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#### **1.0 General Information**

#### 1.1 Product

Aluminum Guardrail System - VersaRail

#### **1.2 Project Description**

Architectural Testing was contracted by Barrette Outdoor Living to perform structural testing on their 8 ft by 42 in *VersaRail* aluminum level guardrail (railing) system. The purpose of the testing is code compliance evaluation in accordance with the following criteria:

2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBC)

Testing is limited to test loads equal to 1.67 times the design load for all components.

According to Table 9.8.8.2 of the 2010 *NBC*, the following tests are required for guards within dwelling units and exterior guards serving not more than 2 dwelling units:

- Horizontal in-fill load test on balusters / 112 lb applied over a 11.75 in by 11.75 in area  $^{1}$
- Vertical uniform load test on top of guard / 103 plf
- Horizontal concentrated load test applied at any location / 225 lb<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Testing is required in both the inward or outward direction. The VersaRail guardrail assembly tested herein was symmetrical; therefore, the load direction was insignificant.

#### 1.3 Limitations

All tests performed were to evaluate structural performance of the level railing assembly to carry and transfer imposed loads to the supports (posts). The test specimen evaluated included the pickets, rails, rail brackets, attachment of the rail brackets to the support posts and the support posts and there attachment to the support structure (simulated mock wood deck).

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#### **1.4 Qualifications**

Architectural Testing has demonstrated compliance with ANS/ISO/IEC Standard 17025 and is consequently accredited as a Testing Laboratory (TL-144) by International Accreditation Service, Inc.

#### 1.5 Witnessing

There were no witnesses from Barrette Outdoor Living present for testing conducted and reported herein.

#### **1.6** Conditions of Testing

Unless otherwise indicated, all testing reported herein was conducted in a laboratory set to maintain temperature in the range of  $68 \pm 4^{\circ}$ F and humidity in the range of  $50 \pm 5\%$  RH. All test specimen materials provided by Barrette Outdoor Living were stored in the laboratory environment for no less than 40 hours prior to testing.

#### **1.7 Product Description**

Barrette Outdoor Living provided the partially-assembled test specimens with details as listed below. All extruded parts were 6005-T5, 6063-T5 or 6063-T6 alloy aluminum, and all cast parts were AA380.0-F aluminum. See drawings in Appendix A and photographs in Appendix B for additional details.

<u>Top Rail Cap</u>: 2-1/8 in high by 1-3/4 in wide contoured aluminum extrusion with 0.07 in wall

<u>Top Sub-rail and Bottom Rail</u>: 1-3/16 in wide by 1 in deep **U**-shaped aluminum extrusion with 0.07 in wall

Balusters: 3/4 in square, hollow aluminum extrusion with 0.04 in wall

Baluster Locking Strip: 3/4 in wide by 0.07 in thick polypropylene extrusion located in bottom and top sub-rail

Rail Brackets: Cast aluminum socket brackets contoured to shape of rails

- <u>Fasteners</u>: #8 x 3/4 in (18-TPI, 0.162 in major dia., 0.118 in minor dia.) pan head, square drive, self-starting, sheet metal screw (four in top bracket / post and two in bottom bracket / post); #8 x 1-1/2 in (18-TPI, 0.165 in major dia., 0.118 in minor dia.) pan head, square drive, self-starting, sheet metal screw (two in top bracket / rail)
- <u>Support Blocks</u>: Extruded aluminum support leg; four spaced equally along the length of the rail.



#### **1.7 Product Description** (Continued)

- Posts: 2-1/2 in square by 0.08 in thick extruded aluminum tube attached to a 5-1/4 in square by 0.25 in thick AISI 1010 steel base plate with four 1/4 in by 2-1/2 in flat head, phillips drive, steel screws driven through raceway channels in aluminum tube; a 5-1/4 in by 3/16 in thick steel plate was included for wood deck installation.
- Wood Deck: 32 in by 35 in screwed construction of 2x8 by 32 in preservative-treated No. 2 KD Southern Pine framing with two 5/4x6 by 32 in preservativetreated Southern Pine deck boards over one 2x8 by 14-1/2 in preservative-treated No. 2 KD Southern Pine horizontal blocking; #9 x 3 in deck screws for 2x8's and decking. Refer to photographs in Appendix B for further construction details.

#### 2.0 Structural Performance Testing of Assembled Railing Systems

#### 2.1 Test Equipment

The guardrail was tested in a self-contained structural frame designed to accommodate anchorage of the guardrail 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, nylon straps, and load distribution beams 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. Electronic linear displacement transducers were used to measure deflections.

#### 2.2 Test Setup

The 8 ft by 42 in *VersaRail* aluminum level guardrail assembly was installed and tested as a single railing section by directly securing the posts into a simulated mock wood deck with four 5/16 in by 3-1/2 in long bolts with washers and nuts. Additional wood blocking was added to the simulated wood deck per the manufacturer's instructions. See blocking instructions in Appendix C for additional information. Transducers mounted to an independent reference frame were located to record movement of reference points on the guardrail system components (ends and mid-point) to determine net component deflections. See photographs in Appendix B for individual test setups.



#### 2.3 Test Procedure

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 prior to testing. 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; and
- 2. Increased load to specified test load in no less than ten seconds.

The testing time was continually recorded from the application of initial test load until the ultimate test load was reached.

#### 2.4 Test Results

The following tests were performed on the guardrail assemblies for the design load requirements of the referenced code. Deflection and permanent set were component deflections relative to their end-points; they were not overall system displacements. All loads and displacement measurements were horizontal, unless noted otherwise.

#### Key to Test Results Tables:

Load Level: Target test load

<u>Test Load</u>: Actual applied load at the designated load level (target).

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

Test No. 1 – Test Date: 11/07/12 Design Load: 112 lb / 1 Square ft of Infill at Center of Three Balusters					
Load LevelTest Load (lb)E.T. (min:sec)Result					
187 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	189	01:07	Withstood load equal to or greater than 187 lb without failure		



## **2.4** Test Results (Continued)

Test No. 2 – Test Date: 11/07/12 Design Load: 112 lb / 1 Square ft of Infill at Bottom of Three Pickets					
Load LevelTest Load (lb)E.T. (min:sec)Result					
187 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	187	00:54	Withstood load equal to or greater than 187 lb without failure		

Test No. 3 – Test Date: 11/07/12 Design Load: 103 plf x (96 in ÷ 12 in/ft) = 824 lb Vertical Uniform Load on Top Rail					
Load LevelTest Load (lb)E.T. (min:sec)Result					
1376 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	1379	01:59	Withstood load equal to or greater than 1376 lb without failure		

Test No. 4 – Test Date: 11/07/12 Design Load: 225 lb Concentrated Load at Midspan of Top Rail						
Displacement (inches)						)
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net <sup>1</sup>
225 lb (D.L.)	227	01:03	1.01	2.19	0.63	1.37
376 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	377	01:27	<b>Result:</b> Withstood load equal to or greater than 376 lb without failure			

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



#### **2.4 Test Results** (Continued)

Test No. 5 – Test Date: 11/20/12 Design Load: 34.3 plf x (93-1/2 in Rail Length + 2-1/2 in Post Width ÷ 12 in/ft ) = 274 lb Concentrated Load on Top of a Single Post Located on Right Side				
Load Level Test Load (lb)		E.T. (min:sec)	Displacement (inches)	
274 lb (D.L.)	275	00:37	2.42	
458 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	458	01:25	<b>Result</b> : Withstood load equal to or greater than 458 lb without failure	

Test No. 6 – Test Date: 11/20/12 Design Load: 34.3 plf x (93-1/2 in Rail Length + 2-1/2 in Post Width ÷ 12 in/ft ) = 274 lb Concentrated Load on Top of a Single Post Located on Left Side				
Load Level Test Load (lb)		E.T. (min:sec)	Displacement (inches)	
274 lb (D.L.)	275	00:48	1.92	
458 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	459	01:31	<b>Result</b> : Withstood load equal to or greater than 458 lb without failure	

## 2.5 Summary and Conclusions

The 8 ft by 42 in *VersaRail* aluminum level guardrail (railing) system reported herein met the design load requirements (as specified in Table 9.8.8.2 of the 2010 *NBC* for guards within dwelling units and exterior guards serving not more than 2 dwelling units) and safety factors of the 2010 *NBC* as installed between the support posts and guardrail details as described above.



#### 3.0 Closing Statement

Architectural Testing will service this report for the entire test record retention period. The report retention will be four years from the report 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 Architectural Testing, Inc. for the entire test record retention period. Results obtained are tested values and were secured using the designated test methods. This report neither constitutes certification of this product nor expresses an opinion or endorsement by this laboratory; it is the exclusive property of the client so named herein and relates only to the tested specimens. This report may not be reproduced, except in full, without the written approval of Architectural Testing.

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Attachments (pages): This report is complete only when all attachments listed are included. Appendix A – Drawings / Installation Instructions (14) Appendix B - Photographs (5)



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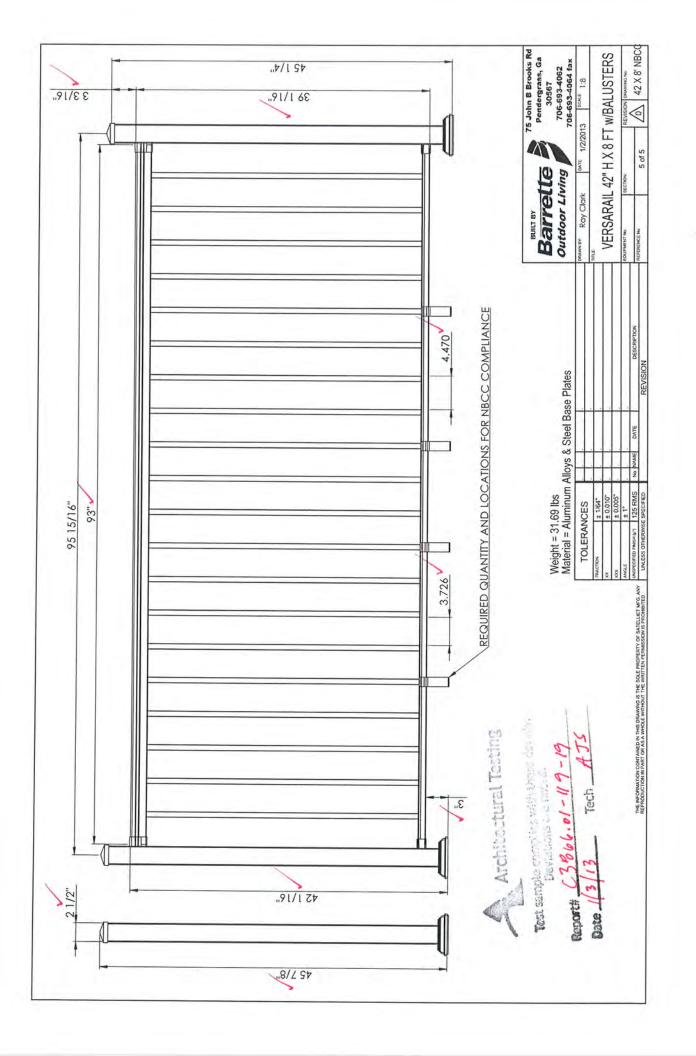
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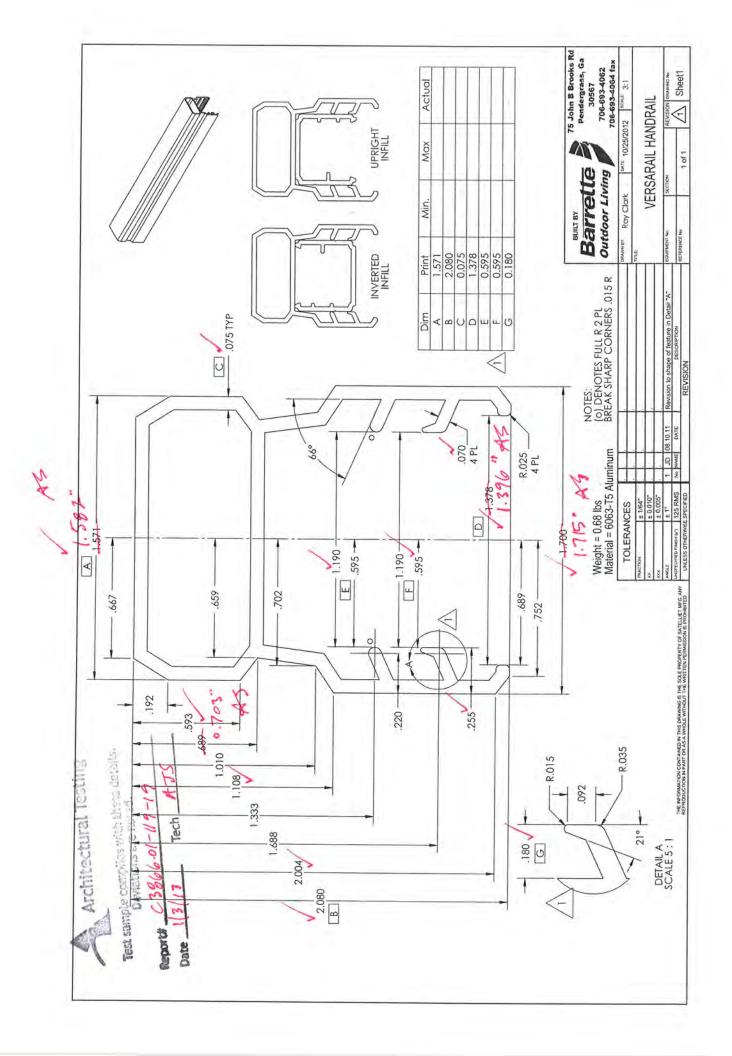


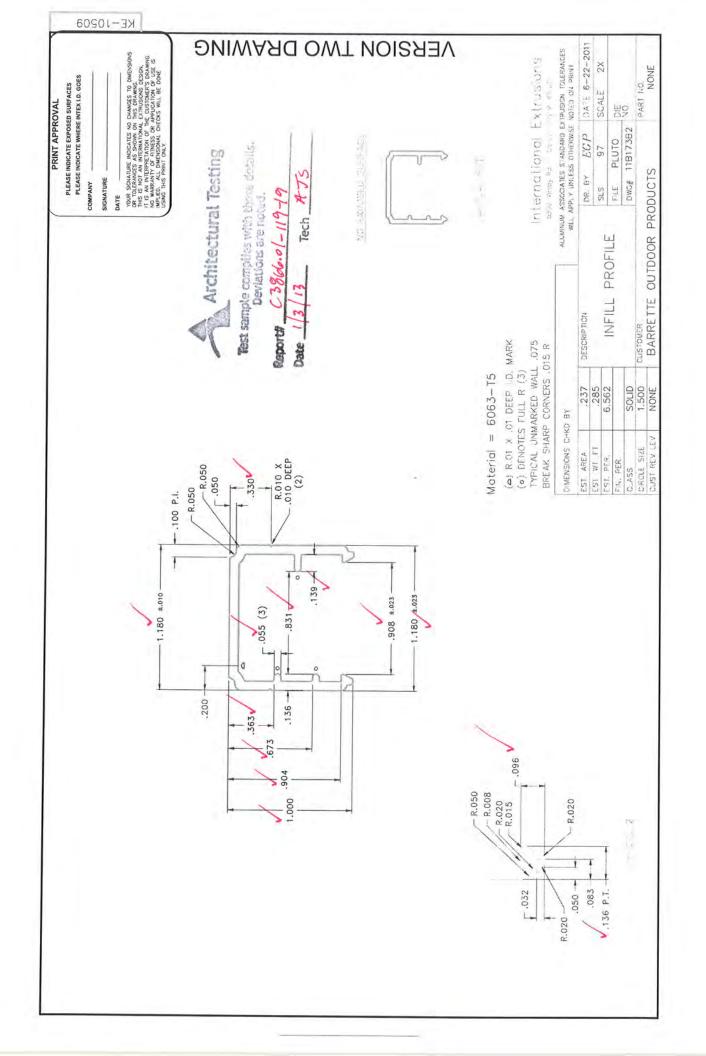
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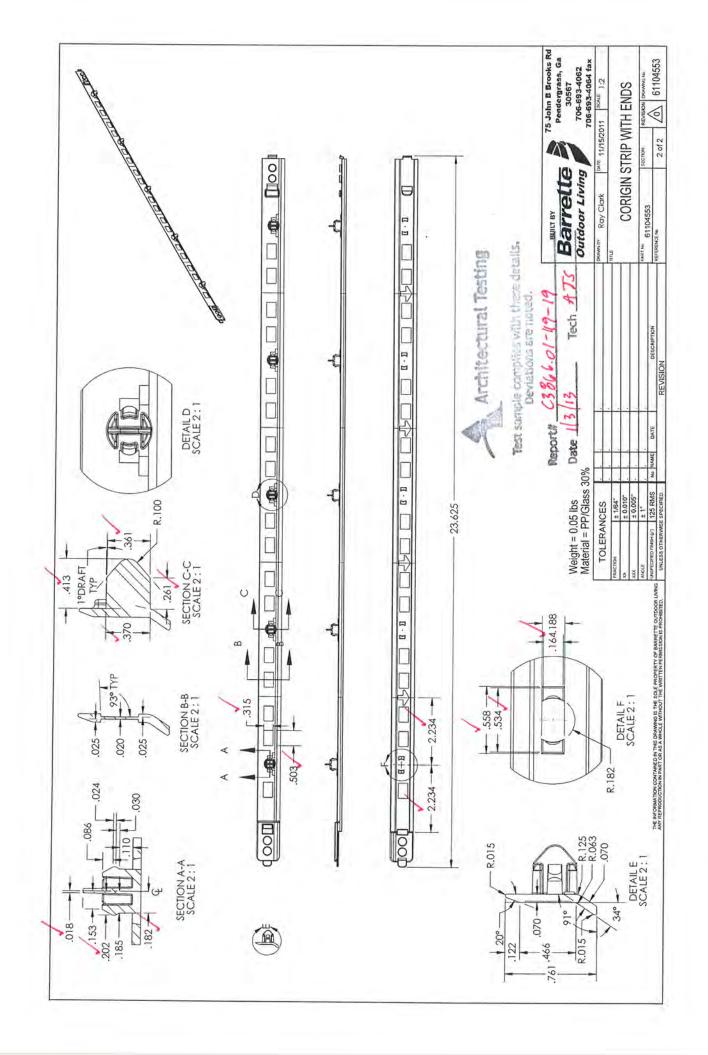
## APPENDIX A

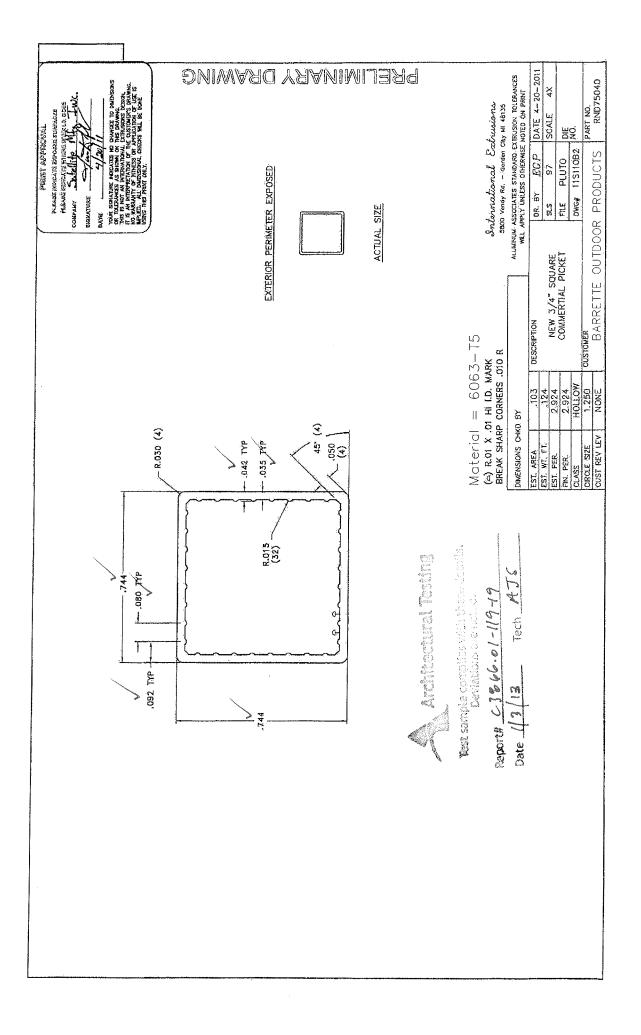
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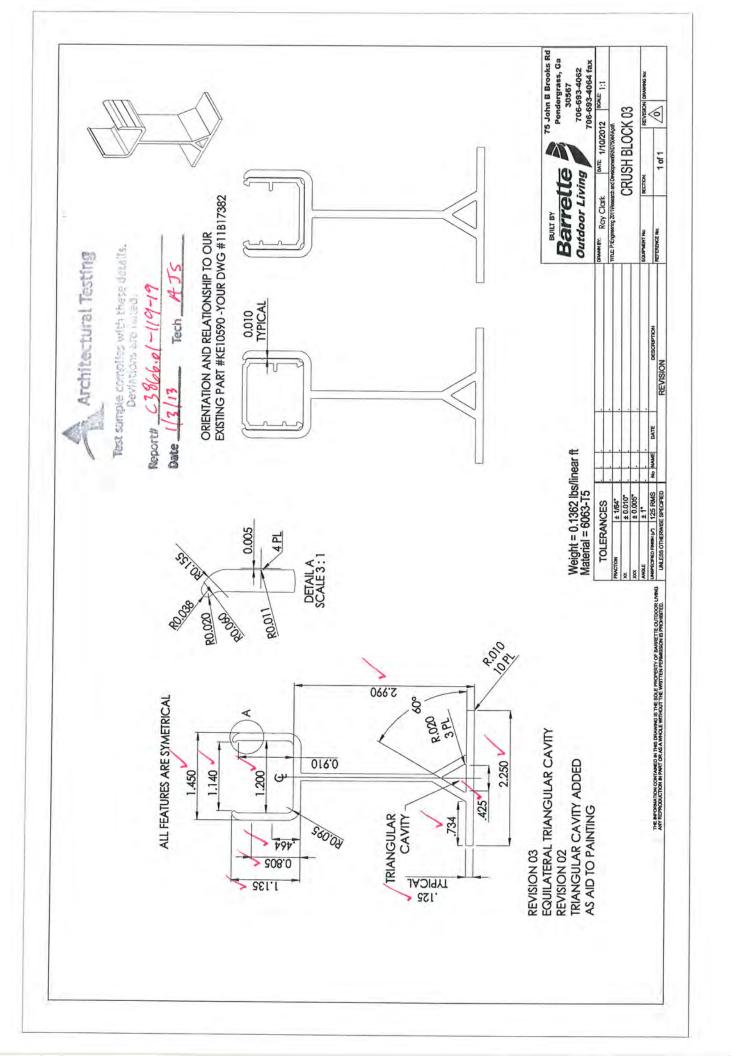


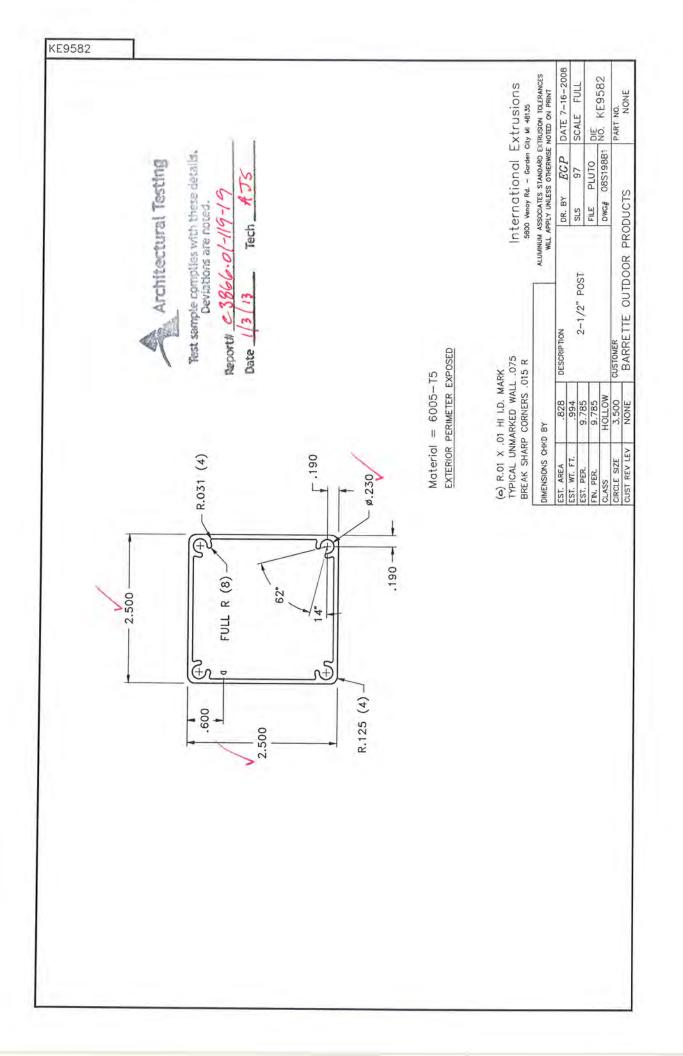


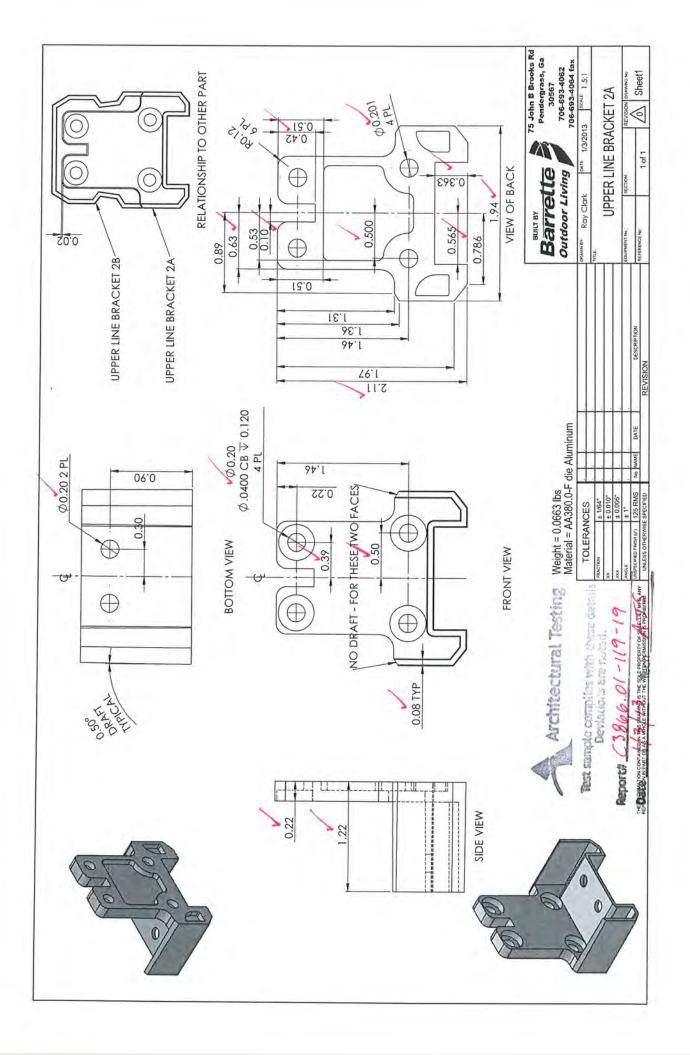


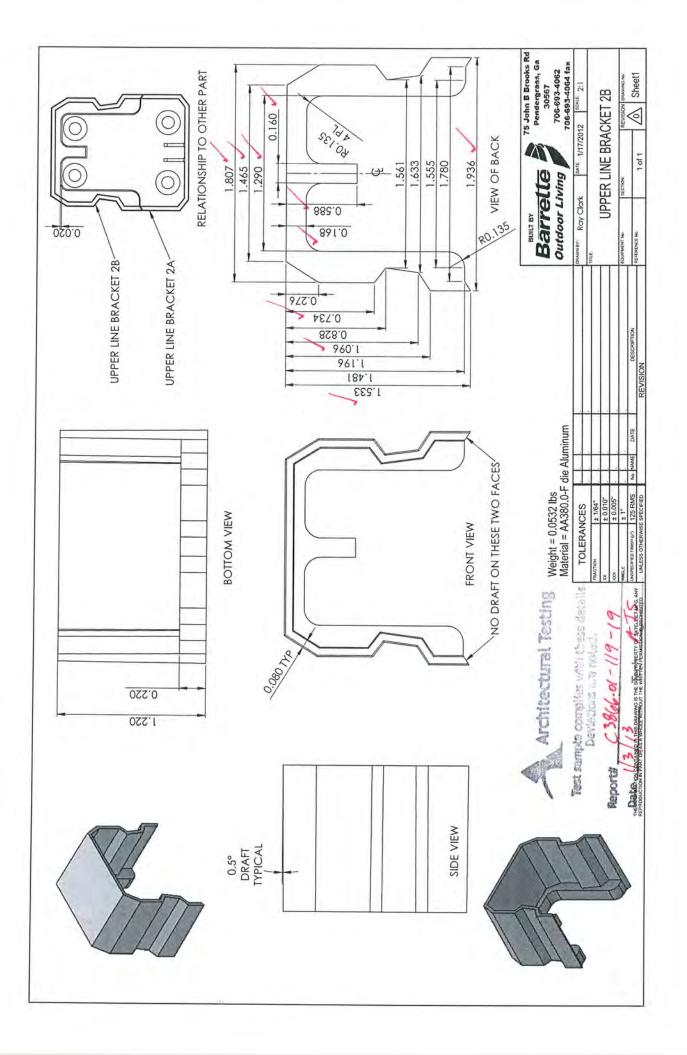


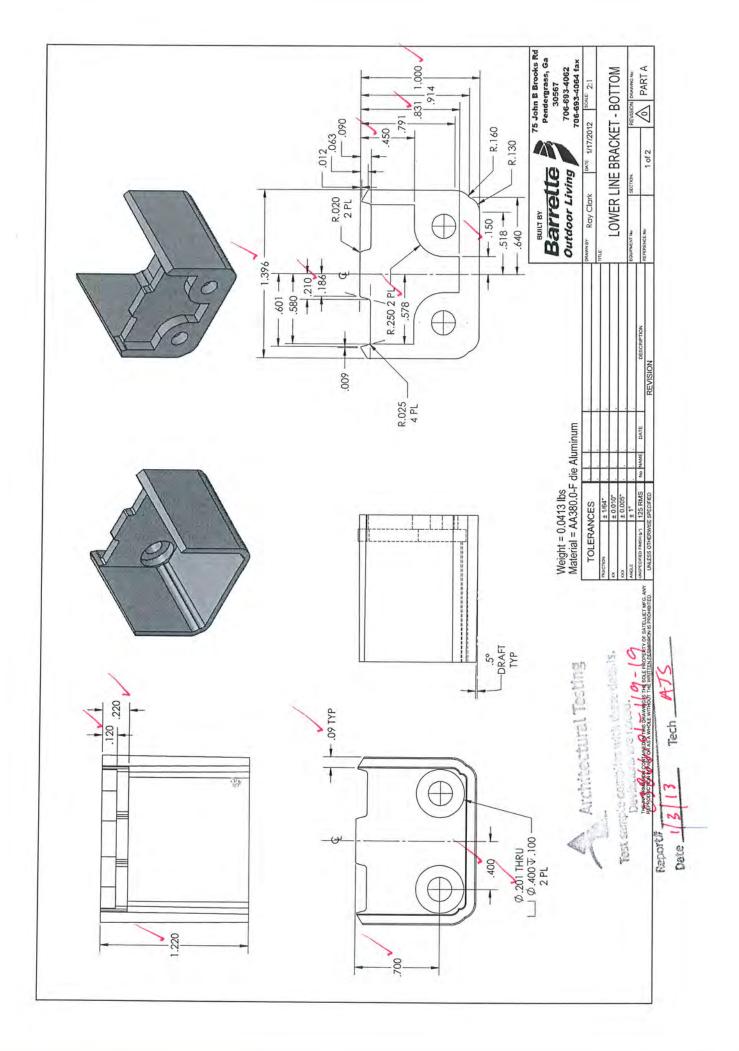


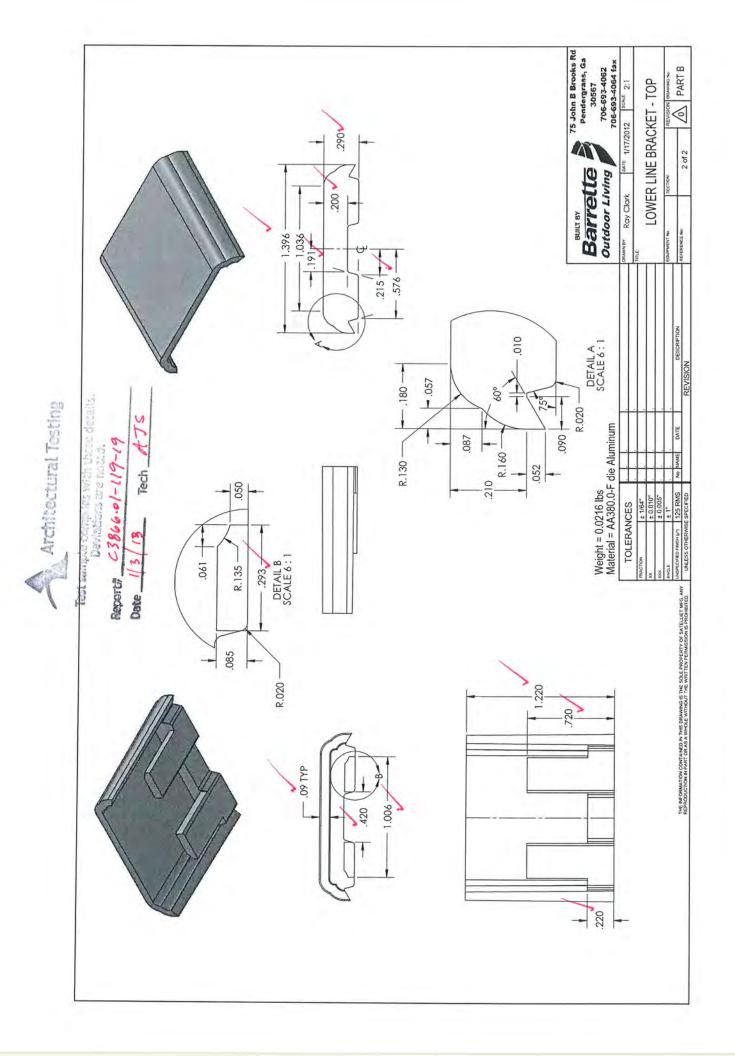


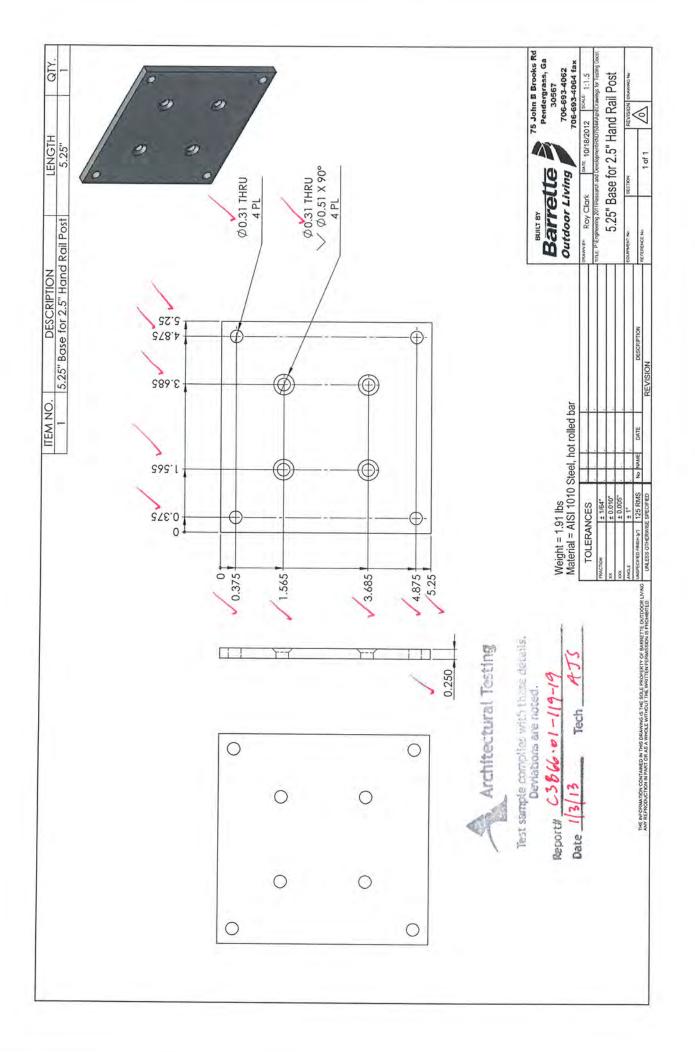


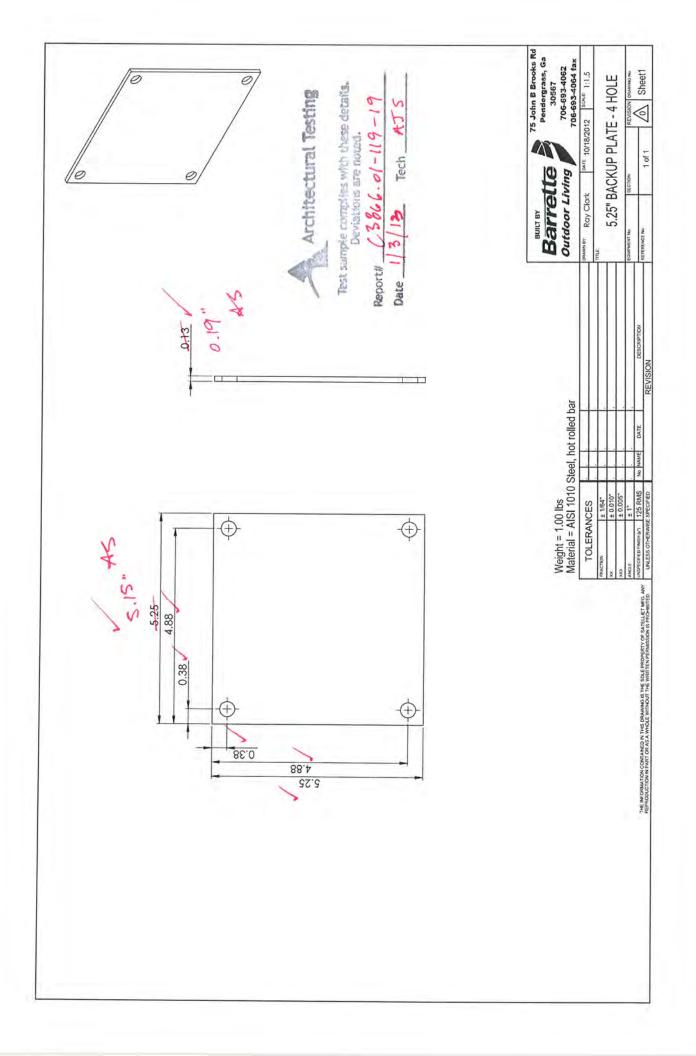












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Т	ools Needed: Test sample complies with these details	Version
•	Level       • 5/16" masonry anchors (for concrete application)       • Eport# C3666.01-119-19         • 5/16" bolts and nuts (for wood application)       • 3" deck screws (for wood application)       • 1/3/12         • 5/16" wrench       • 5/16" wrench	1.0
D	eck/Wood Surface Figure 1	
1.)		
2.)	) Cut a 2x8 wood spacer block (not included) <i>Figure</i> 2 and attach underneath the deck surface to substructure joists directly under the post location with 3" deck screws (not included). Length of the spacer block should be the distance between the existing deck joists.	Mounting
3.)	) Cut one 2x8 joist (same length as spacer block cut in Step 2) (not included) Figure 2. Box in the spacer block with this newly cut joist with 3" deck screws (not included).	
Ins	stall Posts to Deck Figure 2	
4.)	Mark holes with a pencil through bottom of installation plate <i>Figure 3 (B)</i> Additional Joist to be cut	mmi) minim Main main main main main main main main m
5.)	Push <sup>5</sup> / <sub>16</sub> " bolts (not included) through installation plate and attach separate bottom plate <i>Figure 3 (C)</i> from underneath deck surface (posts can be leveled as needed by using steel washers as shims).	m View
	distance between plates (minimum 37%" long).	x8 rr Block
6.)	Install base trim Figure 3 (D) around deck post at deck surface before installing rail.	
Co	oncrete Surface	
1.)	Purchase four 5/16" masonry anchors according to local building codes. Figure 3	
2.)	Mark holes through mounting plate onto concrete surface and follow anchor installation instructions.	P
3.)	Install base trim <i>Figure 3</i> (D) around deck post at deck surface before installing rail.	
	oncrete Core	A
Ins	stalling Remainder of Deck Posts	Installation

- Measure the length of your rail section. This is the distance between posts for Elite/Versarail. For Somerset/New Castle railing add ¾" plus measurement for brackets and expansion clearance.
- 2.) Follow installation instructions from above.



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## **APPENDIX B**

Photographs





Photo No. 1 Horizontal Infill Test at Center of Three Balusters



Photo No. 2 Horizontal Infill Test at Bottom of Three Balusters

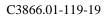






Photo No. 3 Vertical Uniform Load Test



Photo No. 4 Horizontal Concentrated Load at Midspan of Top Rail

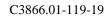






Photo No. 5 Horizontal Concentrated Load Test on Single Post



Photo No. 6 Installed Top Rail Bracket





Photo No. 7 Installed Bottom Rail Bracket



Photo No. 8 Location of Support Blocks Along the Length of the Rail





Photo No. 9 3/16 in Thick Mounting Plate Attached to the Underside of the Horizontal Wood Blocking of the Mock Wood Deck