

DECK SUPPLY SERVICES LLC TEST REPORT

SCOPE OF WORK

ICC-ES AC273 PERFORMANCE TESTING ON 1-7/8 IN ALUMINUM SURFACE POST TOWER MOUNT

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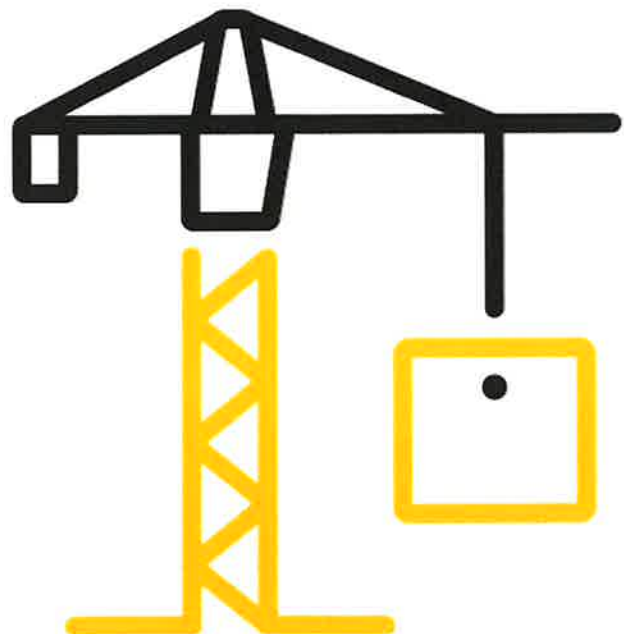
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DECK SUPPLY SERVICES LLC

3977 160th Street
Blue Grass, IA 52726

SECTION 1

SCOPE

Intertek Building & Construction (B&C) was contracted by Deck Supply Services LLC, Blue Grass, IA 52726 to perform structural performance tests in accordance with Section 4.3 of ICC-ES™ AC273 on their 1-7/8 in aluminum surface post tower mount. Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test method(s). Testing was conducted at the Intertek B&C test facility in York, PA.

Intertek B&C 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). Intertek B&C is accredited to perform all testing reported herein.

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TEST METHOD(S)

The specimens were evaluated in accordance with Section 4.3 of the following:

ICC-ES™ AC273 (June, 2017), Acceptance Criteria for Handrails and Guards

ICC-ES™ AC273 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

Limitations

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.

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MATERIAL SOURCE

All materials utilized for testing reported herein were provided to Intertek B&C by Deck Supply Services LLC and were not sampled or selected by an independent inspection agency. Representative samples of the test specimen(s) will be retained by Intertek B&C for a minimum of four years from the test completion date.

Test specimens were inspected prior to testing to verify the condition of the materials was suitable for testing. No potentially compromising defects were observed.

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LIST OF OFFICIAL OBSERVERS

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TEST PROCEDURE

Post mount tests were performed per ICC-ES™ AC273, Section 4.3 in a self-contained structural frame designed to accommodate anchorage of a rail assembly and application of the required test loads. The specimens were loaded using an electric winch mounted to a rigid steel test frame. High strength steel cables and nylon straps were used to impose test loads on the specimens. 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.

The post mount assembly was installed and tested by directly securing (surface-mounting) the base of the post mounts to a rigid steel test frame (simulated concrete). The post mount to base plate attachment screws were located such that the line of screws was perpendicular to the direction of the applied load (reference Photo No. 4 in Section 9). Transducers mounted to an independent reference frame were located at the top of the post mount, adjacent to the load application strap to record movement of reference points on the post mount. See photographs in Section 9 for test setups.

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. Increased load to failure.

Unless otherwise noted, all loads and displacement measurements were normal to the post tower (horizontal).

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TEST SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

The surface post tower mount is comprised of an aluminum post. Drawings are included in Section 10 to verify the overall dimensions and other pertinent information of the tested product, its components, and any constructed assemblies. Photographs are provided in Section 9.

PRODUCT	Aluminum Post Tower Mount (Surface Mount)
POST	1-7/8 in square by 0.105 in thick wall 6005-T5 aluminum extrusion with six raceway channels
BASE PLATE	3-13/16 in square by 1/2 in thick 6005-T5 aluminum plate with four 13/32 in wide by 17/32 in long slotted holes, two 1/4 in diameter holes and four 7/32 in diameter holes
OVERALL HEIGHT	39-1/4 in (bottom of base plate to top of post)

Fastening Schedule

CONNECTION	FASTENER
Post to Base Plate ¹	1/4 in continuous fillet weld all around; Four #10-24 x 1-1/2 in (0.187 major diameter) T-15 star drive, trim head, type C point, coated steel screws; Two 1/4-20 x 2 in (0.247 major diameter) T-30 star drive, trim head, type F point, coated steel screws
Post Mount to Substructure	Four 1/2 in Grade 8 hex-head bolts with washer

¹ The post mount to base plate attachment screws were located such that the line of screws was perpendicular to the direction of the applied load. Reference Photo No. 4 in Section 9 for test load direction.

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TEST RESULTS

Key to Test Results Tables:

Load Level: Target test load

Test Load: Actual applied load at the designated load level (target).

Elapsed Time (E.T.): The amount of time into the test with zero established at the beginning of the loading procedure.

Test No. 1 - Test Date: 03/28/18

Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (36 in High)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	DISPLACEMENT (in)
200 lb (D.L.)	201	00:22	1.17
Ultimate Load	610	01:05	Mode of Failure: Weld cracked and bottom screws pulled out

Deflection Evaluation:

Maximum post deflection at 201 lb = 1.17 in

Limits per AC273:

$$\frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.0" > 1.17 \therefore ok$$

Test No. 2 - Test Date: 03/28/18

Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (36 in High)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	DISPLACEMENT (in)
200 lb (D.L.)	202	00:14	1.17
Ultimate Load	582	00:47	Mode of Failure: Weld cracked and bottom screws pulled out

Deflection Evaluation:

Maximum post deflection at 202 lb = 1.17 in

Limits per AC273:

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Test No. 3 - Test Date: 03/28/18

Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Post Mount (36 in High)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	DISPLACEMENT (in)
200 lb (D.L.)	205	00:21	1.12
Ultimate Load	652	01:03	Mode of Failure: Weld cracked

Deflection Evaluation:

Maximum post deflection at 205 lb = 1.12 in

Limits per AC273:

$$\frac{h}{12} = \frac{36}{12} = 3.0" > 1.12 \therefore ok$$

Test Summary

SPECIMEN NO.	ULTIMATE LOAD (LB)	DEVIATION FROM AVERAGE
1	610	-0.8%
2	582	-5.4%
3	652	6.0%
AVERAGE	615	

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CONCLUSION

When installed in a surface mounted condition to a concrete base, the post mount assembly reported herein meets the structural performance requirements of Section 4.3 of ICC-ES™ AC273 for use in One- and Two-Family Dwellings (IRC).

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo No. 1
Static Post Load Test



Photo No. 2
Static Post Load Test - Load Applied

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Photo No. 3
Typical Failure at Weld on Base Plate

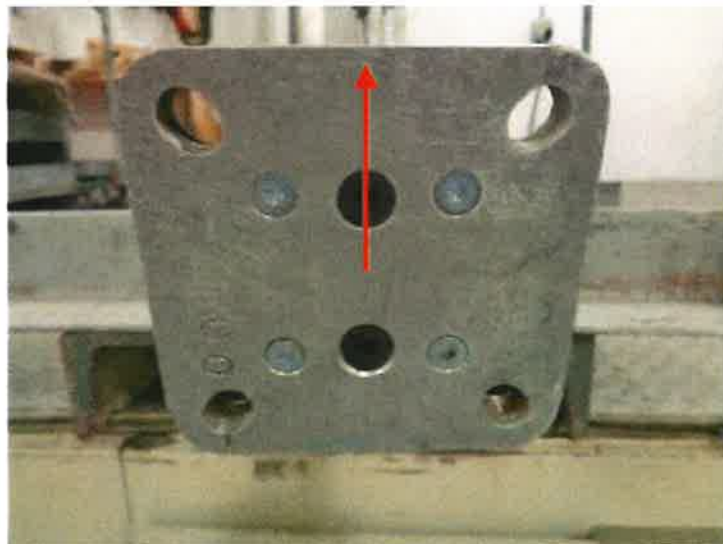


Photo No. 4
Connection at Bottom of Base Plate
(Arrow Denotes Direction of Load)



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DRAWINGS

The "As-Built" drawings for the 1-7/8 in aluminum surface post tower mount, which follow, have been reviewed by Intertek B&C and are representative of the project reported herein. Project construction was verified by Intertek B&C per the drawings included in this report. Any deviations are documented herein or on the drawings.