTM D5206-96 (Reapproved 2002)^{el} Standard Test Method for Windload Resistance of Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Siding ^{1.2}. The Heat/Rain test was performed section 14 of ASTM C 1185-03 Standard Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Non-Asbestos Fiber-Cement Flat Sheet, Roofing and Siding Shingles, and Clapboards¹.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Wind Load Resistance Samples

The test samples were installed on 4 ft x 8 ft framed panels on 2 x 4 SPF lumber with 1/2" plywood sheathing. Raindog Rain Screen Siding Clips were secured to the test panel complete with PVC siding to make a wall system. Three complete systems were mocked-up in this manner and tested.

Test Wall	
Construction	

- 4 ft x 8 ft wall framed using standard SPF 2x4
- 2x4 spaced at 16" o/c
- 1/2" plywood sheathing
- 6 mil polyethylene loosely fitted between siding and sheathing

Raindog Siding Clips

- material: molded PVC
- clips were 222 mm (8-3/4") long x 1.39 mm (0.054") thick
- clip had a convex shape longitudinally with a 7.55 mm (0.297") radius

Raindog Siding Clips Installation Drawings

- 0.126" Diameter x 2" galvanized nails at 16" spacing (into studs)
- nailed through Raindog clip, through perforation in PVC siding and into substrate
- copy of drawings is included in Appendix A

Heat / Rain Test Sample

The test samples were installed on a 6 ft x 6 ft framed panels on 2 x 4 SPF lumber with 1/2" plywood sheathing. Raindog Rain Screen Siding Clips were secured to the test panel complete with PVC siding to make a wall system.

Test Wall Construction

- 6 ft x 6 ft wall framed using standard SPF 2x4
- 2x4 spaced at 16" o/c
- one layer 15minute standard building paper.

Raindog Siding Clips

material: molded PVC

1/2" plywood sheathing

- clips were 222 mm (8-3/4") long x 1.39 mm (0.054") thick
- clip had a convex shape longitudinally with a 7.55 mm (0.297") radius

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- 0.126" Diameter x 2" galvanized nails at 16" spacing (into studs)
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TEST PROGRAM & TEST RESULTS

1. Wind Load Resistance

Three test panels were tested for Windload Resistance (Uniform Load Test) in accordance with ASTM D5206-96 (Reapproved 2002)^{el} procedure A. Samples were loaded with 240 Pa (5.2 psf) increments for 30 seconds and then to the specified pressure and held for 1 minute. The pressure was released and the samples were inspected for failure.

All samples were tested and passed at a specified pressure differential of 2750 Pa (57.2 psf). There was no failure or permanent deformation that would impair the operation of the system.

2. Heat / Rain Test

One wall mock-up panel was tested as per ASTM C 1185-03.

The test wall was place into the conditioning chamber. A water spray was applied to the sample with a delivery rate 1 gallon/minute for a period of 2 hours 55 minutes. A pause of five minutes. Then the sample was exposed to 140 ± 9 °F $(60 \pm 5$ °C) for a period of 2 hours 55 minutes of radiant heat.

Upon completion the sample was inspected for any damage or structural alteration. The was no damage or structural alteration to the PVC siding or the Raindog Rainscreen Clips. The Raindog Rainscreen Clips passed the test.

TEST APPARATUS

The test equipment used for the window system described in this report was as shown in the following table:

Test	Application	Equipment	Intertek ID#
Wind Load	To develop the test pressures	Air blower	n/a
Resistance	To measure the pressures	Dwyer 0-36" W.C. manometer	D2697
Heat / Rain Test	Heat and Rain	Multi- Function Heat/Rain Chamber	n/a

CONCLUSIONS

The Raindog Rainscreen Clip system described herein, passed the three uniform load pressure tests of 2750 Pa (57.2 psf) as per ASTM D5206-96 (Reapproved 2002)^{el}, Procedure A, and the Heat / Rain Test as per section 14 of ASTM C 1185-03.

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