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## PRODUCT EVALUATION SK-03

Effective Date: July 1, 2013

*The following product has been evaluated for compliance with the wind loads specified in the **International Residential Code (IRC)** and the **International Building Code (IBC)**. This product shall be subject to reevaluation **May 2017**.*

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*This product evaluation is intended for use by those individuals who are following the design wind load criteria in Chapter 3 of the IRC and Section 1609 of the IBC. The design loads determined for the building or structure shall not exceed the design load rating specified for the products shown in the limitations section of this product evaluation. This product evaluation does not relieve a Texas licensed engineer of his responsibilities as outlined in the Texas Insurance Code, the Texas Administrative Code and the Texas Engineering Practice Act.*

**VELUX® Skylights, Non-Impact Resistant**, manufactured by:

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are acceptable for use along the Texas Gulf Coast when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this product evaluation.

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

VELUX skylights are aluminum, aluminum clad wood, or aluminum clad rigid PVC skylights. The skylights evaluated in the report are non-impact resistant. The skylights are available in fixed and vented configurations. Vented skylights are available in manually and electrically operated versions. The following model designations are included in this evaluation report:

Fixed skylight models: QPF, FCM, and FS

Vented, manually operated skylight models: VS and VCM

Vented, electrically operated skylight models: VSE, VSS, and VCE and VCS

This evaluation report includes aluminum clad wood skylights based on the following tested configurations:

### General Description:

System	Description	Label Rating
1	Model QPF****x004; QPF****x008 Fixed Configuration, Pan-Flushed	SKG-C105 1224 x 1224 (48 x 48)
2	Model QPF****x005 Fixed Configuration, Pan-Flushed	SKG-C55 1224 x 1224 (48 x 48)
3	Model FCM****0004; FCM****0008 Fixed Configuration, Curb-Mounted	SKG-C170 1301 x 1295 (51 x 51)
4	Model FCM****0004; FCM****0008 Fixed Configuration, Curb-Mounted	SKG-C95 691 x 1911 (27 x 75)

**General Description (continued):**

System	Description	Label Rating
5	Model FCM****0005 Fixed Configuration, Curb-Mounted	SKG-C90 1301 x 1295 (51 x 51)
6	Model FS***x004; FS***x008 Fixed Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C55 1136 x 1175 (45 x 46)
7	Model FS***x004; FS***x008 Fixed Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C80 776 x 1395 (31 x 55)
8	Model FS***x005 Fixed Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C35 1136 x 1175 (45 x 46)
9	Model FS***x005 Fixed Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C85 776 x 1395 (31 x 55)
10	Model VS***x004 (Manual); VS***x008 (Manual) Model VSE***x004 (Electric); VSE***x008 (Electric) Model VSS***x004 (Solar Electric); VSS ***x008 (Solar Electric) Vented Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C50 1136 x 1175 (45 x 46)
11	Model VS***x004 (Manual); VS***x008 (Manual) Model VSE***x004 (Electric); VSE***x008 (Electric) Model VSS***x004 (Solar Electric); VSS ***x008 (Solar Electric) Vented Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C70 802 x 1419 (32 x 56)
12	Model VS***x005 (Manual) Vented Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C50 1136 x 1175 (45 x 46)
13	Model VS***x005 (Manual) Vented Configuration, Deck-Mounted	SKG-C75 776 x 1395 (32 x 56)
14	Model VCM****2004 (Manual); VCM****2008 (Manual) Model VCE****2004 (Electric); VCE****2008 (Electric) Model VCS****2004 (Solar Electric) VCS****2008 (Solar Electric) Vented Configuration, Curb-Mounted	SKG-CW40 1305 x 1305 (51 x 51)
15	Model VCM****2005 (Manual) Vented Configuration, Curb-Mounted	SKG-CW25 1305 x 1305 (51 x 51)

Note: In the skylight identification numbers shown in the General Description table above, (\*\*\*) or (\*\*\*\*) correlates with the appropriate skylight dimensions in the series. The "x" is a place holder for the interior finish color code. Product performance is not affected by the interior color variants.

**Component Dimensions:**

System	Overall Size of Tested Unit
1	48 $\frac{3}{16}$ " x 48 $\frac{3}{16}$ "
2	48 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
3	51 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 51"
4	27 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 75 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
5	51 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 51"
6	44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
7	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 54 $\frac{7}{8}$ "

**Component Dimensions (continued):**

System	Overall Size of Tested Unit
8	44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
9	30 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 54 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
10	44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
11	31 $\frac{9}{16}$ " x 55 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
12	44 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 46 $\frac{3}{8}$ "
13	31 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 55 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
14	51 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
15	51 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

**Glazing Description:**

System	Glass Construction <sup>1</sup>	Glazing Method <sup>2</sup>
1	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-1
2	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-1
3	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-2
4	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-2
5	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-2
6	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-3
7	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-3
8	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-3
9	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-3
10	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-3
11	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-3
12	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-3
13	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-3
14	IG-1 Clear (Type 04) or White (Type 08)	GM-2
15	IG-2 Clear (Type 05)	GM-2

Note: <sup>1</sup> See the "Glass Construction Key" for the glazing construction.

<sup>2</sup> See the "Glazing Method Key" for the glazing method description.

**Glass Construction Key:**

IG-1: The skylight contains a sealed insulating glass unit. The insulating glass unit is comprised of a  $\frac{5}{32}$ " fully tempered glass lite and a laminated glass unit separated by a desiccant-filled stainless steel spacer system. The laminated glass unit is comprised of two single strength ( $\frac{3}{32}$ " ) heat strengthened glass lites with a 0.030" PVB interlayer. The glass thickness in the tested assembly and in smaller assemblies shall comply with ASTM E 1300-04.

IG-2: The skylight contains a sealed insulating glass unit. The insulating glass unit is comprised of two double strength ( $\frac{1}{8}$ " ) fully tempered glass lites separated by a desiccant-filled stainless steel spacer system. The glass thickness in the tested assembly and in smaller assemblies shall comply with ASTM E 1300-04.

**Glazing Method Key:**

GM-1: The insulating glass unit is set from the interior against a bead of structural silicone sealant that is secured with the wood frame with the thermoplastic elastomer gasket against the insulating glass unit.

GM-2: The insulating glass unit is set from the interior against a bead of structural silicone sealant with a flexible installation gasket against the interior of the insulating glass unit.

GM-3: The insulating glass unit is set from the exterior against EPDM frame gaskets and is secured with roll-formed aluminum glazing profiles with silicone sealant against the insulating glass unit.

**Frame Construction:**

**Models QPF, FS, VS, VSE, and VSS:** The frames are constructed of Ponderosa Pine wood that is encased in either Type IIB, 3105-H32, or 3105-H22, roll-formed, Kynar-coated aluminum cladding. The QPF skylights also utilize an extruded, powder-coated aluminum mounted flashing. The FS, VS, VSE, and VSS skylights also utilize a galvanized powder coated steel perimeter mounting flange.

**Model FCM:** The frames are constructed from roll-formed Kynar-coated, 3105-H22 coiled aluminum.

**Models VCM, VCE and VCE, VCS:** The frames are constructed of rigid PVC that is encased in 3105-H22 roll-formed, Kynar-coated aluminum cladding, and an extruded, powder-coated aluminum counter flashing. The skylights also utilize an extruded, powder-coated aluminum counter-flashing.

**Product Identification:** A certification program label (WDMA) will be affixed to the skylight. The certification program label includes the manufacturer's name; the product name; performance characteristics; the approved inspection agency (WDMA); and the following applicable standards: AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-05 and/or AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08.

**LIMITATIONS**

**Design pressures:**

System	Model ID	Allowable Roof Slopes	Allowable Dimensions (W x H)	Design Pressure (psf)
1	QPF 2222 x004/x008 to QPF 4646 x004/x008	14° - 60°	48 $\frac{3}{16}$ " x 48 $\frac{3}{16}$ "	± 105

**Design pressures (continued):**

System	Model ID	Allowable Roof Slopes	Allowable Dimensions (W x H)	Design Pressure (psf)
2	QPF 2222 x005 to QPF 4646 x005	14° - 60°	48 ½" x 48 ½"	± 55
3	FCM 1422 0004/0008 to FCM 4646 0004/0008	0° - 60°	51 ¼" x 51"	± 170
4	FCM 2246 0004/0008 to FCM 2270 0004/0008	0° - 60°	27 ¼" x 75 ¼"	± 95
5	FCM 1422 0005 to FCM 4646 0005	0° - 60°	51 ¼" x 51"	± 90
6	FS S01 x004/x008 to FS S06 x004/x008	14° - 85°	44 ¾" x 46 ¼"	± 55
7	FS A01 x004/x008 to FS M08 x004/x008	14° - 85°	30 ½" x 54 ⅞"	± 80
8	FS S01 x005 to FS S06 x005	14° - 85°	44 ¾" x 46 ¼"	± 35
9	FS A01 x005 to FS M08 x005	14° - 85°	30 ½" x 54 ⅞"	± 85
10	VS/VSE/VSS S01 x004/x008 to VS/VSE/VSS S06 x004/x008	14° - 85°	44 ¾" x 46 ¼"	± 50
11	VS/VSE/VSS C01 x004/x008 to VS/VSE/VSS M08 x004/x008	14° - 85°	31 ⅞" x 55 ⅞"	± 70
12	VS/VSE/VSS S01 x005 to VS/S05 S06 x005	14° - 85°	44 ¾" x 46 ⅜"	± 50
13	VS/C01 x005 to VS/M08 x005	14° - 85°	31 ½" x 55 ⅞"	± 75
14	VCM/VCE/VCS 1422 2004/2008 to VCM/VCE/VCS 4646 2004/2008	0° - 60°	51 ¼" x 51 ¼"	± 40
15	VCM/1422 2005 to VCM/4646 2005	0° - 60°	51 ¼" x 51 ¼"	± 25

**Impact Resistance:** These skylight assemblies do not satisfy the Texas Department of Insurance's criteria for protection from windborne debris. These skylight assemblies will need to be protected with an impact protective system when installed in areas where windborne debris protection is required.

**Acceptance of Smaller Assemblies:** Skylight assemblies with dimensions equal to or smaller than those specified above are acceptable within the limitations specified in this report.

**Orientation:** Skylights shall be oriented as specified in the manufacturer's installation instructions. The skylight height and width are not interchangeable, except for models FCM and QPF.

### INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

**General:** The skylight assembly shall be prepared and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this evaluation report. Detailed installation instructions and drawings are available from the manufacturer.

**The following installation requirements apply to all skylights:**

1. Manufacturer's installation instructions shall be followed unless otherwise specified by this product evaluation report. The nails or screws required to secure the skylight to the roof framing are included in the skylight kit (with the exception of the FCM, VCM, VCE, and VCE, VCS models, which require a site-constructed wood curb).
2. Roof rafters may be cut as necessary to facilitate skylight installation. Skylights shall be orientated as allowed by the manufacturer. Additional jamb and header bracing shall be installed as necessary to provide support directly beneath the entire skylight frame. The roof framing members shall be a minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber ( $SG \geq 0.42$ ). When the skylight jamb length exceeds two feet, double 2 x 6's shall be used to construct the upper and lower jambs. All skylight models shall be secured to the roof decking with fasteners driven through the roof decking and into the roof framing.

**Installation:**

**Systems 1 and 2:** The roof framing shall be minimum SPF dimension lumber. The roof deck shall be minimum nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood or OSB. The skylight may be oriented in two directions. The pan flashing shall be properly centered over the rough opening. The skylight is secured to the roof framing through the pre-drilled holes in the frame flashing with ring shank nails (minimum 10 gauge,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter head). Minimum  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " long ring shank nails shall be located 3 inches from each corner and 8 inches on center. Four (4) minimum 2" long ring shank nails are required 4 inches in from the top and bottom corners.

**Systems 3, 4, and 5:** The roof framing shall be minimum SPF dimension lumber. The roof deck shall be minimum nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood or OSB. The skylight may be oriented in two directions. A wood curb shall be constructed on site prior to installing the FCM skylight. The wood curb assembly and flashing are not included in the skylight kit. The wood curb components and the roof framing fasteners shall be acquired and installed separately. Skylight flashing, likewise, shall be acquired and installed separately. The wood curb shall, at a minimum, consist of 2 x 4 SPF dimension lumber ( $SPG = 0.42$ ). The curb shall be toe-nailed to the roof framing (minimum 2 x SPF dimension lumber) with minimum 12d galvanized common nails ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, 0.162" nominal diameter) with the following fastener spacing:

**System 3:** Approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 3 inches on center along the perimeter of the wood curb. NOTE: If the design pressure requirement is 100 psf or less, then space the fasteners approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 5 inches on center along the perimeter of the wood curb.

**System 4:** Along the long dimensions, approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 6 inches on center along the length of the wood curb. Along the short dimensions, approximately 3 inches from each corner and one at the mid-span of the wood curb.

**System 5:** Approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 6 inches on center along the perimeter of the wood curb.

The nails shall be driven (toe-nailed) through the roof deck and into the roof framing members below (a minimum of  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " penetration). The skylight frame is set against the wood curb and, while compressing the gasket between the insulating glass unit and the wood curb, the skylight is secured to the wood curb through the pre-drilled holes in the exterior leg of the skylight frame. Minimum No. 8 x  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " self-tapping screws shall be used. The fasteners shall be located 5 inches from each corner and one (1) at the mid-span.

**Systems 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13:** The roof framing shall be minimum SPF dimension lumber. The roof deck shall be minimum nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood or OSB. The skylight shall be oriented in one direction. Flashing is not provided with the skylight kit. Skylight flashing shall be acquired and installed separately. The mounting flange shall be properly centered over the rough opening. The skylight is secured to the

roof framing through the pre-drilled holes in the mounting flange with ring shank nails (minimum 10 gauge,  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter head). Minimum  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " long ring shank nails shall be located 3 inches from each corner and approximately 9 inches on center. The membrane material included in the skylight kit shall be installed as specified in the manufacturer's installation instructions.

**Systems 14, and 15:** The roof framing shall be minimum SPF dimension lumber. The roof deck shall be minimum nominal  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood or OSB. The skylight shall be oriented in one direction. A wood curb shall be constructed on site prior to installing the skylight. The wood curb assembly and flashing are not included in the skylight kit. The wood curb components and the roof framing fasteners shall be acquired and installed separately. Skylight flashing, likewise, shall be acquired and installed separately. The wood curb shall, at a minimum, consist of 2 x 4 SPF dimension lumber (SPG = 0.42). The curb shall be toe-nailed to the roof framing (minimum 2 x SPF dimension lumber) with minimum 12d galvanized common nails ( $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches long, 0.162" nominal diameter). The fasteners shall be spaced approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 6 inches on center along the perimeter of the wood curb. The nails shall be driven (toe-nailed) through the roof deck and into the roof framing members below (a minimum of  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " penetration). The skylight installation counter flashing is set against the wood curb with the PVC frame and foam tape against the wood curb, the skylight is secured to the wood curb through the pre-drilled holes in the counter flashing of the skylight frame. Minimum No. 8 x  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " self-tapping screws shall be used. The fasteners shall be located  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from each corner and one (1) at the mid-span.

**Note:** The manufacturer's installation instructions shall be available on the job site during installation. All fasteners shall be corrosion resistant as specified in the International Residential Code (IRC), the International Building Code (IBC), and the Texas Revisions.