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1.0 General Information

1.1 Product

8 ft by 42 in Savannah Guardrail System

1.2 Project Description

Architectural Testing, Inc., an Intertek company ("Intertek-ATI"), was contracted by Deck Supply Services LLC to perform structural testing on their 8 ft by 42 in *Savannah* Guardrail System. The purpose of the testing is preliminary evaluation in accordance with Section 4.2.1 of the following criteria:

ICC-ES[™] AC273 (March 1, 2008 - Editorial Revised March 2016), Acceptance Criteria for Handrails and Guards

ICC-ES[™] AC273-08 was developed by the ICC Evaluation Service, Inc. (ICC-ES[™]) as acceptance criteria to evaluate compliance with the following building codes:

2015 International Building Code[®], International Code Council

2015 International Residential Code[®], International Code Council





1.3 Limitations

All tests performed were to evaluate structural performance of the railing assembly to carry and transfer imposed loads to the supports (posts). The test specimen evaluated included the pickets, rails, rail brackets, posts, and attachment to the supporting structure. Anchorage of support posts to the supporting structure is not included in the scope of this testing and would need to be evaluated separately.

Testing is limited to satisfying the IRC - One- and Two-Family Dwellings requirements of ICC-ES™ AC273.

Testing conducted and reported herein addresses an in-line assembly condition only and does not address a corner condition assembly.

Material grade/alloy information reported herein was provided by Deck Supply Services LLC and was not verified by Certificates of Conformance or tensile testing.

1.4 Qualifications

Intertek-ATI in York, Pennsylvania has demonstrated compliance with ISO/IEC International Standard 17025 and is consequently accredited as a Testing Laboratory (TL-144) by International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS).

1.5 Product Description

The *Savannah* guardrail system is comprised of aluminum rails, pickets and posts. Drawings are included in Appendix A to verify the overall dimensions and other pertinent information of the tested product, its components, and any constructed assemblies.

1.6 Product Sampling

All components utilized for testing reported herein were provided to Intertek-ATI by Deck Supply Services LLC and were not sampled by an independent inspection agency.

1.7 Witnessing

There were no witnesses from Deck Supply Services LLC present for testing conducted and reported herein.

1.8 Conditions of Testing

Unless otherwise indicated, all testing reported herein was conducted in a laboratory set to maintain temperature in the range of 68 ± 4 °F and humidity in the range of 50 ± 5 % RH.





2.0 Structural Performance Testing of Assembled Railing Systems

Re: ICC-ES[™] AC273 - Section 4.2.1

2.1 General

Railing assemblies were tested in a self-contained structural frame designed to accommodate anchorage of a rail assembly and application of the required test loads. The specimen was loaded using an electric winch mounted to a rigid steel test frame. High strength steel cables, nylon straps, and load distribution beams were used to impose test loads on the specimen. Applied load was measured using an electronic load cell located in-line with the loading system. Deflections were measured to the nearest 0.01 in using electronic linear displacement transducers.

2.2 Railing Assembly Description

The *Savannah* guardrail system consisted of aluminum top and bottom rails with spaced pickets between the rail members. The railing systems had an overall top rail length (inside of post to inside of post) of 95-1/2 in with an overall rail height (top of top rail to bottom of bottom rail) of 41 in. Top and bottom rails attached to aluminum post mounts via cast aluminum collar brackets with snap covers. See Section 2.3 Fastening Schedule for connection details. A support block was located at the midspan of the bottom rail and was attached according to Section 2.3 Fastening Schedule. See drawings in Appendix A and photographs in Appendix B for additional details.

2.3 Fastening Schedule

| Connection | Fastener | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Rail Bracket to Post | Two #8-18 by 3/4" (0.117 in minor diameter) pan-head, square drive, self-drilling sheet metal screws | | |
| Rail Bracket to Rail | One #8-18 by 3/4" (0.117 in minor diameter) pan-head, square drive, self-drilling sheet metal screws | | |
| Baluster Connector to Rail | One #8-18 by 3/4" (0.117 in minor diameter) pan-head, square drive, self-drilling sheet metal screws | | |
| Baluster / Support Block to Baluster Connector | Slip fit – No mechanical connection | | |
| Post Mount to Substructure | Four 3/8 in Grade 5 hex-head bolts with washer | | |





2.4 Series / Model

The test specimen components were supplied by Deck Supply Services LLC and were assembled by a representative of Intertek-ATI.

- <u>Top Rail</u>: 1-9/16 in high by 1-7/16 in wide by 0.08 in wall by 95 in long contoured extruded 6005-T5 aluminum rail
- <u>Bottom Rail</u>: 1 in high by 1-7/16 in wide by 0.08 in wall by 95 in long contoured extruded 6005-T5 aluminum rail
- <u>Brackets</u>: Cast 6005-T5 aluminum socket brackets with snap covers contoured to the shape of the rail
- <u>Balusters</u>: 3/4 in square by 0.04 in wall by 38-1/2 in long extruded 6005-T5 aluminum with 3-3/4 in clear space between pickets
- Baluster Connectors: 0.66 in diameter by 0.68 in high HDPE plug
- <u>Support Block</u>: Section of 3/4 in square by 0.04 in wall extruded 6005-T5 aluminum picket cut to length and secured to the center of the underside of the bottom rail using a baluster connector plug attached to the bottom rail as described in Section 2.3 Fastening Schedule.
- <u>Post</u>: 3-1/2 in square by 0.085 in wall extruded 6005-T5 aluminum post welded to 5-7/16 in square by 5/16 in thick 6005-T5 aluminum base plate with four 7/16 in diameter by 1/2 in long slotted holes located approximately 1/2 in on-center in from each edge and 4-7/16 in apart on-center and a 1/4 in diameter hole located in the center of the plate the continuous fillet weld connecting the tube to the base plate ranged from 1/4 in to 5/16 in the base plate was attached to the surface of a rigid steel test surface (simulated concrete) as described in Section 2.3 Fastening Schedule.

See drawings in Appendix A and photographs in Appendix B for additional details.

2.5 Test Setup

The railing assembly was installed and tested as a single railing section by directly securing (surface-mounting) the base of the post mounts to a rigid steel test frame (simulated concrete). The railing was assembled by an Intertek-ATI technician. Transducers mounted to an independent reference frame were located to record movement of reference points on the railing system components (ends and mid-point) to determine net component deflections. See photographs in Appendix B for test setups.





2.6 Test Procedure

Testing and evaluation was performed in accordance with Section 4.2.1 of ICC-ES[™] AC273. The test specimen was inspected prior to testing to verify size and general condition of the materials, assembly, and installation. No potentially compromising defects were observed. One specimen was used for all load tests which were performed in the order reported. Each design load test was performed using the following procedure:

- 1. Zeroed transducers and load cell at zero load;
- 2. Increased load to specified test load in no less than ten seconds; and
- 3. Held test load for no less than one minute.

2.7 Test Results

Unless otherwise noted, all loads and displacement measurements were normal to the rail (horizontal). The test results apply only to the railing assembly between supports and anchorage to the support.

Key to Test Results Tables:

Load Level: Target test load

<u>Test Load</u>: Actual applied load at the designated load level (target). Where more than one value is reported, the test load was the range (min. - max.) that was held during the time indicated in the test.

<u>Elapsed Time (E.T.)</u>: The amount of time into the test with zero established at the beginning of the loading procedure. Where more than one value is reported, the time was the range (start-end) that the designated load level was reached and sustained.

95-1/2 in by 42 in *Savannah* Level Guardrail (In-Line Application) Limited to Use in IRC - One- and Two-Family Dwellings / ICC-ES[™] AC273

| Test No. 1 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Center of Two Pickets | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load Level Test Load E.T. Result (lb) (min:sec) | | | | | | | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 126 - 129 | 00:20 - 01:26 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | | | | |

Specimen No. 1 of 3





Specimen No. 1 of 3 (Continued)

| Test No. 2 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Bottom of Two Pickets | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load Level | Load Level Test Load (lb) E.T. (min:sec) Result | | | | | | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 125 - 130 | 00:39 - 01:41 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | | | | |

| C | Test No. 3 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Mid-Span of Top Rail | | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|------|------|------|------|--|--|
| Load Level Test Load E.T. Displacement (in) (lb) (min:sec) End Mid End Ne | | | | | | | | |
| 200 lb (D.L.) | 200 | 00:42 | 0.28 | 2.33 | 0.25 | 2.07 | | |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 500 - 508 | | | | | | | |
| $\frac{\text{Deflection Evaluation:}}{\text{Maximum rail deflection at 200 lb} = 2.07 \text{ in on an 8 ft rail (95.5 in)}}$ $\text{Limits per AC273^2:} \left(\frac{h}{24} + \frac{l}{96}\right) = \left(\frac{36}{24} + \frac{95.5}{96}\right) = 2.49" > 2.07" \therefore \text{ ok and } \frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.00" > 2.07" \therefore \text{ ok}$ | | | | | | | | |

¹ Each end displacement was measured at the center of the support. Net displacement was the rail displacement relative to the supports.

² Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.

| Test No. 4 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Both Ends of Top Rail (Brackets) | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---|--|--|--|
| Load Level ¹ | Test Load F T | | | | | |
| 1000 lb (2.50 x D.L.) x 2 | 1000 - 1008 | 00:46 - 01:51 | Each end withstood load equal to or greater than 500 lb for one full minute without failure | | | |

¹ Load was imposed on both ends of rail using a spreader beam; therefore, loads were doubled.





Specimen No. 1 of 3 (Continued)

| Test No. 5 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (42 in High) Installed in Simulated Concrete | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load LevelTest LoadE.T.(lb)(min:sec)Displacement (in) | | | | | | | | |
| 200 lb (D.L.) 201 00:32 0.47 | | | | | | | | |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 501 - 509 00:52 - 01:55 | | | | | | | |
| <u>Deflection Evaluation</u> : Maximum post deflection at 201 lb = 0.47 in on a 42 in high post Limits per AC273 ¹ : $\left(\frac{h}{24} + \frac{l}{96}\right) = \left(\frac{36}{24} + \frac{95.5}{96}\right) = 2.49" > 0.47"$ ∴ ok and $\frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.0" > 0.47"$ ∴ ok | | | | | | | | |

¹ Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.

| Test No. 6 - Test Date: 12/15/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (42 in High) Installed in Simulated Concrete | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load Level | Load LevelTest LoadE.T.(lb)(min:sec)Displacement (in) | | | | | | | |
| 200 lb (D.L.) | | | | | | | | |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 501 - 507 + 00.43 - 01.48 | | | | | | | |
| <u>Deflection Evaluation</u> : Maximum post deflection at 201 lb = 0.45 in on a 42 in high post Limits per AC273 ¹ : $\left(\frac{h}{24} + \frac{l}{96}\right) = \left(\frac{36}{24} + \frac{95.5}{96}\right) = 2.49" > 0.45" \therefore \text{ ok and } \frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.0" > 0.45" \therefore \text{ ok}$ | | | | | | | | |

¹ Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.





Specimen No. 2 of 3

| Test No. 1 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Center of Two Pickets | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load Level Test Load E.T. Result (lb) | | | | | | | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 125 - 129 | 00:30 - 01:35 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | | | | |

| Test No. 2 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Bottom of Two Pickets | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Load Level | Load Level Test Load (lb) E.T. (min:sec) Result | | | | | | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 126 - 129 | 00:22 - 01:26 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | | | | |

| Test No. 3 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Mid-Span of Top Rail | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---|-------------------|------|------|------------------|--|
| Load Level | Test Load | E.T. | Displacement (in) | | | | |
| | (lb) | (min:sec) | End | Mid | End | Net ¹ | |
| 200 lb (D.L.) | 200 | 00:45 | 0.25 | 2.44 | 0.24 | 2.20 | |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 500 - 507 | 50701:35 - 02:40 Result : Withstood load equal to or greater than 500 lb for one full minute without failure | | | | | |
| $\frac{\text{Deflection Evaluation:}}{\text{Maximum rail deflection at 200 lb} = 2.20 \text{ in on an 8 ft rail (95.5 in)}}$ $\text{Limits per AC273^2:} \left(\frac{h}{24} + \frac{l}{96}\right) = \left(\frac{36}{24} + \frac{95.5}{96}\right) = 2.49'' > 2.20'' \therefore \text{ ok and } \frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.00'' > 2.20'' \therefore \text{ ok}$ | | | | | | | |

¹ Each end displacement was measured at the center of the support. Net displacement was the rail displacement relative to the supports.

² Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.





Specimen No. 2 of 3 (Continued)

| Test No. 4 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Both Ends of Top Rail (Brackets) | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Load Level ¹ | Test Load (lb) | E.T. (min:sec) | Result | |
| 1000 lb (2.50 x D.L.) x 2 | 1000 - 1009 | 00:38 - 01:41 | Each end withstood load equal to or greater than 500 lb for one full minute without failure | |

¹ Load was imposed on both ends of rail using a spreader beam; therefore, loads were doubled.

| Test No. 5 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (42 in High) Installed in Simulated Concrete | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Load Level | Test Load (lb) | E.T. (minːsec) | Displacement (in) | | |
| 200 lb (D.L.) | 201 | 00:28 | 0.42 | | |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 500 - 509 | 00:53 - 01:58 | Result : Withstood load equal to or greater than 500 lb for one full minute without failure | | |
| Deflection Evaluation: Maximum post deflection at 201 lb = 0.42 in on a 42 in high post Limits per AC273 ¹ : $\left(\frac{h}{24} + \frac{l}{96}\right) = \left(\frac{36}{24} + \frac{95.5}{96}\right) = 2.49" > 0.42"$ \therefore ok and $\frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.0" > 0.42"$ \therefore ok | | | | | |

¹ Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.





Specimen No. 3 of 3

| Test No. 1 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Center of Two Pickets | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Load Level | Test Load (lb) | E.T. (minːsec) | Result | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 125 - 129 | 00:30 - 01:33 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | |

| Test No. 2 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square ft of In-Fill at Bottom of Two Pickets | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| Load Level | Test Load (lb) | E.T. (minːsec) | Result | |
| 125 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 125 - 130 | 00:30 - 01:34 | Sustained load equal to or greater than 125 lb for one full minute without failure | |

| Test No. 3 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Mid-Span of Top Rail | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------|
| Load Level | Test Load | E.T. | Displacement (in) | | | |
| | (lb) | (min:sec) | End | Mid | End | Net ¹ |
| 200 lb (D.L.) | 200 | 00:33 | 0.27 | 2.44 | 0.26 | 2.18 |
| 500 lb (2.50 x D.L.) | 500 - 506 | 01:11 - 02:16 | | /ithstood loa 10 lb for one fail | • | - |
| Deflection Evalu Maximum rail d Limits per AC273 ² | eflection at 200 | | • | • | $\frac{36}{12} = 3.00">$ | 2.18"∴ok |

¹ Each end displacement was measured at the center of the support. Net displacement was the rail displacement relative to the supports.

² Deflection limit calculation based on worse case 36" railing height to satisfy One- and Two-Family Dwelling requirements.





Specimen No. 3 of 3 (Continued)

| Test No. 4 - Test Date: 12/16/16 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Both Ends of Top Rail (Brackets) | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---|--|
| Load Level ¹ | Load Level ¹ Test Load E.T. (Ib) (min:sec) | | Result | |
| 1000 lb (2.50 x D.L.) x 2 | 1000 - 1011 | 00:43 - 01:49 | Each end withstood load equal to or greater than 500 lb for one full minute without failure | |

¹ Load was imposed on both ends of rail using a spreader beam; therefore, loads were doubled.

2.8 Summary and Conclusions

When installed between adequate supports, the railing assemblies reported herein meet the structural performance requirements of Section 4.2.1 of ICC-ES[™] AC273 for use in One- and Two-Family Dwellings (IRC).

Anchorage of support posts to the supporting structure is not included in the scope of this testing and would need to be evaluated separately.





3.0 Closing Statement

Intertek-ATI will service this report for the entire test record retention period. Test records that are retained such as detailed drawings, datasheets, representative samples of test specimens, or other pertinent project documentation will be retained by Intertek-ATI for the entire test record retention period.

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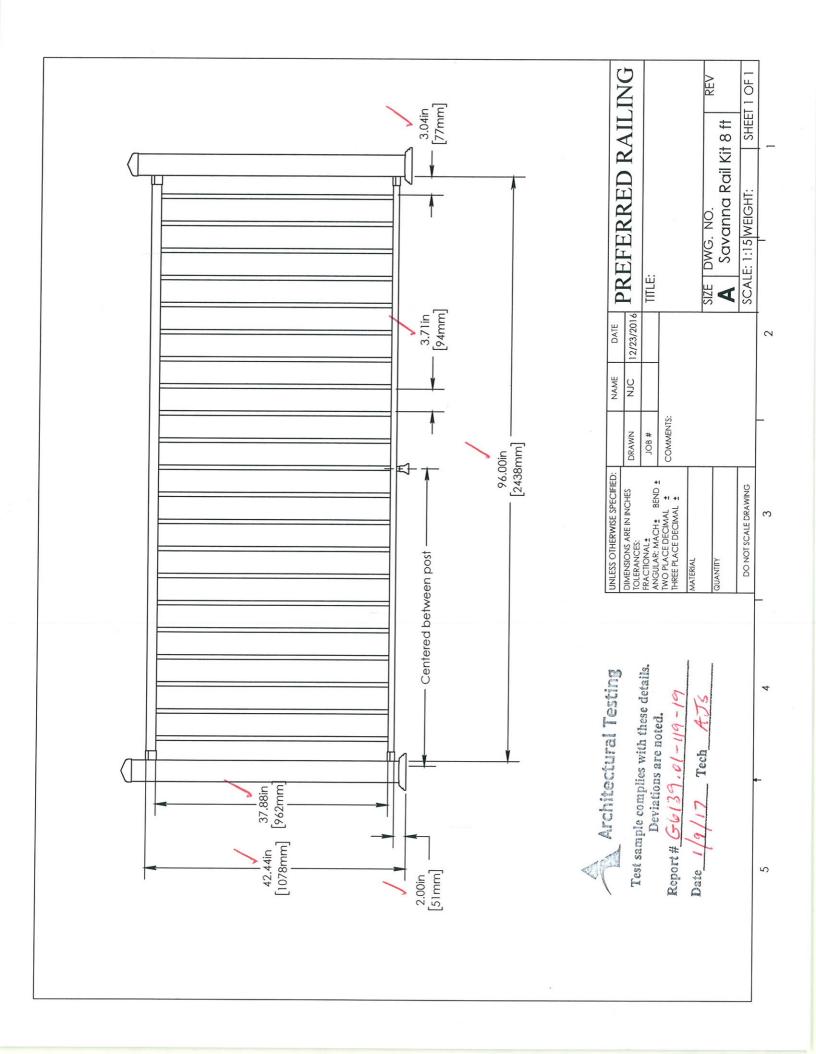
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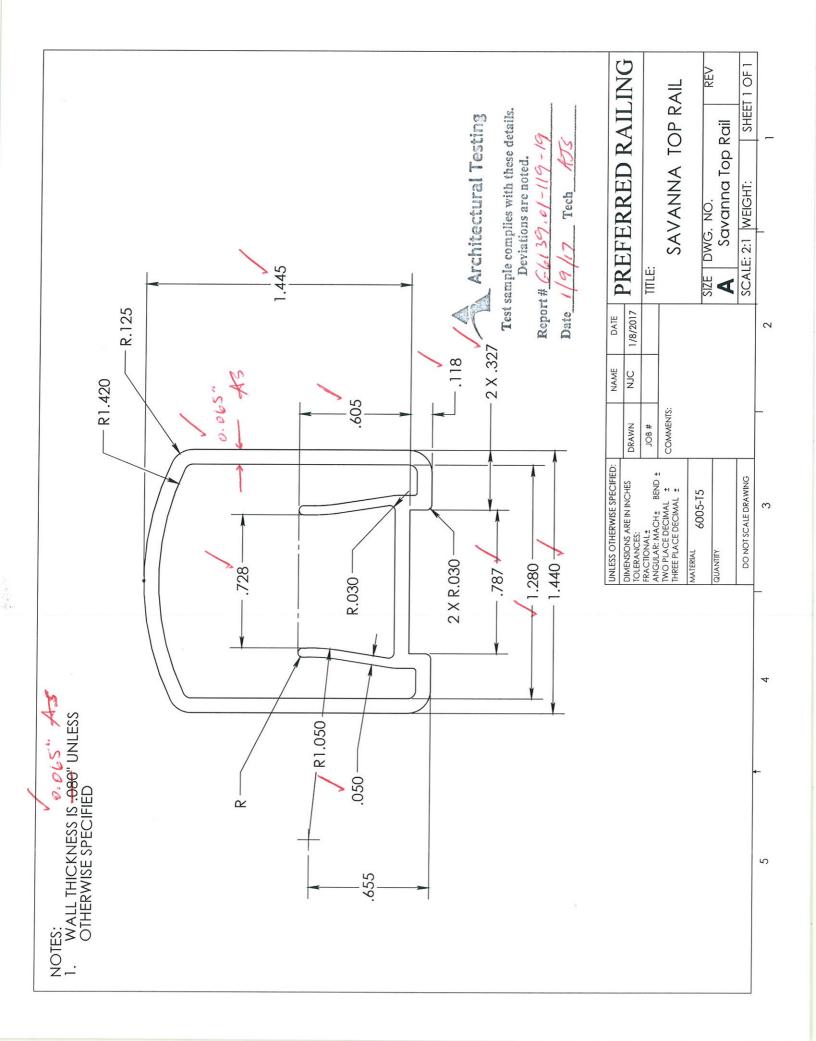


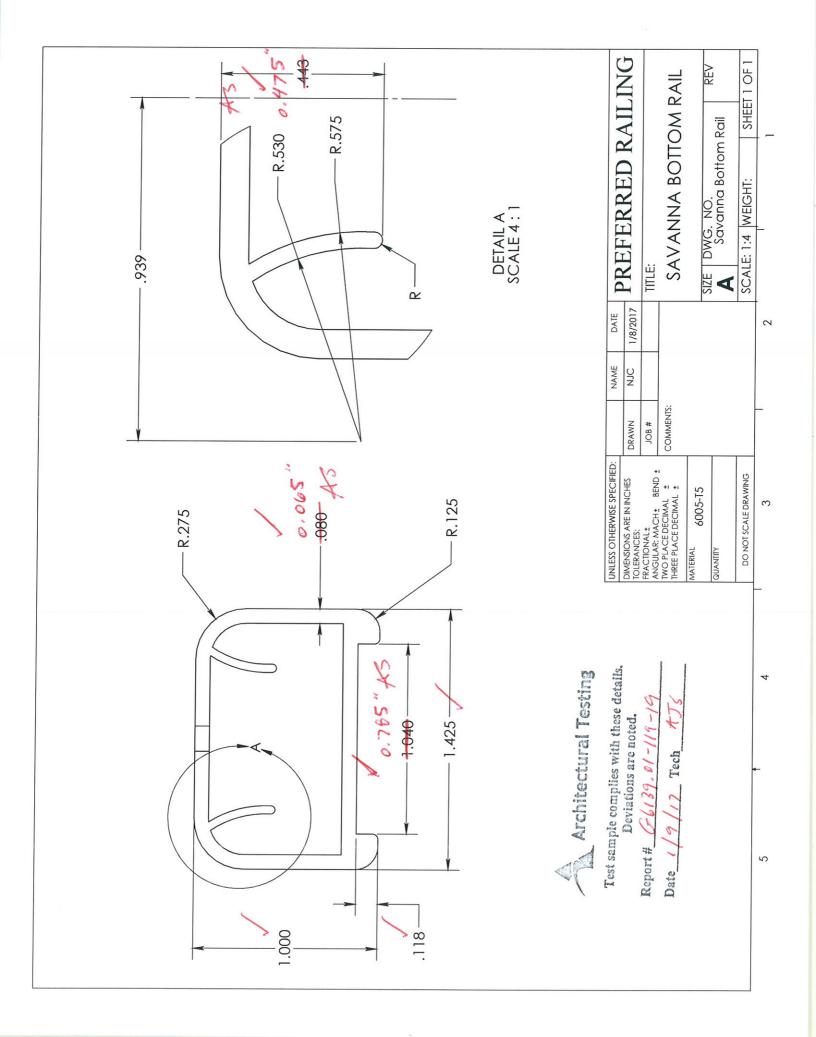


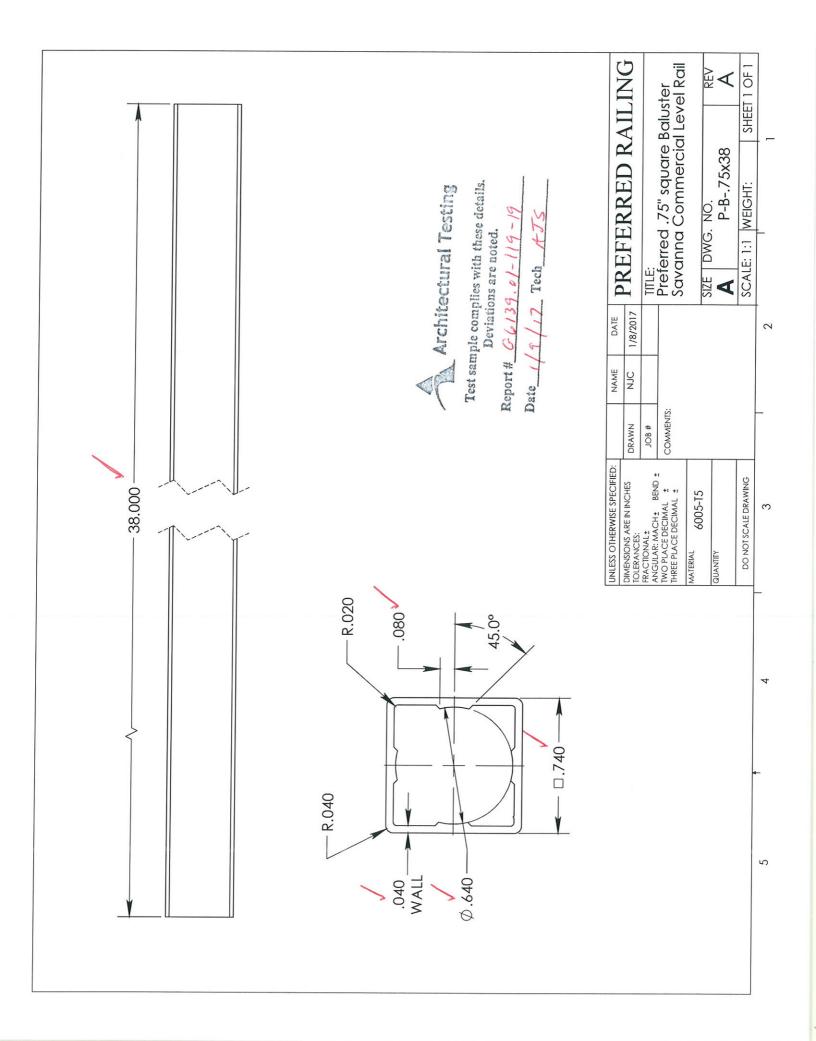
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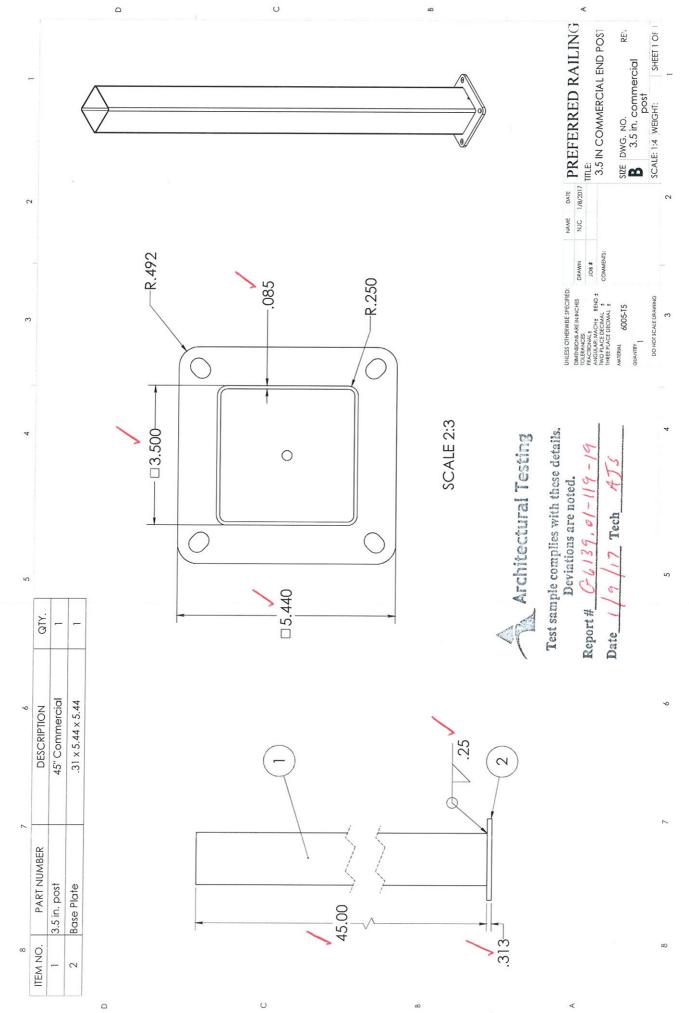
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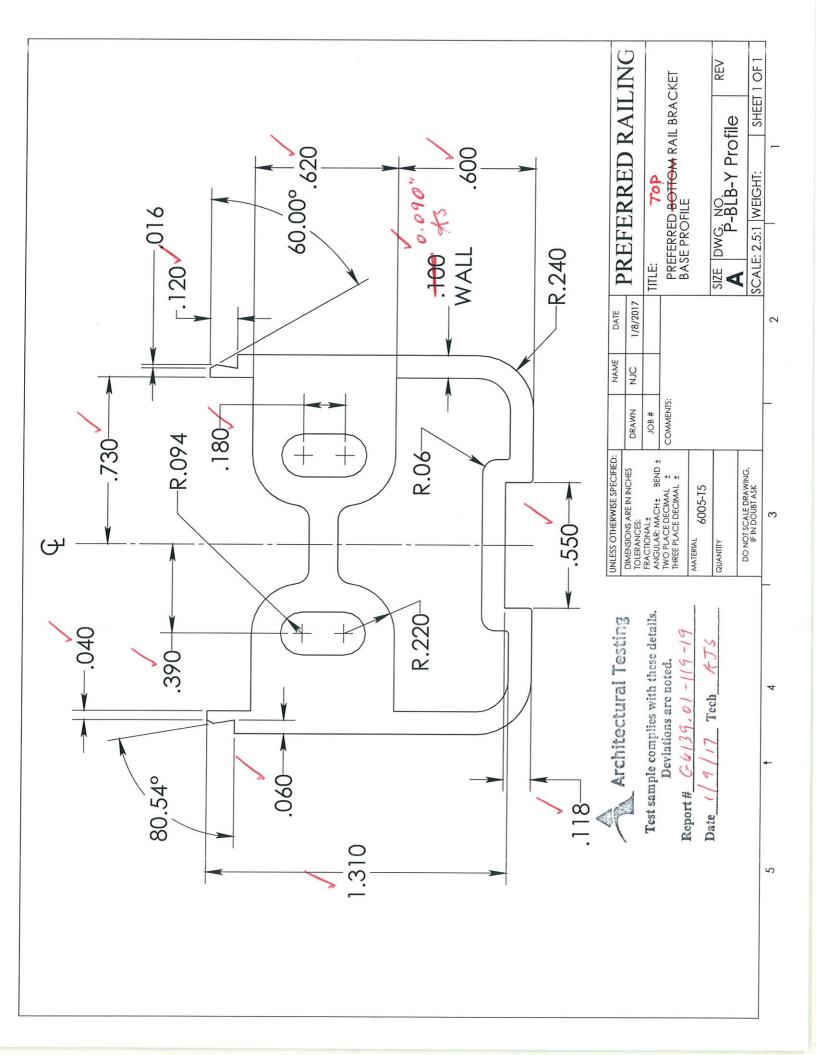


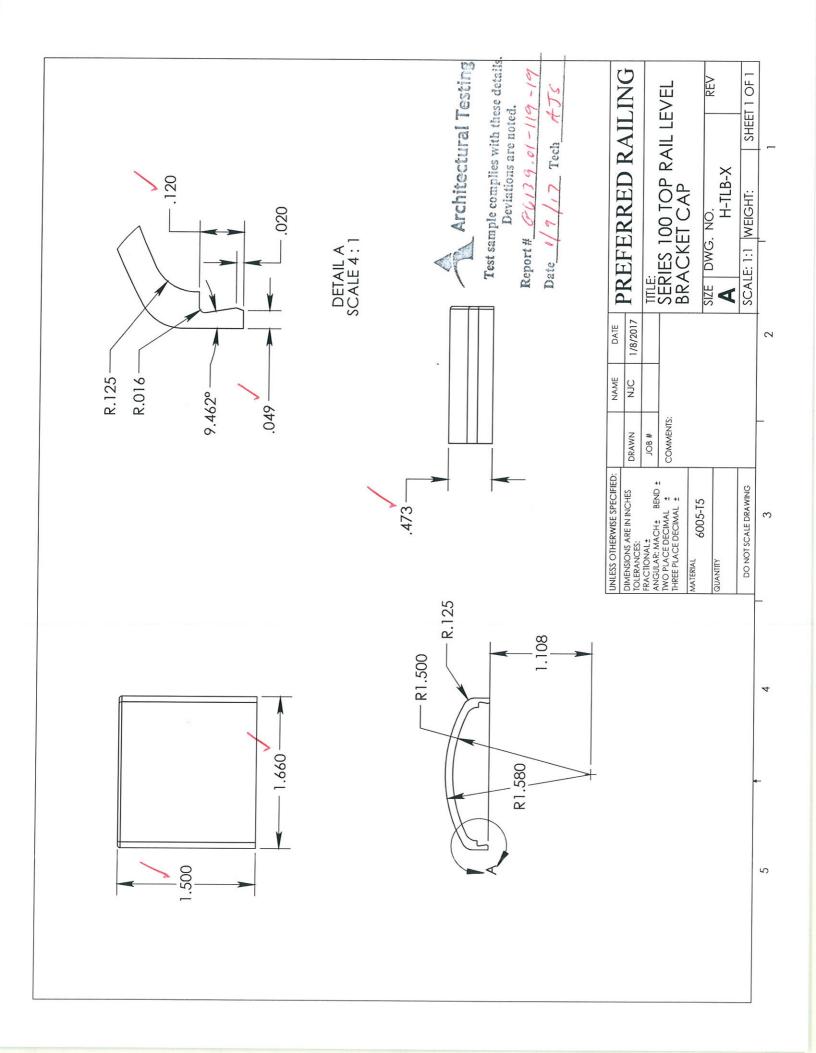


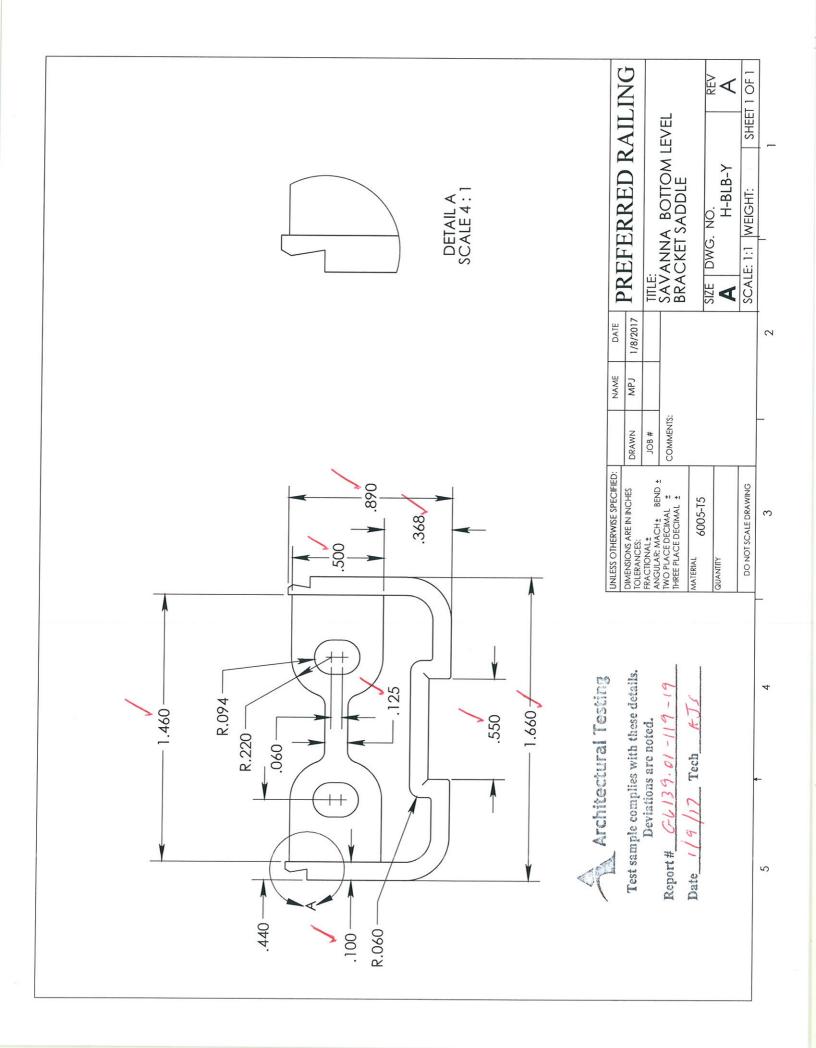


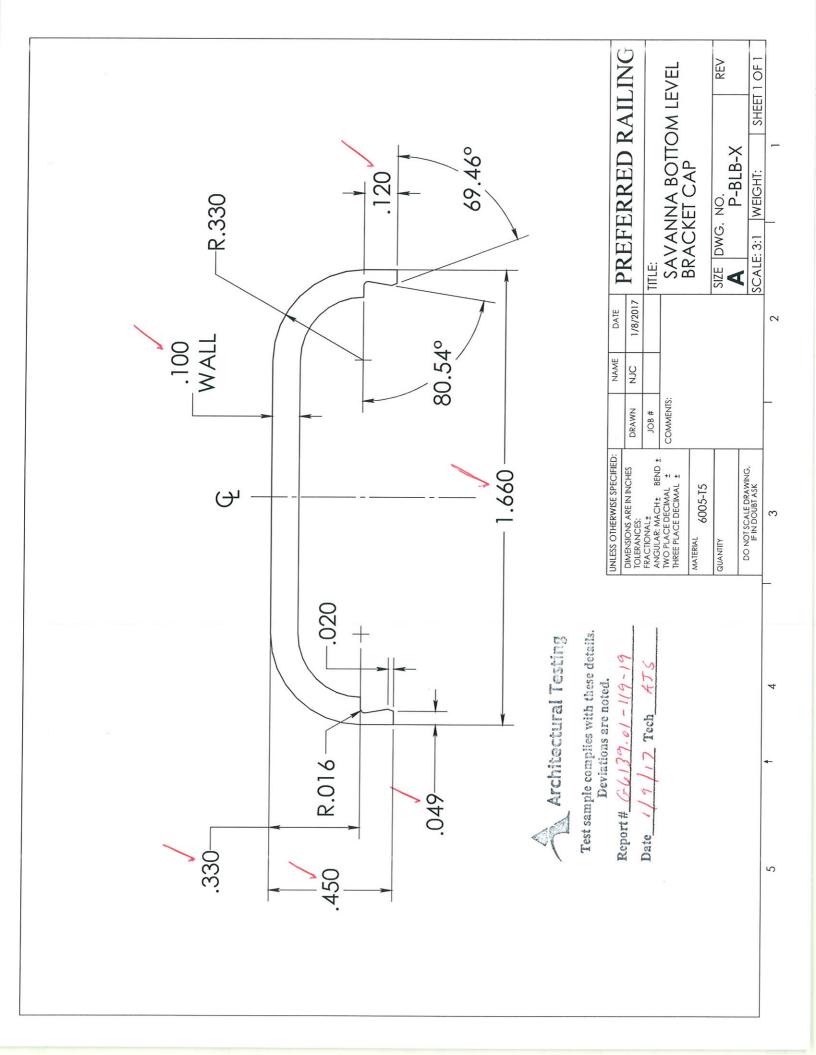


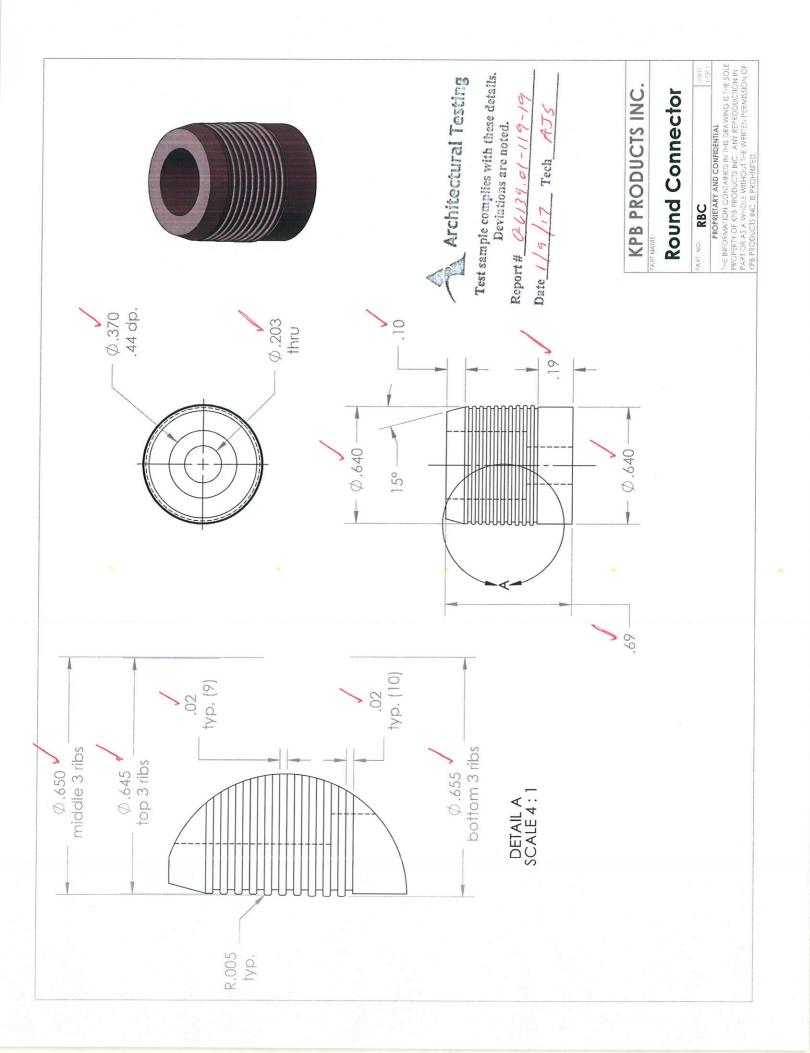
















APPENDIX B

Photographs







Photo No. 1 In-Fill Load Test at Center of Two Pickets



Photo No. 2 In-Fill Load Test at Bottom of Two Pickets







Photo No. 3 Concentrated Load Test at Mid-Span of Top Rail



Photo No. 4 Concentrated Load at Ends of Rail (Brackets)







Photo No. 5 Concentrated Load Test at Top of Post Mount



Photo No. 6 Bottom Rail Bracket and Post Mount Connection







Photo No. 7 Top Rail Collar Bracket and Connections

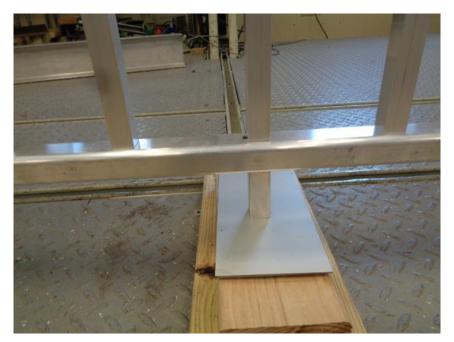


Photo No. 8 Bottom Rail Support Block