HUBER ENGINEERED WOODS
ZIP SYSTEM R-SHEATHING

CSI Sections: 06 12 00 Structural Panels : 06 16 00 Sheathing

1.0 RECOGNITION

ZIP System R-Sheathing panels, manufactured by Huber Engineered Woods, LLC, were evaluated for use with wood framing to resist racking shear loads due to lateral in-plane wind and seismic forces.

The structural properties of the sheathing were evaluated for compliance with the following codes:


R-Sheathing is recognized for use as an alternative to braced wall panels in accordance with 2015 IBC Section 2308.6 (2308.3 in the 2012 and 2009 IBC) and as an equivalent alternative to prescriptive WSP Intermittent Bracing in accordance with IRC Section R-602.10. R-Sheathing is also recognized for use in engineered wood frame shear walls under the IBC and IRC.

2.0 LIMITATIONS

Use of the ZIP System R-Sheathing panels recognized in this report is subject to the following limitations:

2.1 R-Sheathing is limited to use in Risk Category I and II buildings of Type V Construction under the IBC, and buildings constructed under the IRC.

2.2 Walls sheathed with R-Sheathing panels shall be sealed to resist water in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions, covered with an approved cladding, and shall not be subject to wetting in service.

2.3 In areas of “Very Heavy” termite infestation probability, the clearance between R-Sheathing and finished grade shall be no less than 6 inches (152 mm).

2.4 Use of R-Sheathing in fire-resistance rated assemblies is outside the scope of this report. R-Sheathing shall not be used in lieu of other wood structural panel (WSP) sheathing in fire-resistance rated assemblies.

2.5 Minimum ½-inch-thick (12.7 mm) gypsum wallboard shall be installed as a thermal barrier on the interior side of walls sheathed with R-Sheathing, in accordance with code.

2.6 R-Sheathing is not for use to resist wind uplift only or combined uplift and shear forces. Any metal straps, ties, or other connectors used to resist uplift forces shall be in contact with and fastened directly to the structural framing.

2.7 Special inspections may be required for wind or seismic force resisting systems in accordance with 2015 IBC Sections 1705.11 and 1705.12 (2012 IBC Sections 1705.10 and 1705.11, or 2009 IBC Sections 1706 and 1707).

2.8 Segments of walls built using R-sheathing panels that contain openings shall not be counted in braced walls lengths or as shear walls.

3.0 PRODUCT USE INSTRUCTIONS

ZIP System R-Sheathing panels are used as wall sheathing to resist wind pressures and transfer lateral loads to the underlying structure, to resist shear loads due to wind and seismic forces. R-Sheathing is also used as a nailing base for exterior cladding fasteners where the cladding is not required by the cladding manufacturer’s instructions and Table R703.1.5.1 of the 2015 IRC to be fastened directly to the underlying framing.

3.1 Installation

The manufacturer’s ZIP System R-Sheathing Installation Manual, this evaluation report, and the applicable provisions of the building code shall be followed when using and installing this product. Where there is a conflict between these documents, the more restrictive shall govern.

The R-Sheathing shall be installed with the foam plastic insulation layer inward against the framing, and the WRB layer facing out. Fasteners shall be long enough to penetrate beyond the depth of the sheathing and foam plastic layers, and into the framing a minimum of 1½ inches (38.1 mm). Table 1 of this report describes the thickness of each panel layer and the minimum fastener length, spacing, and distance from panel edges required for installation. During installation, care shall be exercised to make sure the fasteners are driven into the framing members at the required spacing and distance from panel edges.

R-Sheathing panels used to resist racking shear forces shall have all edges backed by solid framing or blocking. The panels may be installed either vertically or horizontally and shall be gapped in accordance with the manufacturer’s installation instructions.

3.2 Design

ZIP System R-Sheathing panels may be used as an alternative to WSP in the WSP Intermittent Bracing method...
in the IRC, and braced wall panels in 2015 IBC Section 2308.6 (2308.3 in the 2012 and 2009 IBC), including use in Seismic Design Categories C, D0, D1, D2, and E. Use in SDC C is subject to the requirements of IRC Section R301.2.2.2; use in SDC D0, D1, D2 is subject to the requirements of IRC Section R301.2.2.3; and use in SDC E is subject to the requirements of IRC Section R301.2.2.4.

R-Sheathing panels may also be used as an alternative to wood structural panels in shear walls using the design values given in Table 2 of this report, and the seismic design coefficients and structural system limitations applicable for bearing wall system A.15 Light-frame (wood) walls sheathed with wood structural panels rated for shear resistance in Table 12.2-1 of ASCE 7-10. All the design provisions to resist seismic loads shall follow the detailing requirements in the referenced standards specified in Section 14.5 of ASCE 7-10. The following seismic design coefficients shall be used:

- Response modification factor, \( R = 6.5 \)
- Overstrength factor, \( \Omega_0 = 3.0 \)
- Deflection amplification factor, \( C_d = 4.0 \)

When used to resist lateral in-plane forces, the panels shall be installed in accordance with IBC Section 2305 or IRC Section 602.10, as applicable. The maximum shear wall aspect ratio shall be 2:1. Shear wall deflection shall be determined using Section 4.3.2, Equation 4.3-1 of AWC SDPWS-2015 using values of apparent shear stiffness, \( G_s \), in Table 2 of this report. Shear wall nominal and design unit shear capacities shall be determined in accordance with Table 2 of this report.

Braced walls or shear walls built using R-sheathing panels may be mixed with other methods compatible with prescriptive Method WSP, in accordance with 2015 and 2012 IRC Section R602.10.4 (2009 IRC Section R602.10.1.1). Serviceability and long term loading effects shall be considered in design in accordance with Sections 2304.13 and 1604.3.1 of the IBC and the manufacturer’s ZIP System R-Sheathing Installation Manual.

4.0 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ZIP System R-Sheathing is a composite of Huber’s 7/16-inch-thick (11.1 mm) wood structural panel (WSP), with a phenolic-impregnated sheet laminated to its exterior surface and a foam plastic insulation laminated to its interior surface as described in ICC-ES ESR-3373. The 7/16-inch-nominal-thickness WSP is an Exposure 1, DOC PS 2 span rated sheathing panel. The insulation layer is ACFoam Recover Board or RBoard, a polyisocyanurate foam plastic recognized in ICC-ES ESR-1375 having nominal density of 2.0 pcf (32 kg/m³), with minimum compressive strength of 20 psi (138 kPa), and having a flame-spread index not more than 75, and a smoke developed index not more than 450. The foam plastic is ½-, 1-, 1½-, or 2-inches-thick (12.7, 25.4, 38.1, and 50.8 mm, respectively) depending on the R-Sheathing model and is coated with glass fiber facers on both sides (see Table 1 for details). The panels are 4 feet (1219 mm) wide and available in lengths of 8 to 12 feet (2438 mm to 3658 mm) with square or profiled edges.

5.0 IDENTIFICATION

ZIP System R-Sheathing panels are identified with the manufacturer’s name, the product and model name, IAPMO ES Mark of Conformity and the evaluation report number (ER-482). Either Mark of Conformity may be used as follows:

6.0 SUBSTANTIATING DATA

The following data was reviewed, evaluated and used to establish recognition of ZIP System R-Sheathing panels for the uses described in Section 1.0. The test reports are from laboratories in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025.

6.1 Manufacturer’s ZIP System R-Sheathing Installation Manual.

6.2 Documentation describing the manufacturer’s quality management system.

6.3 Reports of cyclic testing in accordance with ASTM E2126.

6.4 Data analysis in accordance with AC120.

6.5 Reports of equivalency testing in accordance with AC269.1.

6.6 Reports of racking shear testing in accordance with AC269.2.
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8.0 STATEMENT OF RECOGNITION:

This report describes the results of research carried out by
the IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Service on ZIP System R-
Sheathing panels manufactured in Camp Hill, PA; Diboll,
TX; Crystal Hill, VA; Broken Bow, OK; and East Moline,
IL to assess its conformance to the codes listed in Section
1.0, and serves as documentation of the product
certification.

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Table 1. Fastening Requirements for R-Sheathing as an Alternative to WSP Intermittent Bracing Method in the 2015, 2012, and 2009 IRC and IBC in Seismic Design Categories A through E\(^5\)

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<tr>
<th>Sheathing Panel Designation</th>
<th>Nominal R-Sheathing Thickness (in.)</th>
<th>Minimum Fastener Penetration into Framing(^1,3) (in.)</th>
<th>Minimum Fastener Length (in.)</th>
<th>Minimum Fastener Diameter(^4) (in.)</th>
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For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 foot = 305 mm

1. Wall framing shall be minimum nominal 2 x 4 dimension lumber. Maximum stud pacing shall be 24 inches-on-center.
2. All fasteners shall be located at least 3/8 inch from panel edges.
3. All panel edges shall be backed by framing or blocking.
4. Fasteners shall be smooth shank common nails with 8d common nail head size (0.281-inch diameter), or equivalent, conforming to the requirements of 2015 IBC Section 2303.6.
5. Buildings located in Seismic Design Categories C through E shall conform to the provisions in IRC section R301.2.2.
Table 2. Nominal Unit Shear Capacities for Wood-Framed Shear Walls Sheathed with ZIP System R-Sheathing Panels (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)

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<th>R-Sheathing Type</th>
<th>Nominal Combined Panel Thickness including OSB (in.)</th>
<th>Minimum Fastener Penetration into Studs, (in.)</th>
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1. Nominal unit shear capacity, $v_s$ or $v_w$, shall be adjusted in accordance with AWC SDPWS-2015 Section 4.3.3 to determine ASD allowable unit shear capacity and LRFD factored unit resistance.
2. Values assume Douglas-Fir-Larch lumber at 19% or less moisture content at time of fabrication.
3. When species of framing lumber other than Douglas-Fir-Larch are used, reduced nominal unit shear capacities shall be determined by multiplying the tabulated nominal capacity by the following specific gravity adjustment factor: Specific Gravity Adjustment Factor: $[1-(0.50-G)]$ where $G$ = specific gravity of the framing lumber from the NDS (12.3.3A). The Specific Gravity Adjustment Factor shall not exceed 1.0.
4. All panel edges shall be backed by framing or blocking and nails shall be located at least 3/8 inch from panel edges. A ¾-inch panel edge distance for sheathing nails is recommended, where possible, in locations such as shear wall end posts and wall plates where full 2x nominal framing widths for panel edge nailing are present.
5. Fasteners shall be smooth shank common nails with 8d common nail head size (0.281-inch diameter), or equivalent, conforming to the requirements of 2015 IBC Section 2303.6.
6. Avoid overdriving fastener heads as required by 2015 IBC Section 2304.10.2 (Section 2304.9.2 in the 2012 and 2009 IBC).
7. For nailing conditions other than nail diameter and fastener spacing at panel edges shown above, see AWC SDPWS-2015 Section 4.3.7.1, Item 5.
8. Shear wall deflection shall be determined in accordance with AWC SDPWS-2015 Section 4.3.2, Equation 4.3-1 using values for $G_a$ from the table above.
9. The nominal shear capacity for wind includes a 40 percent increase in accordance with IBC Section 2306.3.