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PRODUCT EVALUATION WIN-968

Effective January 1, 2012

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 **November 2013**.

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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.

Series 1555/1650 and 1650 HP Vinyl Double Hung Windows, New and Replacement Windows, Non-impact Resistant, manufactured by

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will be acceptable in designated catastrophe areas along the Texas Gulf Coast when installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this product evaluation.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

The Series 1555/1650 and 1650 HP windows are vinyl double hung windows. The vinyl double hung windows evaluated in this report are individual, non-impact resistant windows. This product evaluation report is for vinyl double hung windows based on the following tested constructions:

General Description:

System	Description	Label Rating
1	Series 1555/1650 Vinyl Double Hung Window; (XX)	H-LC30 38 x 77
2	Series 1555/1650 Vinyl Double Hung Window; (XX)	H-R25 38 x 77
3	Series 1650 HP Vinyl Double Hung Window; FIN; (X/X)	H-R50 52 x 72
4	Series 1650 HP Vinyl Double Hung Window; FINLESS; (X/X)	H-R50 52 x 72

Product Dimensions:

System	Overall Size	Interior Sash Size	Exterior Sash Size
1	38" x 76 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	34 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	33 $\frac{15}{16}$ " x 37 $\frac{1}{16}$ "
2	38" x 76 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	34 $\frac{5}{8}$ " x 37 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	33 $\frac{15}{16}$ " x 37 $\frac{1}{16}$ "
3	52 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 72"	48 $\frac{1}{16}$ " x 35 $\frac{3}{16}$ "	47 $\frac{15}{16}$ " x 34 $\frac{9}{16}$ "
4	52 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 72"	48 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 35 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	47 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Glazing Description:

System	Glass Construction ¹	Glazing Method ²
1	IG-1	GM-1
2	IG-1	GM-1
3	IG-2	GM-1
4	IG-2	GM-1

Note: ¹ See the "Glass Construction Key" for the glazing construction.

² See the "Glazing Method Key" for the glazing method description.

Glass Construction Key:

IG-1: Both sashes contain sealed insulating glass units. The sealed insulating glass units are comprised of two single strength ($\frac{3}{32}$ ") annealed glass lites separated by a metal reinforced butyl spacer system. The glass thickness and type used in the insulating glass unit of the tested assembly and in smaller assemblies shall comply with ASTM E 1300-04.

IG-2: Both sashes contain sealed insulating glass units. The sealed insulating glass units are comprised of two double strength ($\frac{1}{8}$ ") annealed glass lites separated by an aluminum reinforced butyl spacer system. The glass thickness and type used in the insulating glass unit of the tested assembly and in smaller assemblies shall comply with ASTM E 1300-04.

Glazing Method Key:

GM-1: The insulating glass units are set from the exterior against double-sided adhesive foam glazing tape. A rigid vinyl snap-in glazing bead secures the insulating glass units in place.

Frame Construction: The frame members are manufactured from extruded PVC (vinyl). The frame corners are mitered and welded construction.

Sash Construction: The sash members are manufactured from extruded PVC (vinyl). The sash corners are mitered and welded construction.

Reinforcement:

Systems 1 and 2: The exterior meeting rail utilizes aluminum reinforcement. The interior meeting rail and the bottom rail of the interior sash utilize roll-formed steel reinforcement. The reinforcement extends the length of the members.

Systems 3 and 4: The exterior meeting rail, the interior meeting rail, the sash stiles, the interior sash bottom rail, and the exterior sash top rail utilize wood reinforcement. The interior meeting rail locks utilize extruded aluminum reinforcement. The reinforcement extends the length of the members.

Hardware:

- Plastic tilt latches (Systems 1, 2); Four (4) required; Located at the ends of the top rail and the interior meeting rail.
- Surface mount plastic tilt latches (Systems 3, 4); Two (2) required; Located at the ends of the top rail and the interior meeting rail.
- Surface mount tilt latch with J-hook (Systems 3, 4); Two (2) required; Located at the ends of the top rail and the interior meeting rail.

Hardware (continued):

- Constant force balance; Four (4) required; Two (2) per jamb.
- Metal tilt pins; Four (4) required; Located at the ends of the bottom rail and the exterior meeting rail.
- Metal lock with adjacent keeper; Two (2) required; Located on the meeting rail.

Product Identification:

Systems 1 and 2: A certification program label (AAMA) will be affixed to the window. The certification program label includes the manufacturer's code name (MTL-2); product name: **1555/1650 DH (FIN)**; performance characteristics; the approved inspection agency (AAMA); and the applicable standard: AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-05.

System 3: A certification program label (AAMA) will be affixed to the window. The certification program label includes the manufacturer's code name (MTL-2); product name: **1650 HP DH (FIN)**; performance characteristics; the approved inspection agency (AAMA); and the applicable standard: AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-05.

System 4: A certification program label (AAMA) will be affixed to the window. The certification program label includes the manufacturer's code name (MTL-2); product name: **1650 HP DH (FINLESS)**; performance characteristics; the approved inspection agency (AAMA); and the applicable standard: AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-05.

LIMITATIONS

Design pressures:

System	Maximum Width (in.)	Maximum Height (in.)	Design Pressures (psf)
1	38	76 $\frac{7}{8}$	± 30
2	38	76 $\frac{7}{8}$	± 25
3	52 $\frac{1}{8}$	72	± 50
4	52 $\frac{1}{8}$	72	± 50

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

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

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

General: The window assembly shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Detailed drawings and installation instructions are available from the manufacturer.

Installation:

System 1 (New Construction): The wall framing shall be minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber. The window is secured to the wall framing using the fin of the window frame with minimum No. 6 screws. The fasteners shall be located approximately 1 inch from each corner and approximately 8 inches on center along the perimeter of the window. The fasteners shall be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " into the wall framing members.

System 2 (New Construction): The wall framing shall be minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber. The window is secured to the wall framing using the fin of the window frame with minimum No. 6 screws. The fasteners shall be located approximately 3 inches from each corner and approximately 9 inches on center along the perimeter of the window. The fasteners shall be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 1 ½" into the wall framing members.

System 3 (New Construction): The wall framing shall be minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber. The window is secured to the wall framing using the fin of the window frame with minimum No. 6 screws. The fasteners shall be located approximately 2 inches from each corner and approximately 11 inches on center along the perimeter of the window. The fasteners shall be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 1 ½" into the wall framing members.

System 4 (Replacement Construction): The wall framing shall be minimum Spruce-Pine-Fir dimension lumber. The window shall be mounted to the wall framing members using the frame of the window with minimum No. 8 x 2" screws. Each frame side jamb is secured to the wall framing with fasteners spaced approximately 4 inches from the head and the sill and one (1) at the mid span. No fasteners are required at the head and the sill. The fasteners shall be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 1 ½ inches into the wall framing members. The window shall be set in a bed of silicone.

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.