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1.0 General Information

1.1 Product

6 ft by 8 ft with Interlocking Pickets and 6 ft by 8 ft with Lattice PVC Privacy Fence Assemblies

1.2 Project Description

Architectural Testing, Inc., an Intertek company ("Intertek-ATI"), was contracted by USA Vinyl, LLC to perform dynamic wind load tests on their 6 ft by 8 ft with interlocking pickets and 6 ft by 8 ft with lattice PVC privacy fence assemblies. This report includes comprehensive written and photographic documentation of the testing performed.





2.0 Wind Load Testing

2.1 Test Specimen

One specimen (consisting of a 2-panel/3-post fully assembled fence section) of each vinyl privacy fence system was tested. Each panel measured approximately 6 ft tall by 8 ft wide. USA Vinyl, LLC provided all test materials to Intertek-ATI in York, Pennsylvania. See drawings in Appendix A for detailed descriptions of assembly and components.

2.2 Equipment

Two propeller fan wind generators were utilized for testing. The propeller of each fan was 84 in diameter and was comprised of four Kevlar composite airfoil units belt-driven by a high-output V8 engine. Wind speeds for the wind generators were calibrated according to AAMA 501.1-05. Deflections were measured with linear displacement transducers accurate to 0.01 inch.

2.3 Test Setup

A steel test fixture was designed and fabricated to simulate a rigid post embedment. The bottom of the bottom rail was fixed at two inches above the top of the test fixture. The wind generator outlet was located 4 ft from the face of the specimen (see photographs in Appendix B). Linear transducers were fixed on the top rail, middle of the in-fill area, and bottom rail for deflection measurements.

2.4 Test Procedure

Wind load testing began at 30 mph for specimen No. 1 and 50 mph for Specimen No's 2 through 3 and increased until failure or a maximum wind speed of 130 mph. Wind loads were performed with a relaxation period after 50 mph and 80 mph to record permanent set measurements. The duration of the applied wind load at each wind speed was determined by using the following equation:

 $t = 3600 / V_{fm}$ (Equation 1)

where:

t = duration (s), required for a one mile long sample of air to pass V_{fm} = "fastest mile" wind speed (mph)

Wind speeds used in testing correlate with "fastest mile" wind speeds (V_{fm}) for reference to codes and design standards. Maximum deflections were recorded at each load level.





2.5 Test Results

Test Series No. 1

Description: 6 ft high by 8 ft wide (nominal) PVC privacy fence with interlocking pickets

- **Top / Mid / Bottom Rail**: 5-1/2 in high by 1-1/2 in wide by 95-5/8 in long (0.090/0.060 in wall) PVC slotted rails with two locking tabs per side on each rail end.
- **Rail Reinforcement**: 1-11/16 in high by 1-1/4 in wide by 95-11/16 in long by 0.64 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum (bottom rail only)
- **Panels**: Seven 7/8 in deep by 13-7/8 in wide by 31-1/4 in long by 0.060 in thick interlocking pickets per infill area (two areas per panel) each with two locking tabs per side on each panel end.
- Post: Three 5 in by 5 in by 107-13/16 in long (0.150" wall) routed PVC posts
- **Post Reinforcement**: 4-5/8 in high by 4-5/8 in wide by 53-13/16 in long by 0.11 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum reinforcement with 1 in long returns on the flanges. Web was offset 1/4 in from center.
 - <u>Note</u>: In lieu of aluminum reinforcement post can be filled with concrete to a height of 22 in above grade (54 in from bottom of post to top of concrete).
- **Rail Attachment**: Routed holes in the posts captured the ends of the rails. The locking tabs at the rail ends engaged the rails in the posts. Additionally, one #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screw was installed in the top side of the top rail to prevent the rails from disengaging from the post.
- **Panel Attachment**: Routed slots in the rails captured the ends of the panels. The locking tabs at the panel ends engaged the panels in the rails.





Test Series No. 1 (Continued)

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		Maximum Deflection (inches)						
Wind Speed	Duration	Тор		Mid		Bot	tom	
		Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right	
30 mph	120 sec	0.92	0.64	1.40	1.03	0.55	0.34	
40 mph	90 sec	1.93	1.68	2.42	1.70	0.82	0.41	
50 mph	72 sec	2.62	2.80	3.88	3.12	1.10	0.61	
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.22	0.10	0.50	0.30	0.16	0.06	
60 mph	60 sec	3.69	3.72	5.07	5.04	1.47	1.09	
70 mph	51 sec	5.10	4.89	6.92	5.50	2.01	1.17	
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80 mph	45 sec	6.27	6.21	8.38	6.71	2.27	1.23	
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.29	0.21	0.57	0.47	0.22	0.07	
90 mph	40 sec	8.69	7.24	11.67	7.80	3.72	1.68	
100 mph	36 sec	10.03	8.01	13.41	8.37	4.04	1.52	
Observation : 3 seconds into the 110 mph velocity, the panels blew out								

Maximum Sustained Wind, $V_{fm} = 100$ mph; Equivalent 3-second gust, $V_{3s} = 116$ mph; Ultimate Design Wind Speed, $V_{ult} = 150$ mph





Test Series No. 2

- **Description**: 6 ft high by 8 ft wide (nominal) PVC privacy fence with interlocking pickets and with mechanical fasteners attaching the panels to the rails
 - Top / Mid / Bottom Rail: 5-1/2 in high by 1-1/2 in wide by 95-5/8 in long (0.090/0.060 in wall) PVC slotted rails with two locking tabs per side on each rail end.
 - **Rail Reinforcement**: 1-11/16 in high by 1-1/4 in wide by 95-11/16 in long by 0.64 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum (bottom rail only)
 - **Panels**: Seven 7/8 in deep by 13-7/8 in wide by 31-1/4 in long by 0.060 in thick interlocking pickets per infill area (two areas per panel) each with two locking tabs per side on each panel end.
 - Post: Three 5 in by 5 in by 107-13/16 in long (0.150" wall) routed PVC posts
 - **Post Reinforcement**: 4-5/8 in high by 4-5/8 in wide by 53-13/16 in long by 0.11 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum reinforcement with 1 in long returns on the flanges. Web was offset 1/4 in from center.
 - <u>Note</u>: In lieu of aluminum reinforcement post can be filled with concrete to a height of 22 in above grade (54 in from bottom of post to top of concrete).
 - Rail Attachment: Routed holes in the posts captured the ends of the rails. The locking tabs at the rail ends engaged the rails in the posts. Additionally, one #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screw was installed in the top side of the top rail to prevent the rails from disengaging from the post.
 - Panel Attachment: Routed slots in the rails captured the ends of the panels. The locking tabs at the panel ends engaged the panels in the rails. Additionally, two #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screws were installed at each panel end (one side only).

<u>Note</u>: Panel attachment screws for both fence sections were located on the windward side of the test specimen.





Test Series No. 2 (Continued)

Test Date: 06/29/16

		Maximum Deflection (inches)					
Wind Speed	Duration	Тор		Mid		Bot	tom
		Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
50 mph	72 sec	2.70	2.45	3.21	3.11	1.16	0.93
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.09	0.02	0.07	0.09	0.07	0.08
60 mph	60 sec	3.71	3.31	4.16	4.10	1.62	1.04
70 mph	51 sec	5.36	4.92	5.88	5.25	2.41	1.89
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80 mph	45 sec	7.60	6.04	7.22	5.83	2.99	1.90
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.34	0.21	0.51	0.30	0.21	0.05
90 mph	40 sec	9.31	7.69	8.53	7.92	4.12	2.48
100 mph	36 sec	11.73	9.33	10.50	7.60	5.09	2.68
115 mph	31 sec	13.14	9.67	11.89	9.77	6.11	3.04
120 mph	30 sec	15.02	9.73	17.39	17.39	12.68	3.70
Observation : 15 seconds into the 130 mph velocity, the panels blew out							

Maximum Sustained Wind, V_{fm} = 120 mph; Equivalent 3-second gust, V_{3s} = 137 mph; Ultimate Design Wind Speed, V_{ult} = 177 mph





Test Series No. 3

Description: 6 ft high by 8 ft wide (nominal) PVC privacy fence with lattice

- **Top Rail**: 3-1/2 in high by 1-3/4 in wide by 95-3/4 in long (0.110 in wall) PVC slotted rails with one locking tab per side on each rail end.
- Bottom / Mid Rail: 5-1/2 in high by 1-1/2 in wide by 95-5/8 in long (0.090/0.060 in wall) PVC slotted rails with two locking tabs per side on each rail end.
- **Rail Reinforcement**: 1-11/16 in high by 1-1/4 in wide by 95-11/16 in long by 0.64 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum (bottom rail only)
- **Panels**: Seven 7/8 in deep by 13-7/8 in wide by 52 in long by 0.060 in thick interlocking pickets with two locking tabs per side on each end.

- One 12 in high by 91 in long by 0.180 in thick lattice panel.

- Lattice End Cap: 1-1/2 in high by 7/8 in deep by 9 in long by 0.70 in thick slotted PVC channel (one at each end of lattice panel).
- **Post**: Three 5 in by 5 in by 107-13/16 in long (0.150" wall) routed PVC posts
- **Post Reinforcement**: 4-5/8 in high by 4-5/8 in wide by 53-13/16 in long by 0.11 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum reinforcement with 1 in long returns on the flanges. Web was offset 1/4 in from center.

<u>Note</u>: In lieu of aluminum reinforcement post can be filled with concrete to a height of 22 in above grade (54 in from bottom of post to top of concrete).

- **Rail Attachment**: Routed holes in the posts captured the ends of the rails. The locking tabs at the rail ends engaged the rails in the posts. Additionally, one #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screw was installed in the top side of the top rail to prevent the rails from disengaging from the post.
- Panel Attachment: Interlocking Panels: Routed slots in the rails captured the ends of the panels. The locking tabs at the panel ends engaged the panels in the rails.
 - Lattice Panel: Routed slots in the rails captured the top and bottom edges of the lattice panels.





Test Series No. 3 (Continued)

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		Maximum Deflection (inches)					
Wind Speed	Duration	Тор		Mid		Bottom	
		Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
50 mph	72 sec	2.75	2.71	3.15	3.13	1.51	1.30
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.10	0.12	0.17	0.15	0.06	0.03
60 mph	60 sec	3.93	3.77	4.58	4.50	2.03	1.84
70 mph	51 sec	4.73	4.77	6.03	5.39	2.89	2.25
Observation : Top lattice blew out during the 80 mph velocity							

Maximum Sustained Wind, $V_{fm} = 70$ mph Equivalent 3-second gust, $V_{3s} = 84$ mph; Ultimate Design Wind Speed, $V_{ult} = 108$ mph





Test Series No. 4

- **Description**: 6 ft high by 8 ft wide (nominal) PVC privacy fence with lattice and with mechanical fasteners attaching the interlocking panels and lattice to the rails
 - **Top Rail**: 3-1/2 in high by 1-3/4 in wide by 95-3/4 in long (0.110 in wall) PVC slotted rails with one locking tab per side on each rail end.
 - **Bottom / Mid Rail**: 5-1/2 in high by 1-1/2 in wide by 95-5/8 in long (0.090/0.060 in wall) PVC slotted rails with two locking tabs per side on each rail end.
 - **Rail Reinforcement**: 1-11/16 in high by 1-1/4 in wide by 95-11/16 in long by 0.64 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum (bottom rail only)
 - **Panels**: Seven 7/8 in deep by 13-7/8 in wide by 52 in long by 0.060 in thick interlocking pickets with two locking tabs per side on each end.
 - One 12 in high by 91 in long by 0.180 in thick lattice panel.
 - Lattice End Cap: 1-1/2 in high by 7/8 in deep by 9 in long by 0.70 in thick slotted PVC channel (one at each end of lattice panel).
 - **Post**: Three 5 in by 5 in by 107-13/16 in long (0.150" wall) routed PVC posts
 - **Post Reinforcement**: 4-5/8 in high by 4-5/8 in wide by 53-13/16 in long by 0.11 in thick I-shaped extruded aluminum reinforcement with 1 in long returns on the flanges. Web was offset 1/4 in from center.
 - <u>Note</u>: In lieu of aluminum reinforcement post can be filled with concrete to a height of 22 in above grade (54 in from bottom of post to top of concrete).
 - **Rail Attachment**: Routed holes in the posts captured the ends of the rails. The locking tabs at the rail ends engaged the rails in the posts. Additionally, one #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screw was installed in the top side of the top rail to prevent the rails from disengaging from the post.





Test Series No. 4 (Continued)

Panel Attachment:

- Interlocking Panels: Routed slots in the rails captured the ends of the panels. The locking tabs at the panel ends engaged the panels in the rails. Additionally, two #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screws were installed at each panel end (one side only).
- Lattice Panel: Routed slots in the rails captured the top and bottom edges of the lattice panels. Additionally, three #10-16 x 1-1/2" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screws (11 in from each rail end and at rail midpoint) were installed along the top and bottom edges to attach the lattice panel to the top and mid rails (one side only) and two #10-16 x 1" (0.138 in minor diameter) coated carbon steel pan head screws were installed at each end to attach the lattice panel to the lattice only.

<u>Note</u>: Panel and lattice attachment screws for each fence section were located on opposite sides (one section windward, one section leeward).





Test Series No. 4 (Continued)

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		Maximum Deflection (inches)					
Wind Speed	Duration	Тор		Mid		Bottom	
		Left	Right	Left	Right	Left	Right
50 mph	72 sec	2.69	2.91	3.26	3.42	1.61	1.53
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.12	0.03	0.16	0.06	0.10	0.02
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60 mph	60 sec	3.48	3.65	3.90	4.40	2.03	1.74
70 mph	51 sec	5.06	4.57	5.87	4.98	3.02	2.14
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80 mph	45 sec	6.02	5.51	6.79	6.18	3.71	2.53
0 mph	Permanent Set	0.12	0.15	0.35	0.24	0.19	0.08
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90 mph	40 sec	7.74	6.93	8.65	7.67	5.83	3.58
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100 mph	36 sec	8.42		12.26	8.49	6.08	4.02
115 mph	31 sec	18.54		12.40	12.09	8.06	6.13
Observation : Center post buckled and panels blew out following the 31 second hold at 115 mph							

Maximum Sustained Wind, $V_{fm} = 115$ mph; Equivalent 3-second gust, $V_{3s} = 131$ mph; Ultimate Design Wind Speed, $V_{ult} = 169$ mph





3.0 Closing Statement

Intertek-ATI will service this report for the entire test record retention period, a period of four years from the original test date. 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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APPENDIX A

Drawings

PANEL PRIVACY 6'X8' w/ Interlocking Pickets



	Material List				
Qty	ltem	Dimensions	WRHS USE ONLY		
1	Top Rail	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 95-3/4"	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 8' Rail		
1	Middle Rail	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 95-3/4"	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 8' Rail		
1	Bottom Rail	1-1/2" x 5-1/2 x 95-3/4"	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 8' Rail		
1	Aluminum Rail Insert	1-1/4"x 1-3/4" x 95-3/4"*	1-1/4"x 1-3/4" x 8' Aluminum Rail Insert		
14	Pickets	7/8" x 13-7/8" x 31-1/4"	7/8" X 13-7/8" X 160" Panel Privacy Picket		

*Actual measurements may vary slightly.

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PANEL PRIVACY 6'X8' w/ Lattice ACTUAL HEIGHT



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	Material List					
Qty	ltem	Dimensions	WRHS USE ONLY			
1	Top Rail	1-3/4" x 3-1/2" x 95-3/4"	1-3/4" x 3-1/2" x 8' Rail			
1	Middle Rail	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 95-3/4"	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 8' Rail			
1	Bottom Rail	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 95-3/4"	1-1/2" x 5-1/2" x 8' Rail			
1	Aluminum Rail Insert	1-1/4"x 1-3/4" x 95-3/4"	1-1/4"x 1-3/4" x 8' Aluminum Rail Insert			
1	Lattice	12" x 90.25"	16" x 90.25" Lattice			
2	Lattice End Cap	7/8" x 1-1/2 x 9"	12" Lattice End Cap			
7	Pickets	7/8" x 13-7/8" x 52"	7/8" X 13-7/8" X 150" Panel Privacy Picket			

*Actual measurements may vary slightly.



Test sample complies with these details. Deviations are noted.

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PWPR-PANELLATAH-6X8



A. WIDTH OUTSIDE = $5.500\pm0.020^{\prime}$ B. WIDTH OUTSIDE = $1.500\pm0.020^{\prime}$ C. OUTSIDE TO FIRST RIB = 1.833 (REFERENCE)^{\prime} D. OUTSIDE TO SECOND RIB = 3.607° (REFERENCE) 3.67° E. NOMINAL WALL THICKNESS = $0.090\pm0.007^{\prime}$ F. NOMINAL RIB THICKNESS = 0.060° G. OUTSIDE CORNER RADIUS = 0.125° WEIGHT PER FOOT - - - = 0.840 LBS. OVERALL LENGTHS - - = 6° , 8° , 12° , 16°

















APPENDIX B

Photographs







Photo No. 1 Test Specimen in Rigid Test Fixture – Front Side



Photo No. 2 Test Specimen in Rigid Test Fixture – Back Side







Photo No. 3 Test Specimen During Testing



Photo No. 4 Specimen No. 1 Failure







Photo No. 5 Specimen No. 2 Failure



Photo No. 6 Specimen No. 3 Failure







Photo No. 7 Specimen No. 4 Failure