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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 Inc. to conduct structural performance tests on the 8 ft wide by 42 in high *VersaRail* aluminum level guardrail system. The system was evaluated for the design load requirements of the following building codes:

2012 International Building Code[®], International Code Council

Structural tests were performed according to Chapter 17 (Structural Tests and Special Inspections) of IBC 2012.

1.3 Limitations

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

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.

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1.5 Witnessing

Richard Barkley from Barrette Outdoor Living, Inc was 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 test specimens with the following details:

- <u>Top Rail Cap</u>: 2-1/8 in high by 1-3/4 in wide contoured 6063-T5 aluminum extrusion with 0.07 in wall
- Top Sub-rail and Bottom Rail: 1-3/16 in wide by 1 in deep **U**-shaped 6063-T5 aluminum extrusion with 0.07 in wall
- Balusters: 3/4 in square, hollow 6063-T5 aluminum extrusion with 0.04 in wall

<u>Picket Locking Strip</u>: 3/4 in wide by 0.07 in thick glass reinforced polypropylene extrusion located in bottom and top sub-rail

Rail Brackets: Cast AA380.0-F aluminum brackets contoured to shape of rails

<u>Fasteners</u>: #8 x 1-1/2 in (18-TPI, 0.164 in major dia., .0116 in minor dia.) pan head, square drive, self-starting, zinc screws (four in top bracket / post, two in bottom bracket / post, and two in top bracket / rail) (9/64 in pre-drill)

Post Mounts:

- Steel Post Mount with Aluminum Post Sleeve: 2 in square by 0.125 in thick hotrolled steel tube attached to a 4 in square by 0.375 in thick steel base plate with a 3/16 in by 1-3/4 in long fillet weld on each side; the steel tube was sleeved by a 2-1/2 in square by 0.08 in thick extruded 6005-T5 aluminum tube attached to the base plate with four 1/4 in by 2-1/2 in flat head, phillips drive, steel screws driven through raceway channels in aluminum sleeve.
- Steel Post Mount with PVC Post Sleeve: 2 in square by 0.125 in thick hot-rolled steel tube attached to a 4 in square by 0.375 in thick steel base plate with a 3/16 in by 1-3/4 in long fillet weld on each side; the steel tube was sleeved at the top and bottom by a 4 in square by 6-1/8 in long HDPE internal spacer; the internal spacers were sleeved by a 4-1/2 in square by 6-5/8 in long plastic sleeve; a 5 in square PVC post sleeve was fitted over the post/spacer assembly; a 4 in square by 1/4 in thick steel plate was included for wood deck installation.

<u>Support Block:</u> Extruded aluminum support leg located directly under the sixth baluster from each post.

See drawings in Appendix A and photographs in Appendix B for additional 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 motion transducers were used to measure deflections.

2.2 Test Setup

The 8 ft wide by 42 in high *VersaRail* level guardrail assembly was installed and tested as a single railing section by directly securing the posts into the surface of a rigid steel channel (to simulate anchorage into concrete) with four 5/16 in by 1-1/2 in Grade 8 hex head bolts with nuts and washers. 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

Each 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. An initial load, not exceeding 50% of design load, was applied and transducers were zeroed. Load was then applied at a steady uniform rate until reaching 2.0 times design load in no less than 10 seconds. After reaching 2.0 times design load, the load was released. After allowing a minimum period of one minute for stabilization, load was reapplied to the initial load level used at the start of the loading procedure, and deflections were recorded and used to analyze recovery. Load was then increased at a steady uniform rate until reaching 2.5 times design load or until failure occurred. 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 codes referenced. 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, except for the vertical uniform load test on the top rail.

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.

8 ft (93-1/4 in Overall Rail Length) by 42 in *VersaRail* Level Guardrail System IBC – All Use Groups

Test No. 1 – 01/15/13 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square Ft at Center of In-Fill (Two Pickets)						
LoodLoval	Test Lead (lb)	Е.Т.	Pi	icket Displ	acement (i	n)
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	(min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net ¹
Initial Load	10	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0 x Design Load	100	00:29	0.49	1.24	1.23	0.38
Initial Load	10	01:48	0.02	0.14	0.28	0.00
100% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5 x Design Load12702:08Achieved Load without Failure					ilure	

Specimen No. 1 of 1

¹ Net displacement was the picket displacement relative to its top and bottom.

Test No. 2 – 01/15/13 Design Load: 50 lb / 1 Square Ft at Bottom of In-Fill (Two Pickets)						
Lood Loval	Test Load (lb)	E.T.	Botte	om Rail Di	splacemen	t (in)
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	(min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net ¹
Initial Load	10	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0 x Design Load	101	00:28	0.20	2.15	0.16	1.97
Initial Load	10	01:41	0.04	0.15	0.02	0.12
94% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5 x Design Load	sign Load 127 02:11 Achieved Load without Failure				ilure	

¹ Net displacement was the bottom rail displacement relative to its ends.



2.4 Test Results (Continued)

Test No. 3 – 01/15/13 Design Load: 50 plf x (93-1/4 in ÷ 12 in/ft) = 389 lb Horizontal Uniform Load on Top Rail ¹							
	E.T.	Rail Displacement (in)					
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	(min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net	
Initial Load	78	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2.0x Design Load	778	01:11	1.06	3.93	0.96	2.92	
Initial Load	78	02:48	0.05	0.15	0.05	0.10	
97% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load							
2.5x Design Load	971	03:50	Ach	ieved Load	without Fa	ilure	

¹ Uniform Load was simulated with quarter point loading.

Test No. 4 – $01/15/13$ Design Load: 50 plf x (93-1/4 in ÷ 12 in/ft) = 389 lb Vertical Uniform Load on Top Rail ¹						
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Test Load (ID)	(min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net	
80	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
780	01:03	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.34	
79	02:49	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06	
82% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
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¹ Uniform Load was simulated with four equally distributed load points.

Test No. 5 – 01/15/13 Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Ends of Top Rail (Brackets)						
Load Level ¹	Test Load (lb)	E.T.	Rail Displacement (in)			
Load Level	Test Load (lb) (min:sec)		Rail End #1	Rail End #2		
Initial Load	80	00:00	0.00	0.00		
(2.0x Design Load) x 2	802	00:45	1.29	1.08		
Initial Load	83	02:13	0.04	0.01		
Recovery: N/A						
(2.5x Design Load) x 2	1003	03:00	Achieved Load	without Failure		

¹A spreader beam was used to impose loads on both ends of the railing system; therefore, loads were doubled.



2.4 Test Results (Continued)

Test No. 6 – 01/15/13 Design Load: 400 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Stand-Alone Post ¹ (42 in high)						
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Post Displacement (in)			
Initial Load	80	00:00	0.00			
2.0x Design Load	800	01:05	2.22			
Initial Load	86	02:33	0.33			
85% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	1000	03:50	Achieved Load without Failure			

Specimen No. 1 of 1 (Continued)

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Test No. 7 – $01/15/13$ Design Load: 409 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Stand-Alone Post ¹ (42 in high)						
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Post Displacement (in)			
Initial Load	82	00:00	0.00			
2.0x Design Load	819	01:07	2.58			
Initial Load	87	02:30	0.47			
82% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	1024	03:45	Achieved Load without Failure			

¹ 2 in square steel post mount with a 5 in square PVC post sleeve with internal spacers.

2.5 Summary and Conclusions

Using performance criteria of 75% deflection recovery from 2.0 times design load and withstanding an ultimate load of 2.5 times design load, the test results substantiate compliance with the design load requirements of the referenced building codes for the VersaRail guardrail assemblies reported herein. 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

Detailed drawings, data sheets, representative samples of test specimens, a copy of this test report, and all other supporting evidence will be retained by Architectural Testing for a period of four years from the original test date. At the end of this retention period, said materials shall be discarded without notice, and the service life of this report by Architectural Testing shall expire. 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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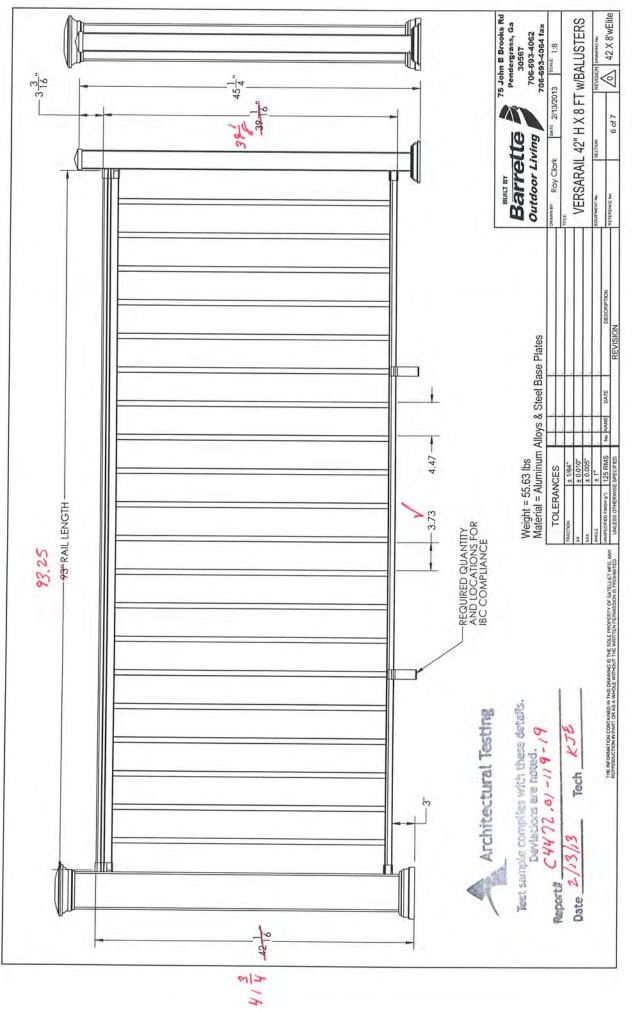
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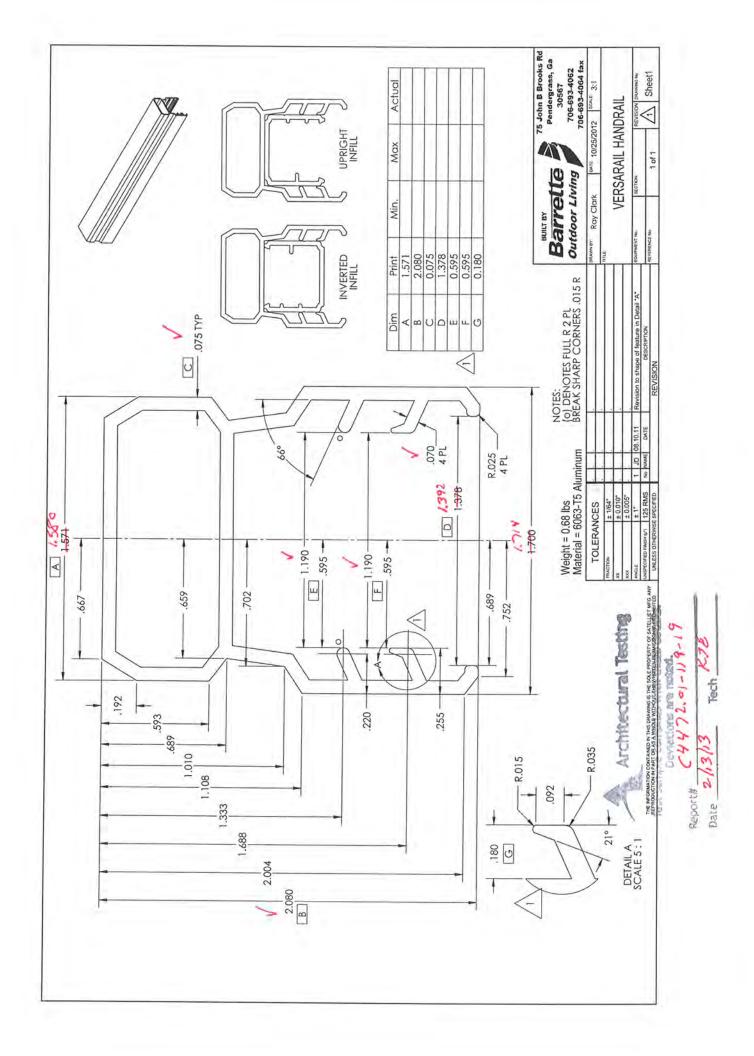


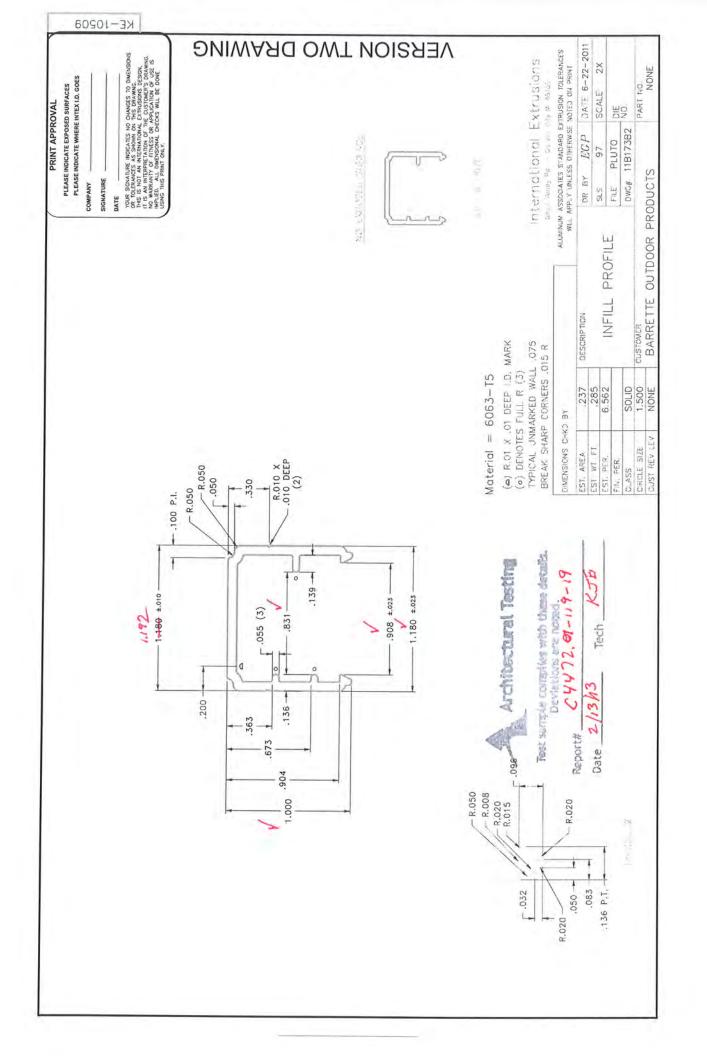
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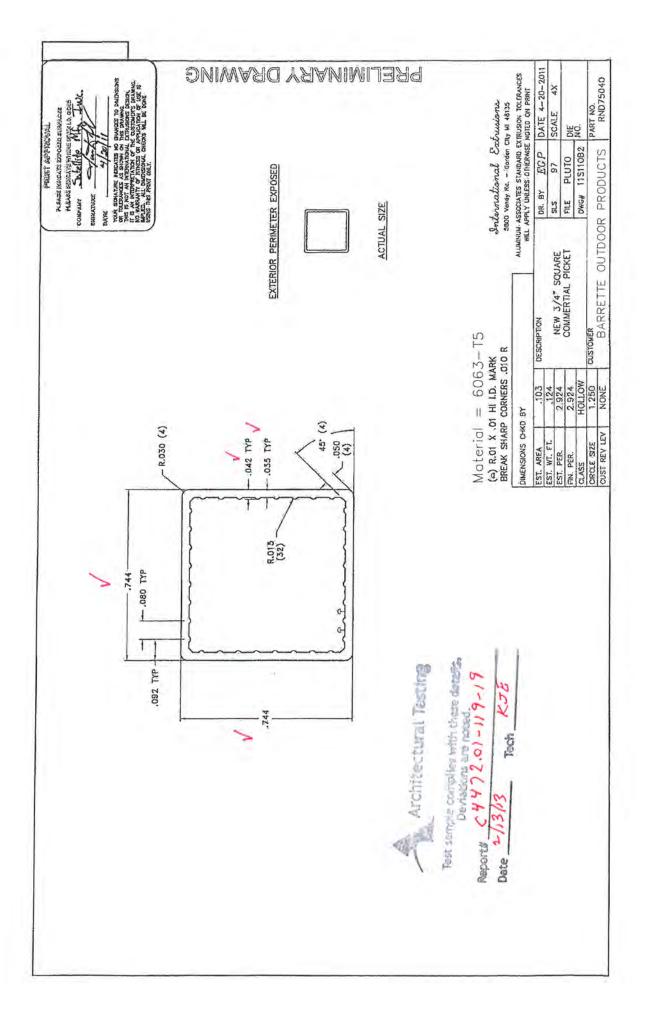
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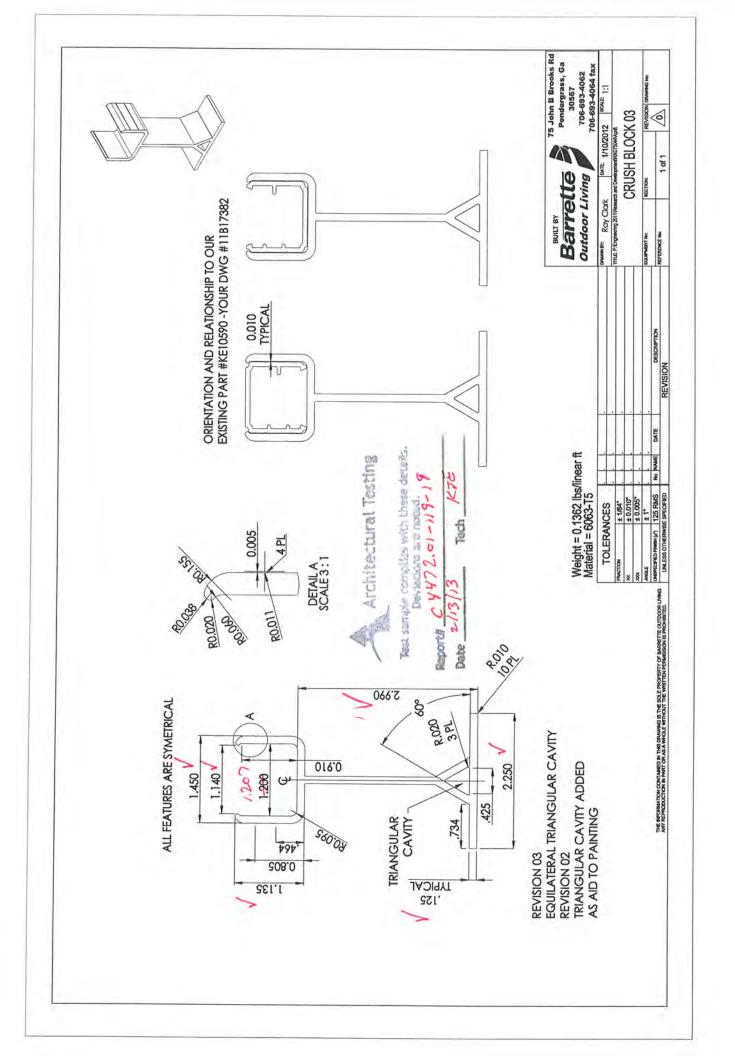
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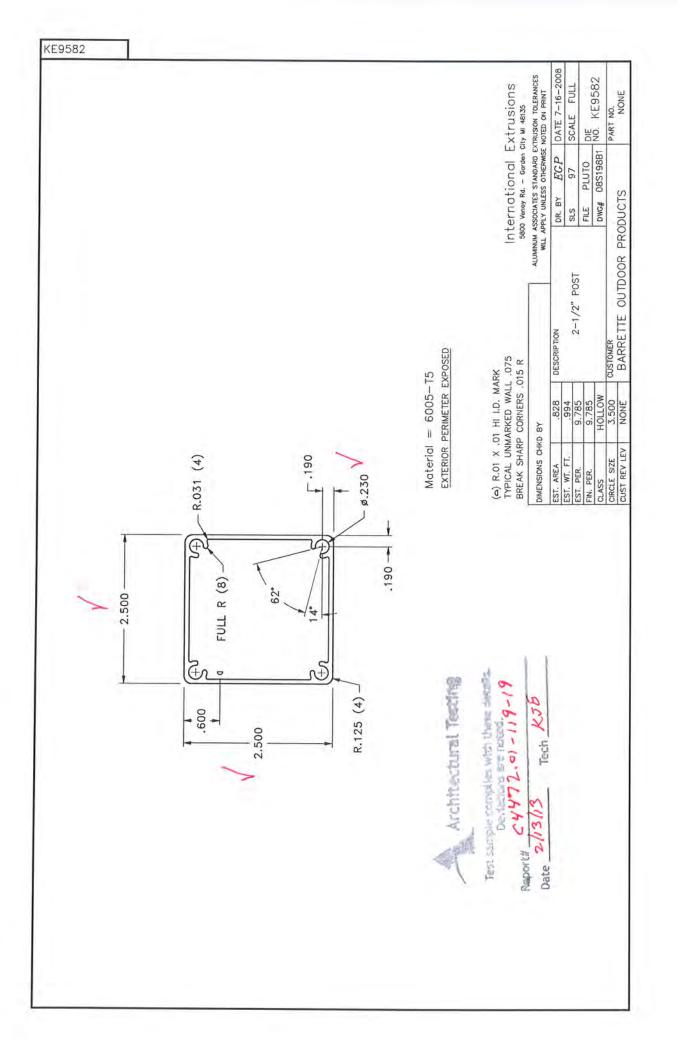


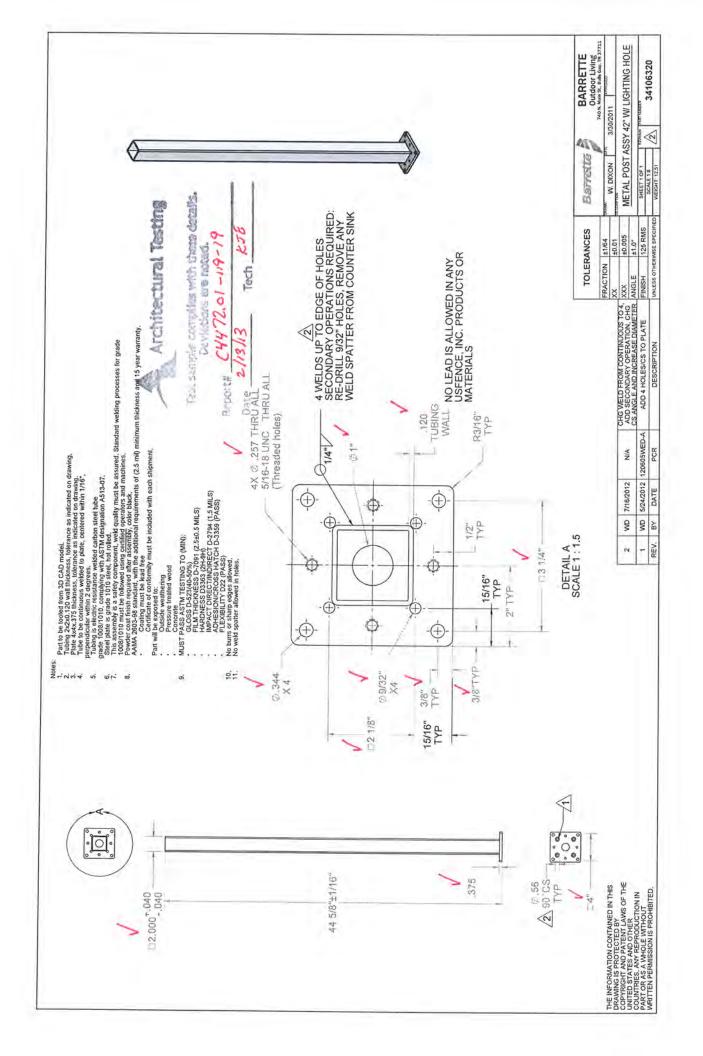


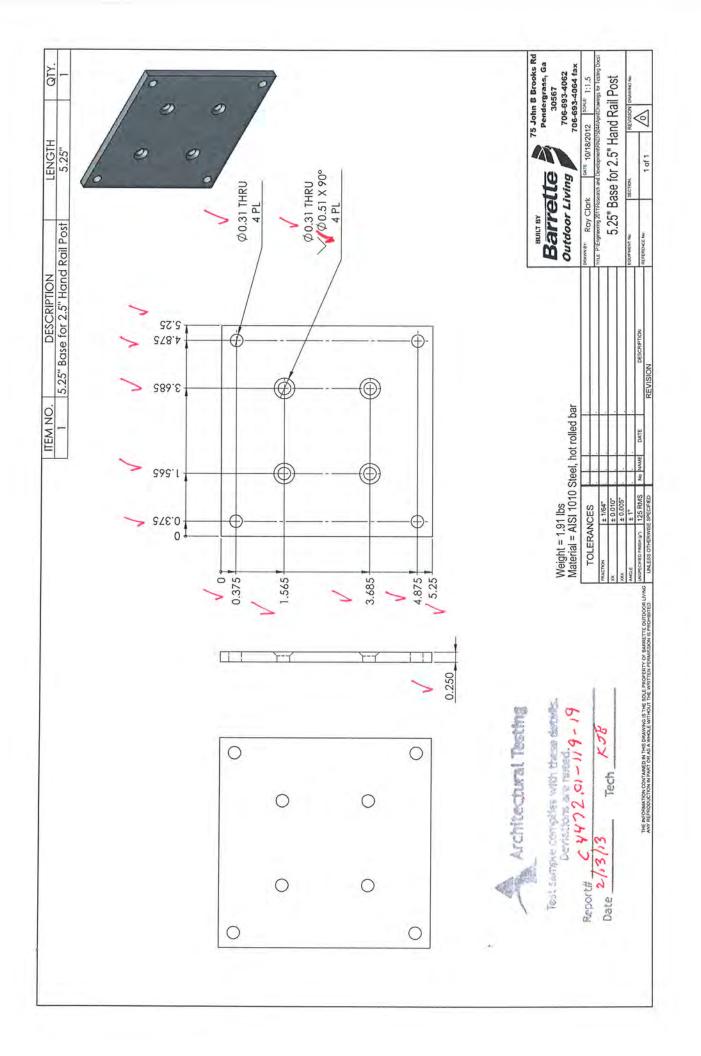


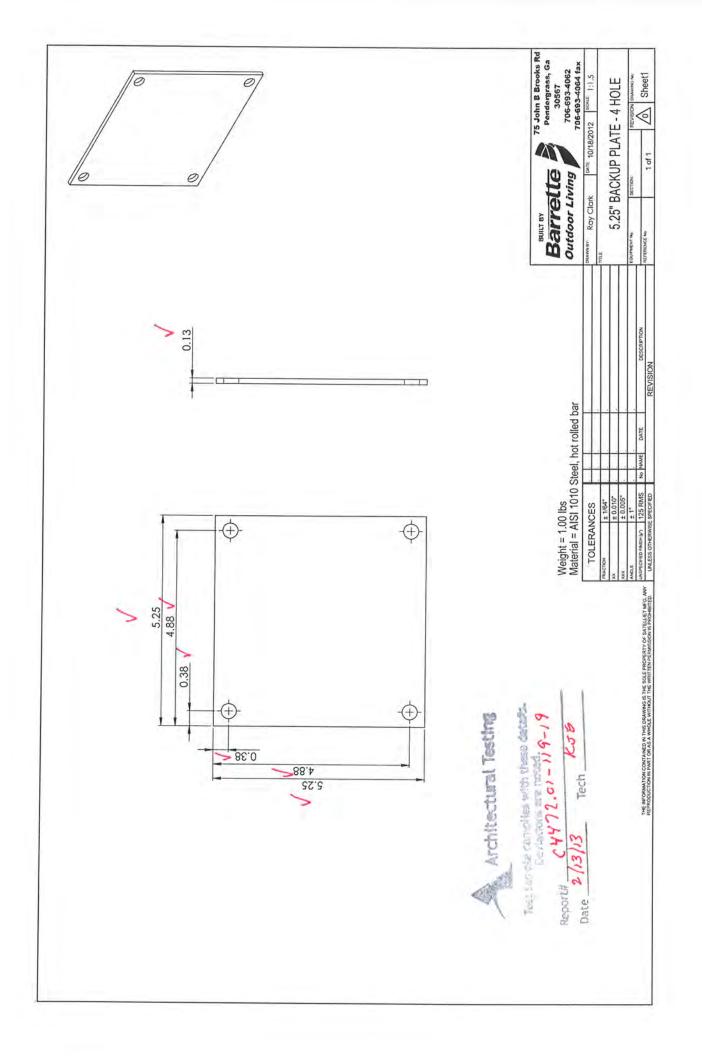


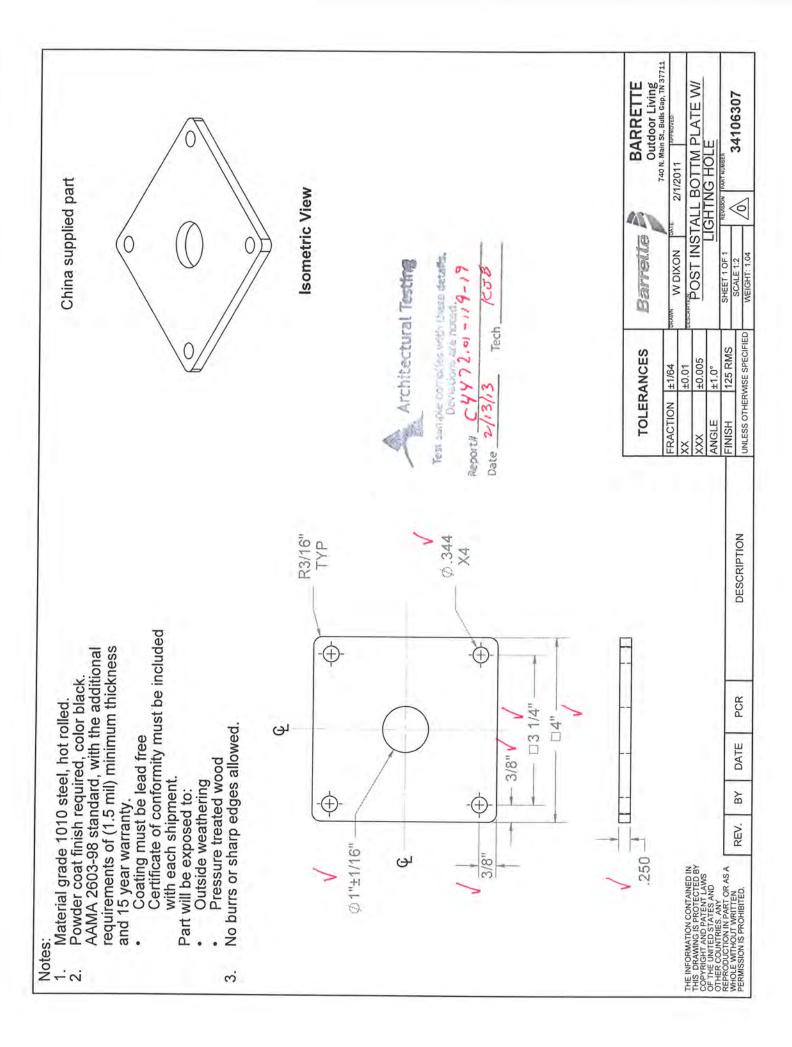


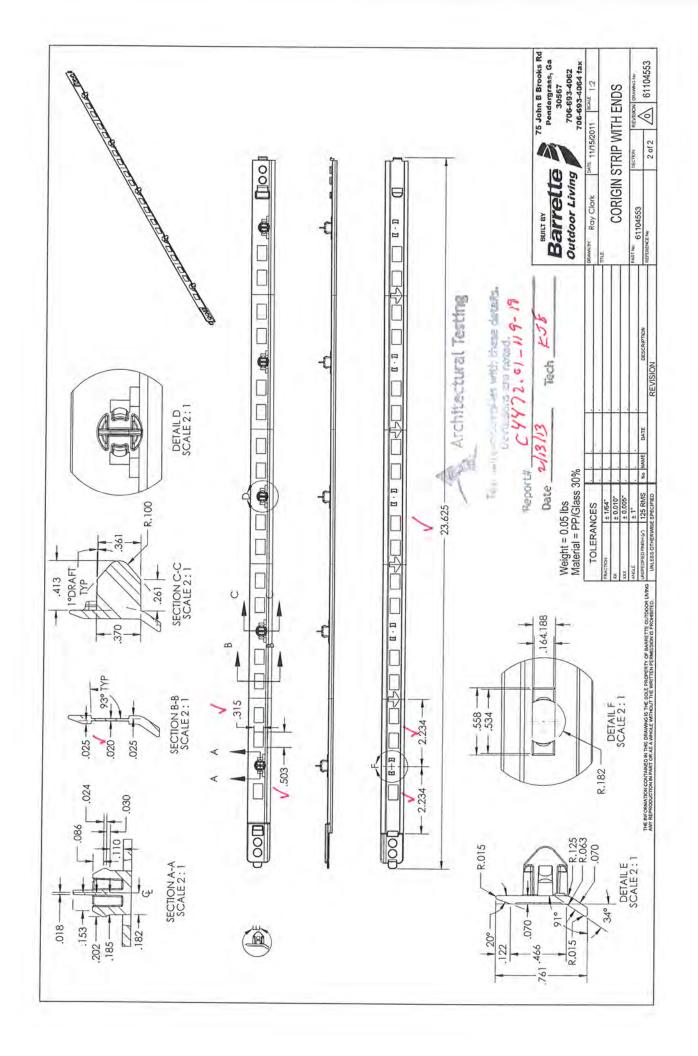


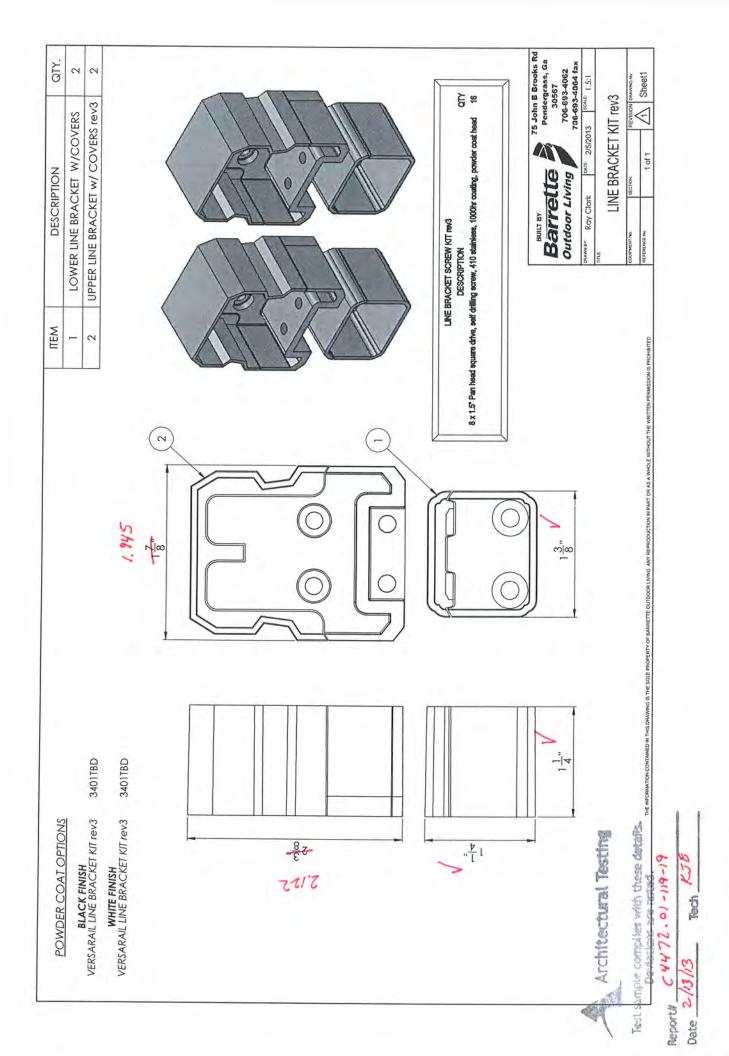


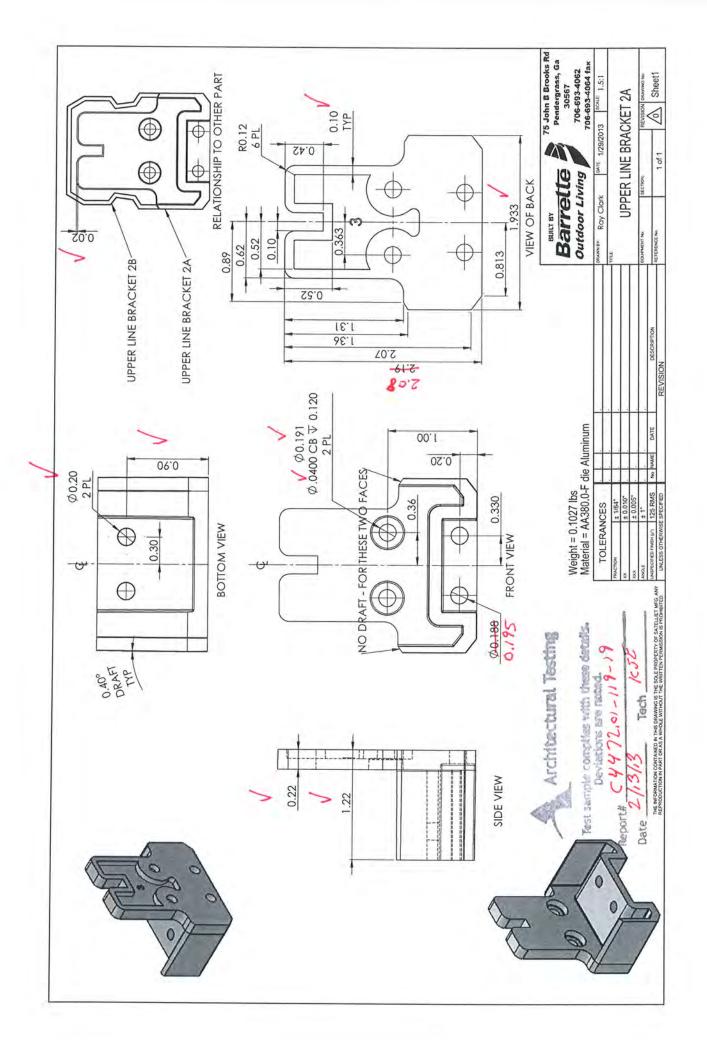


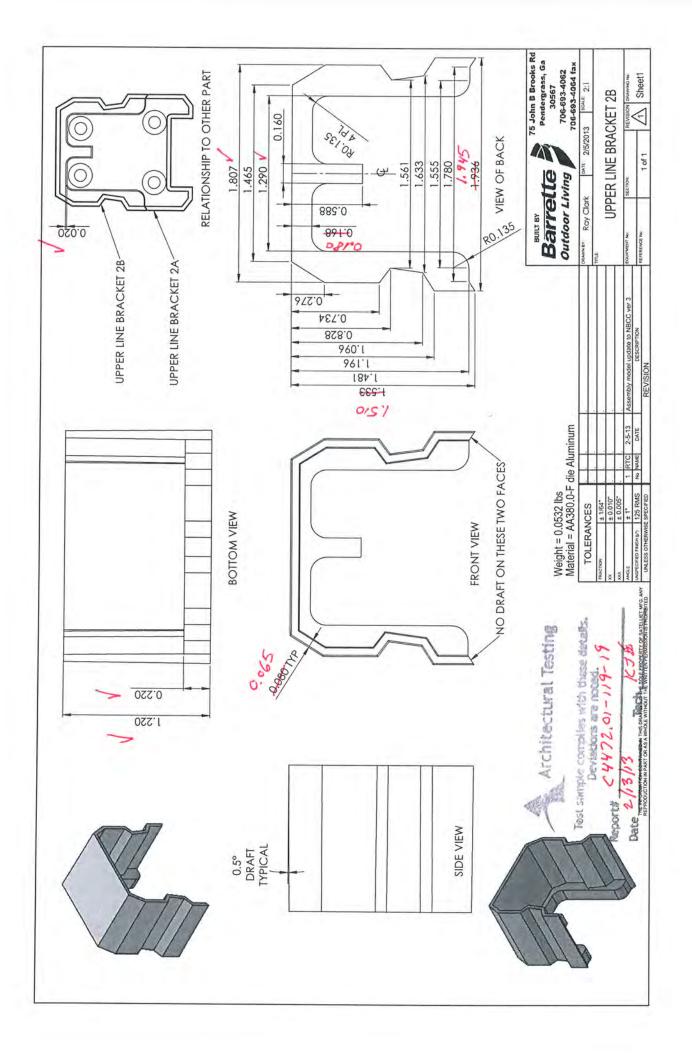


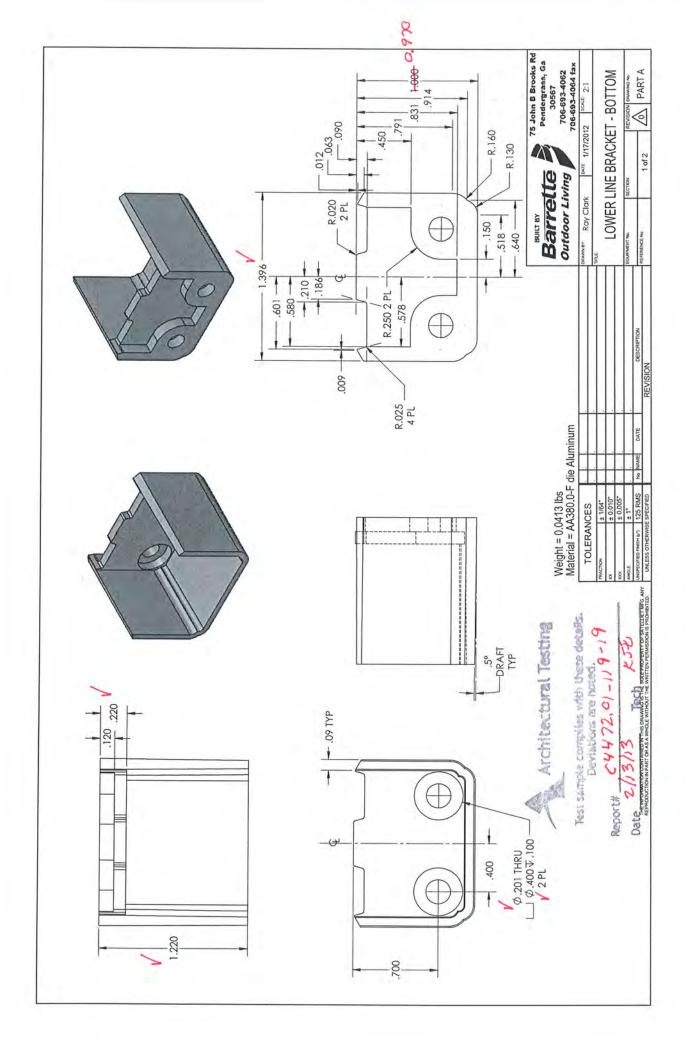


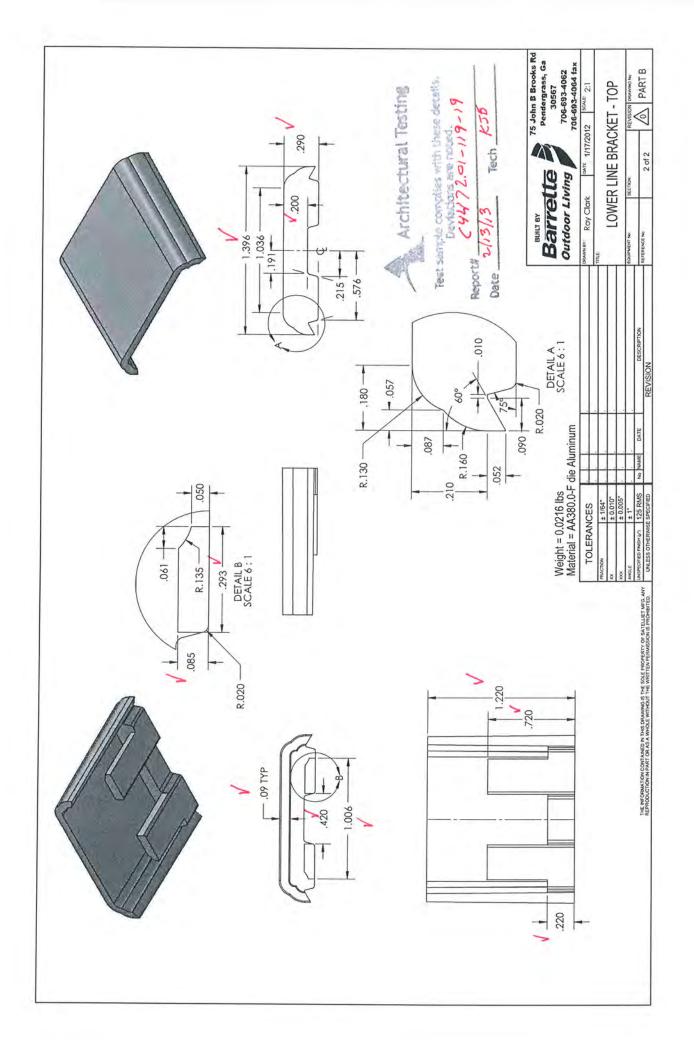














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APPENDIX B

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 Horizontal Uniform Load Test on Top Rail



Photo No. 4 Vertical Uniform Load Test on Top Rail





Photo No. 5 Concentrated Load Test at Ends of Top Rail (Brackets)



Photo No. 6 Concentrated Load Test at Top of Stand-Alone Post (2 in Square Steel Post Mount with a 2-1/2 in Square Aluminum Post Sleeve)





Photo No. 7 Concentrated Load Test at Top of Stand-Alone Post (2 in Square Steel Post Mount with 5 in Square PVC Post Sleeve with Internal Spacers)



Photo No. 8 Bracket Connection for Top Rail





Photo No. 9 Bracket Connection for Bottom Rail

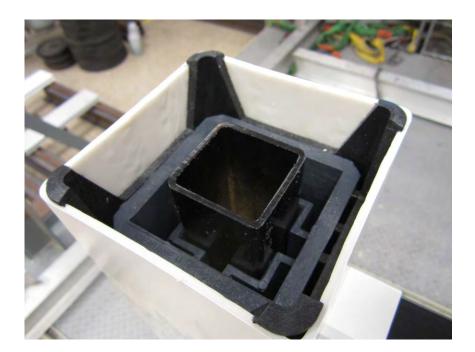


Photo No. 10 2 in Square Steel Post Mount with 5 in Square PVC Post Sleeve with Internal Spacers





Photo No. 11 Left to Right: Top Bracket and Bottom Bracket



Photo No. 12 PVC Post Sleeve - Top and Bottom Internal Spacers