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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 perform structural testing on their 6 ft by 42 in *VersaRail* aluminum level guardrail (railing) system. This report is in conjunction with Architectural Testing Report No. C3866.01-119-19 which includes structural testing of the aluminum post mount. 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 tests at center and bottom / 112 lb x 1.67 = 187 lb on three balusters ¹
- Vertical uniform load test on top rail / 103 plf x 1.67 x 6 ft = 1,032 lb
- Horizontal concentrated load test applied at any location / 224 lb x 1.67 = 374 lb¹

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

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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' attachment to the support structure (simulated mock wood deck).

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

A representative of Barrette Outdoor Living, Inc was present on 01/14/13 and 01/15/13 to witness the following test and assist in test specimen fabrication:

structural performance testing of assembled railing systems

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 details as listed below. 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 6063-T5 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 6063-T5 aluminum extrusion with 0.07 in wall

Balusters: 3/4 in square, hollow 6063-T5 aluminum extrusion with 0.04 in wall

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

Rail Brackets: Die cast AA380.0-F aluminum socket brackets contoured to shape of rails



1.7 Product Description (Continued)

Fasteners:

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

<u>Support Blocks:</u> Extruded aluminum support leg located directly under the fifth baluster in from each post.

Post Mounts:

- Aluminum Post Mount: 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 mounting plate was included for wood deck installation; post mount was attached to wood deck with four 5/16 in by 3-1/2 in Grade 5 hex head bolts with nut and washer.
- Steel Post Mount: 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 mounting plate was included for wood deck installation; post mount was attached to wood deck with four 5/16 in by 6 in Grade 5 hex head bolts with nut and washer.

Wood Deck:

- Aluminum Post Mount: 24 in by 33-1/2 in screwed construction of 2x8 preservative-treated No. 2 KD Southern Pine framing with two 5/4x6 by 17-1/2 in preservative-treated, 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 installation instructions in Appendix A and photographs in Appendix B for further construction details.
- Steel Post Mount with PVC Sleeve: 24 in by 33-1/2 in screwed construction of 2x8 preservative-treated No. 2 KD Southern Pine framing with two 5/4x6 by 17-1/2 in preservative-treated, Southern Pine deck boards over two 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 installation instructions in Appendix A and 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 6 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. Additional wood blocking was added to the simulated wood deck per the manufacturer's instructions. Refer to installation instructions in Appendix A 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

Test Load: 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.

6 ft by 42 in VersaRail Level Guardrail System Installed in Mock Wood Deck
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Test No. 1 – Test Date: 01/14/13 Design Load: 112 lb / 1 Square ft of Infill at Center of Three Balusters				
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Result	
187 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	188	00:42	Withstood load equal to or greater than 187 lb without failure	

Test No. 2 – Test Date: 01/14/13 Design Load: 112 lb / 1 Square ft of Infill at Bottom of Three Pickets				
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Result	
187 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	188	00:48	Withstood load equal to or greater than 187 lb without failure	

Test No. 3 – Test Date: 01/14/13 Design Load: 224 lb Concentrated Load at Midspan of Top Rail						
				Displacem	ent (inches)	
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	End	Mid	End	Net ¹
224 lb (D.L.)	224	00:40	1.55	1.89	1.08	0.58
374 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	376	01:05			ad equal to ithout failur	0

¹ 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. 4 – Test Date: 01/14/13 Design Load: 103 plf x 1.67 x 6 ft = 1032 lb Vertical Uniform Load on Top Rail					
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Result		
1032 lb	1034	01:46	Withstood load equal to or greater than 1032 lb without failure		

Test No. 5 – Test Date: 01/15/13 Design Load: 34.3 plf x (93-1/2 in Rail Length ¹ + 5 in Post Width ÷ 12 in/ft) = 282 lb Concentrated Load on Top of a Single Post (Steel Post Mount Installed in Mock Wood Deck)					
Load Level	Test Load (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	Displacement (inches)		
282 lb (D.L.)	282	01:00	4.03		
470 lb (1.67 x D.L.)	470	01:46	Result : Withstood load equal to or greater than 470 lb without failure		

¹ 8 ft rail length used in determining post mount design load in order to qualify post mount for use with rail length of 8 ft.

2.5 Summary and Conclusions

The 6 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 (18) Appendix B - Photographs (5)



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APPENDIX A

Drawings



Aluminum Rail Post

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before You Begin...

PLEASE READ OWNER'S MANUAL COMPLETELY BEFORE INSTALLING POSTS.

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Models 73013157 / 73013158 / 73013159 73013160 / 73013174 / 73013175 73003797 / 73017827 / 73017828 Owner's Manual Version 3.0

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2x8 Blocks

Thank you for choosing the Barrette Outdoor Living Rail or Stair Rail Kit. Please read the instructions completely before assembling your rail. Retain manual and your dated sales slip for future reference and warranty claims.

Make sure your project meets local building codes before beginning installation,

(Versarail, Elite Aluminum Rail)

Post Install Kit - for 42" rail installations

- 5/16" masonry anchors(for concrete application)
- 3½" deck screws (for deck/wood application)

Post Mount Kit

- 5/16" wrench
- 5/16" diameter grade 5 bolts and nuts galvanized per ASTM F2329

Additional Products Needed for 36" Residential Installations

- (Somerset, New Castle, Versarail, Elite Aluminum Rail)
- Post Mount Kit

Tools Needed:

Drill & bits

Level

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Deck/Wood Surface (36" & 42" Residential Installation Only)

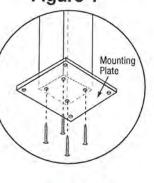
- Attach mounting plate to post with provided ¼" x 2½" Phillips head screws (Figure 1).
- 2.) Install blocking at post locations:

a. Layout railing installation to determine post locations

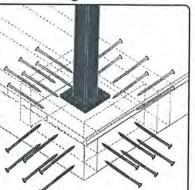
b. Beneath all post locations install at least two 2x8 blocks using at least three $\#10 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ " deck screws penetrating through the joists at least $1\frac{1}{2}$ " into the blocks (*Figures 2 & 3*)

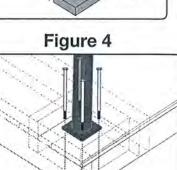
- 3.) Mark holes through the bottom plate of steel post onto deck surface – remove steel post and drill ¾" hole in all four marks through the deck board and blocking.
- Purchase 5/6" diameter grade 5 bolts and nuts galvanized per ASTM F2329 approximately 1" longer than the distance between steel mounting plates (minimum 5")

a. Push 56° bolts through post plate and attach separate bottom plate from beneath deck surface (posts can be leveled as needed by using steel washers as shims) (*Figure 4*)







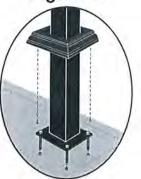


Concrete Surface

Note: Purchase four 5/16" masonry anchors according to local building codes. Chitectural Testing

For Residential (Somerset, New Castle, Versarail, Elite Aluminum Rail):
1.) Attach mounting plate to post with provided ¼" x 2½" Phillips head screws (Figure 1).
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- Mark holes through mounting plate onto concrete surface and follow anchor/screw Tech KJ installation instructions.
- 3.) Install base trim (Figure 5) around post prior to installing rail.









Additional Products Needed for 42" Commercial Installations

Joist

For Commercial (Versarail, Elite Aluminum Rail):

Note: The aluminum railing posts MUST be reinforced with an additional steel post mount kit/surface mount. Commercial aluminum railing must be installed on concrete.

For commercial installations, you will also need a Post Mount Kit and a steel Post Install Kit. All parts will be used except the two steel plates that come with the Post Mount Kit.

1.)	Slide Aluminum Post over the top of the Post Install Kit (Figure 6).	Figure 6
2.)	Using the provided $1/4$ " x 2- $1/2$ " Phillips flat head screws from the Post Mount Kit, connect the bottom of the Post Mount Kit to the Aluminum Post (<i>Figure 1</i>).	Aluminum Post
3.)	Mark holes through mounting plate onto concrete surface and follow anchor/screw installation instructions.	
4.)	Install base trim (Figure 5) around post prior to installing rail. Deviations are noted. Report <u>5346.01-119-19</u> Date <u>3/12/13</u> Tech <u>KTE</u>	Steel Post Install Kit
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Transferable Limited Lifetime Warranty

What is covered: Barrette Outdoor Living warrants vinyl and aluminum products to include; vinyl and aluminum fence, vinyl and aluminum railing and plastic lattice against defects or workmanship for as long as you own your home. Barrette Outdoor Living will at its option replace the product in question with new product of the same or equivalent value at no charge. Barrette Outdoor Living warrants these products against peeling, flaking, splintering, corrosion, rusting or abnormal discoloration under normal use and service per ASTMD 2244. This warranty extends to the original purchaser or transferee as specified herein on the products noted above. Separate and distinct warranties for hardware and other products are not covered under this warranty.

What this warranty does not cover: This limited warranty does not cover damage resulting from accident, unreasonable use, neglect, alteration, improper service, improper installation, acts of God or any other causes not arising out of defects in materials or workmanship. Additionally, this warranty does not cover costs of installation, removal, reinstallation or surface mold and mildew created by excessive environmental conditions. Any service or repair provided outside the scope of this limited warranty shall be at Barrette Outdoor Living's rate and terms then in effect.

What do we do to correct the problems? Should your Barrette Outdoor Living product prove defective under warranty, reference the website or call the phone number listed below. Your problem will be assigned a tracking number and an authorized Barrette Outdoor Living representative will contact you to arrange a convenient time to schedule an onsite inspection, or request pictures, if need be. If after inspection product is deemed to be manufacturer defect we will make arrangements to rectify the issue. You must have proof of your purchase in order for the problem to be corrected.

Transferee Coverage: Warranty coverage will be extended to one transferee on the above listed products with the following limitations. Transferee must obtain an original or copy of the initial sales receipt (with proof of date) from the previous owner(s). Additionally, if fence is purchased from a builder or installer, documentation must be supplied that names the product installed on property and date of transfer.

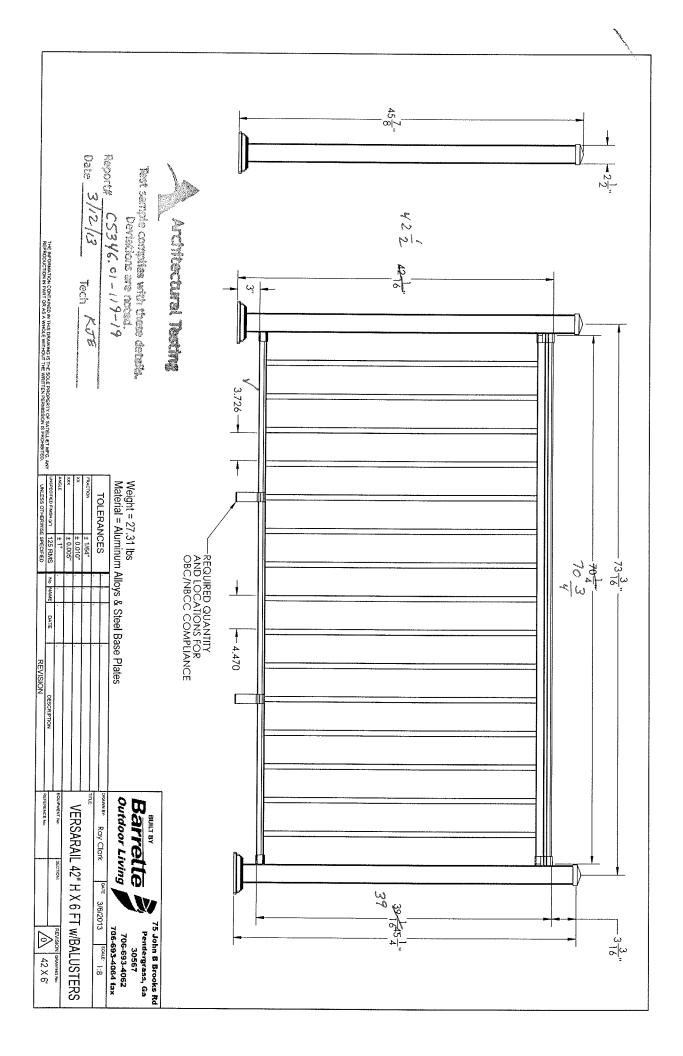
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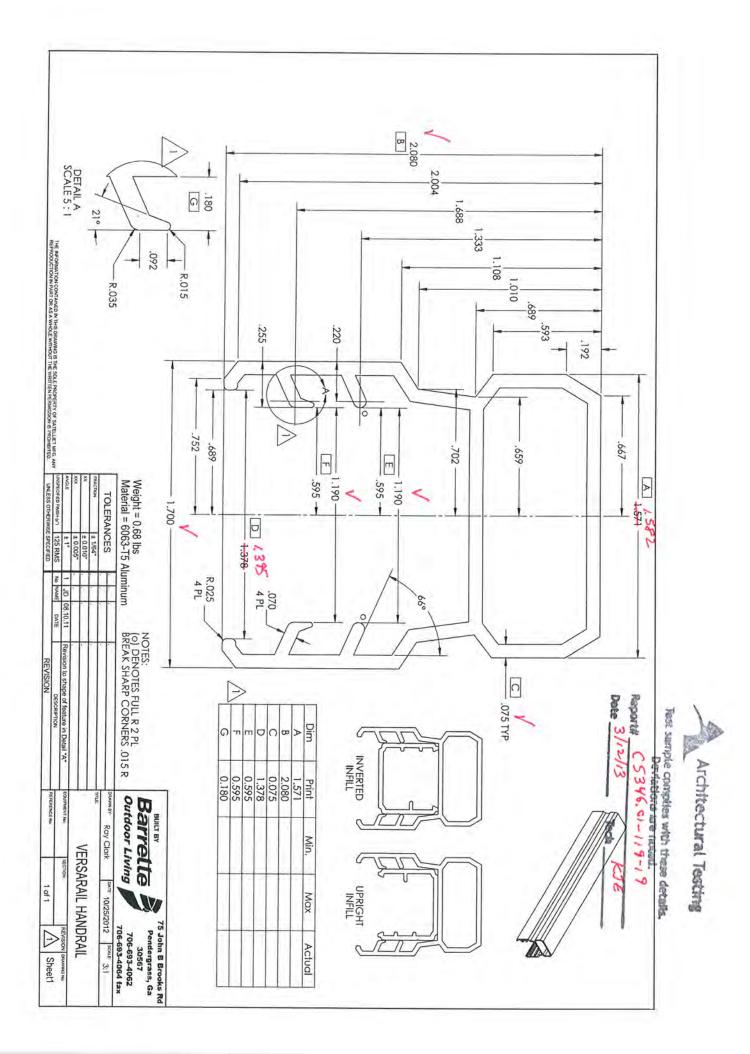
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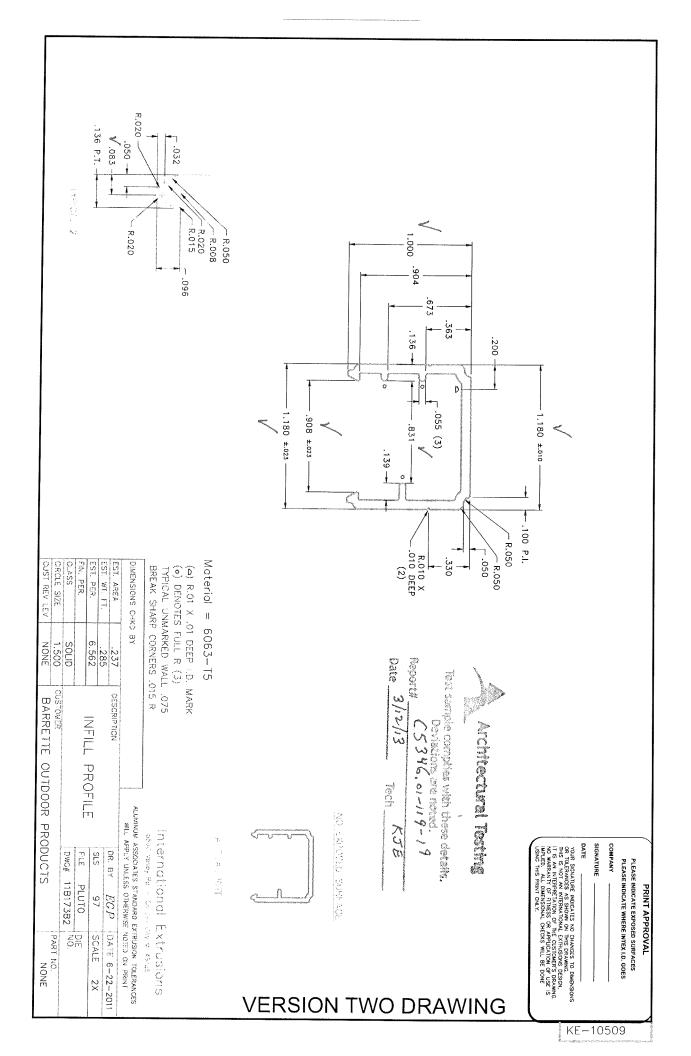
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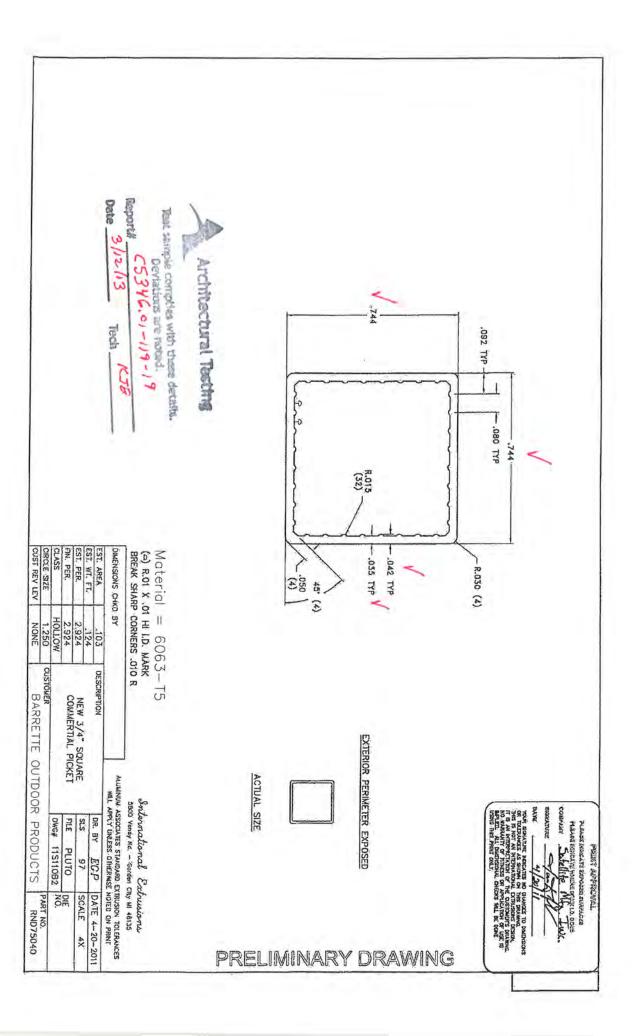


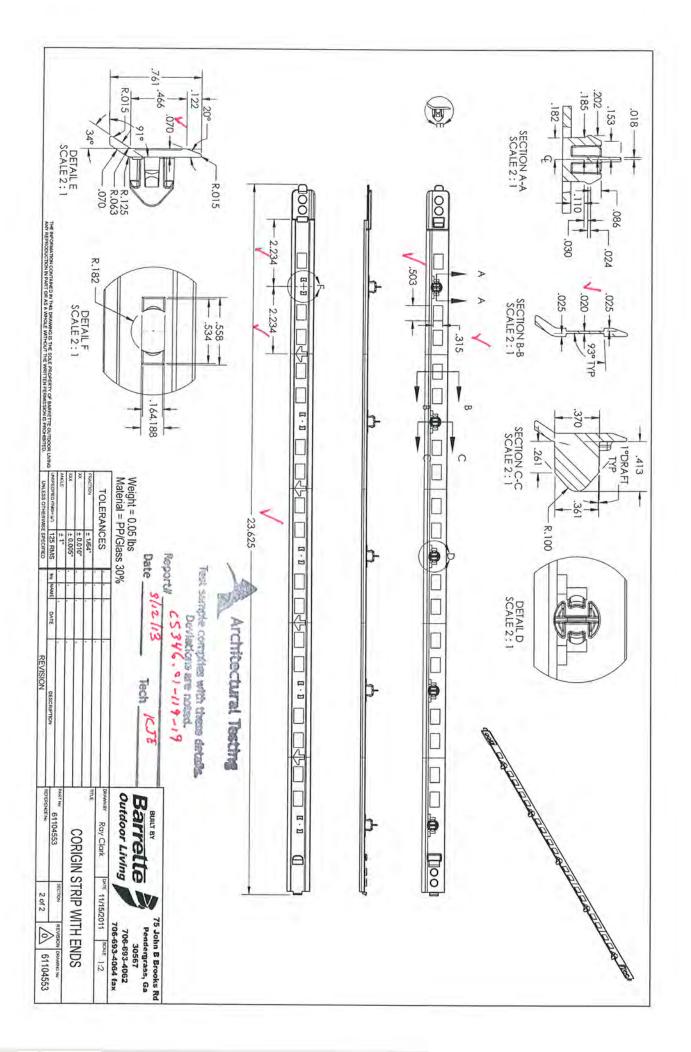
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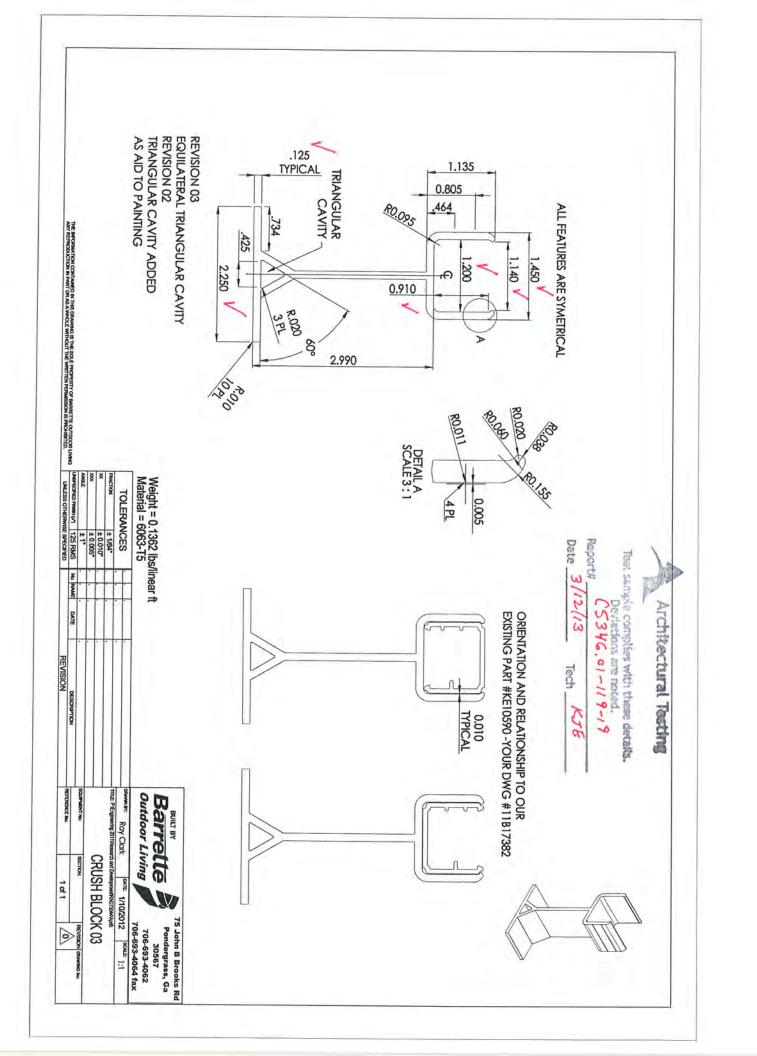


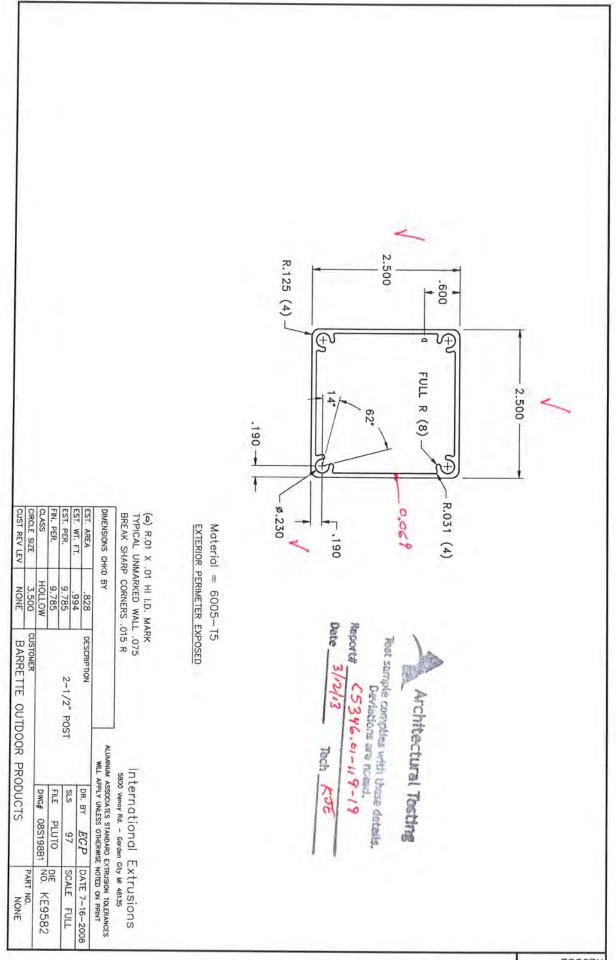




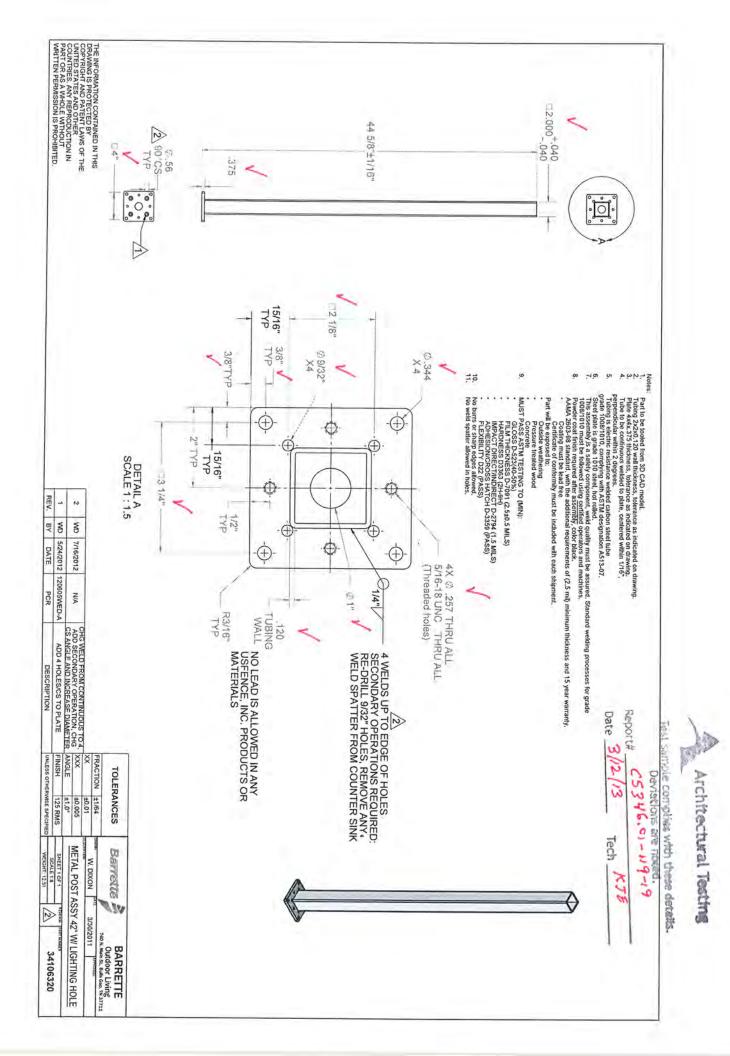


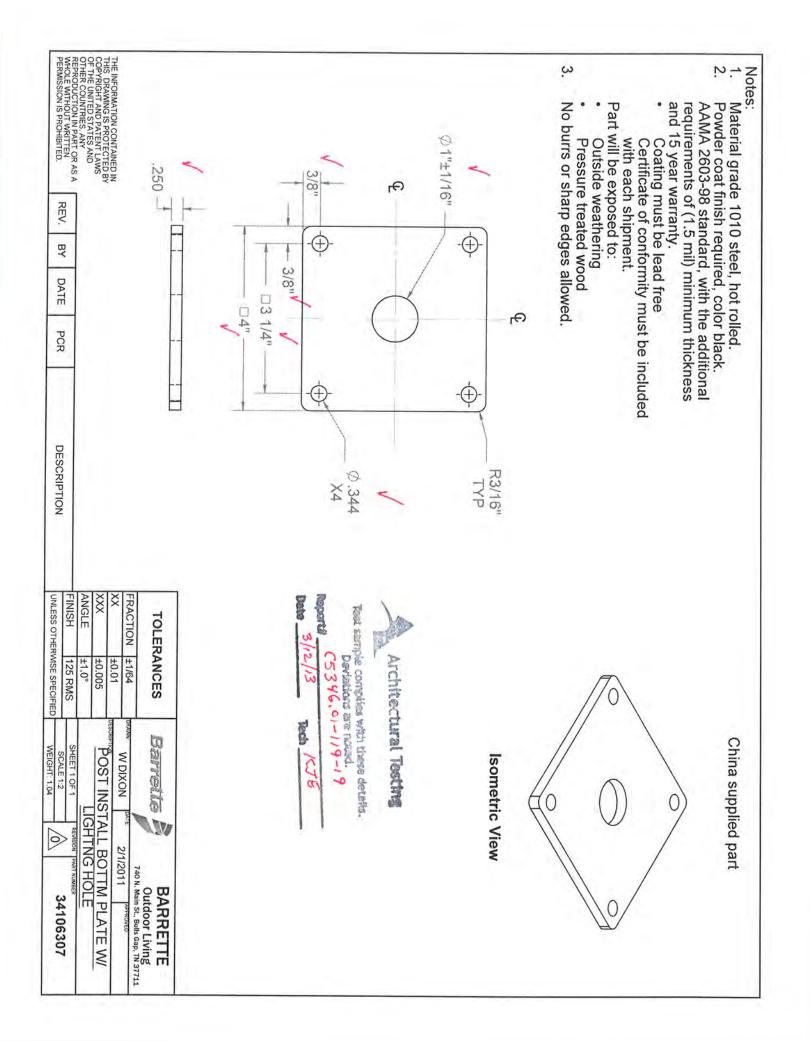


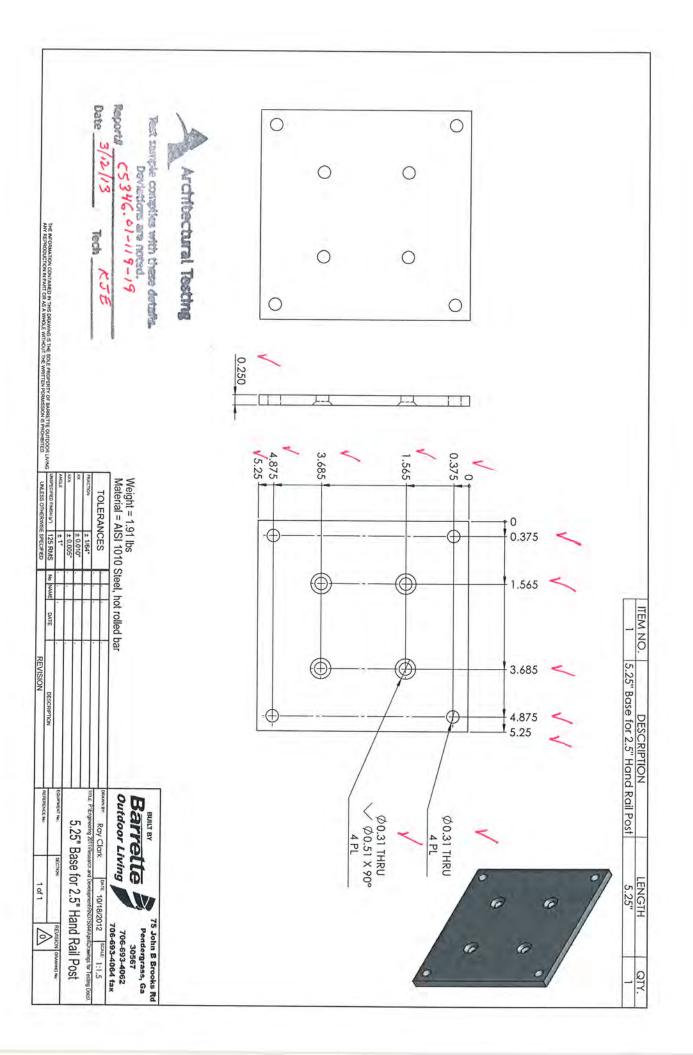


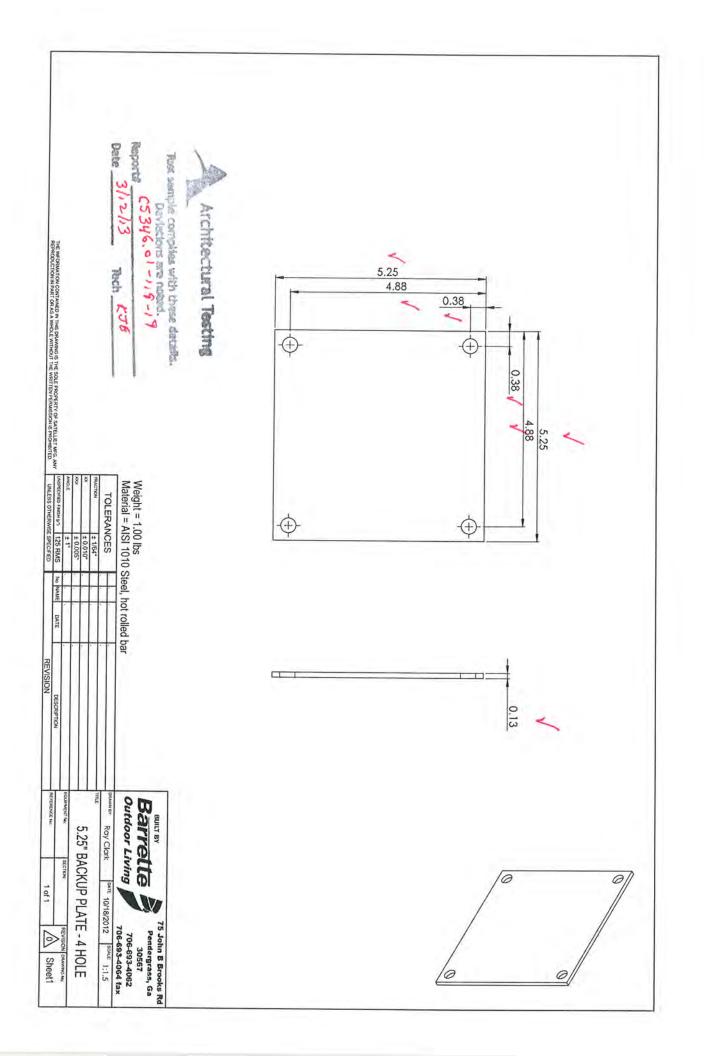


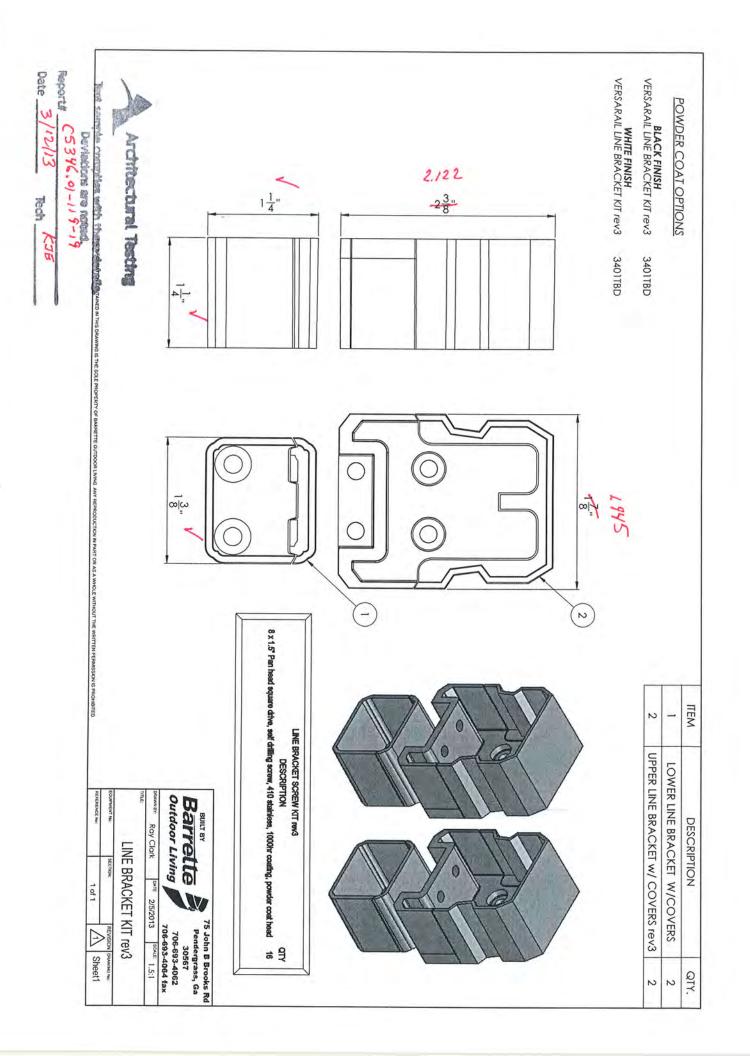
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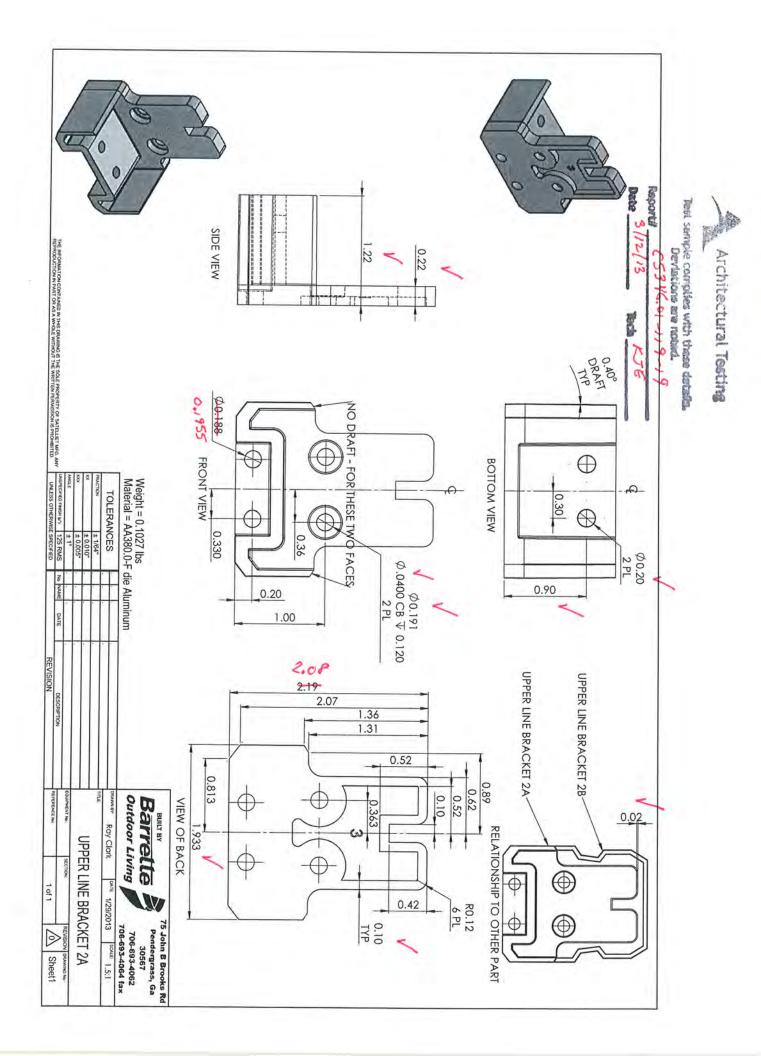


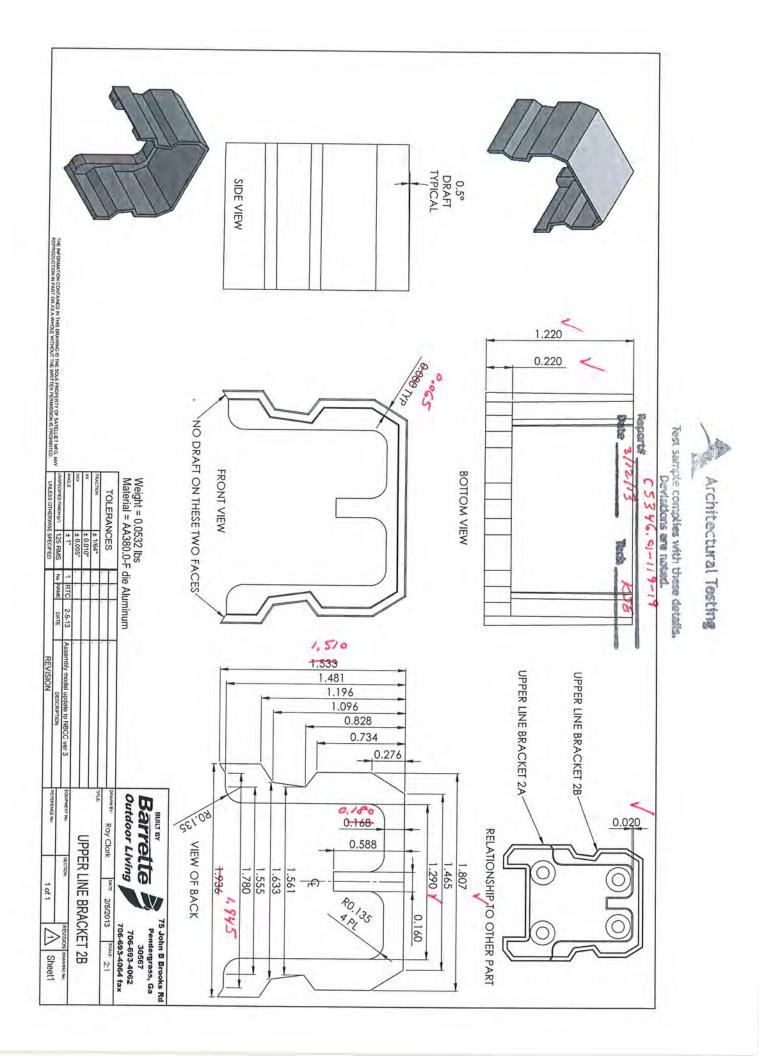


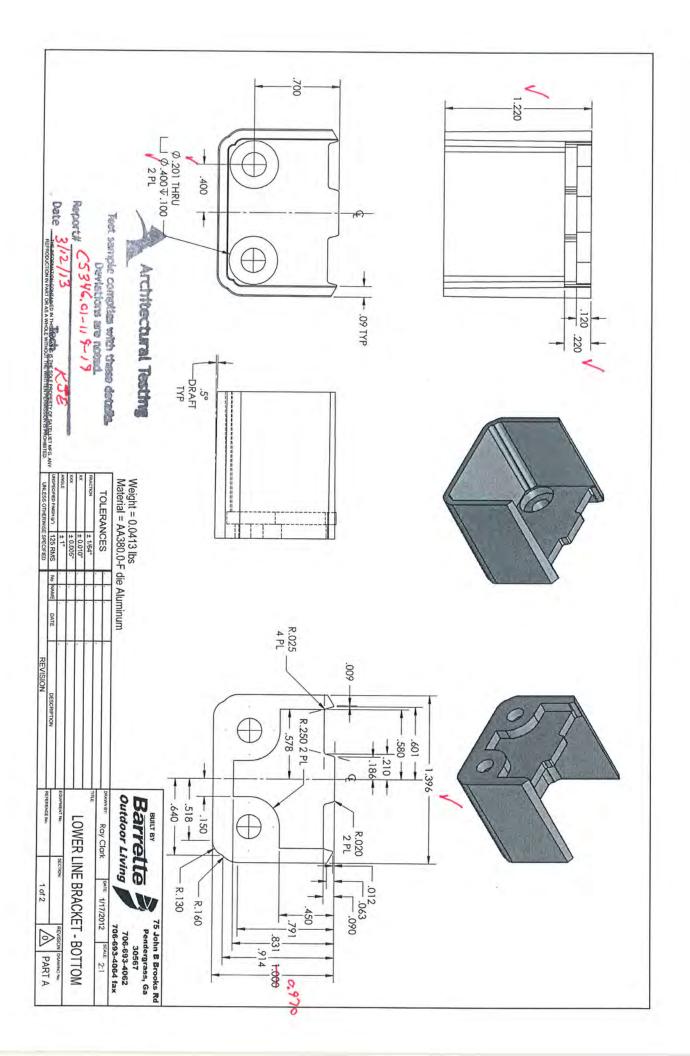


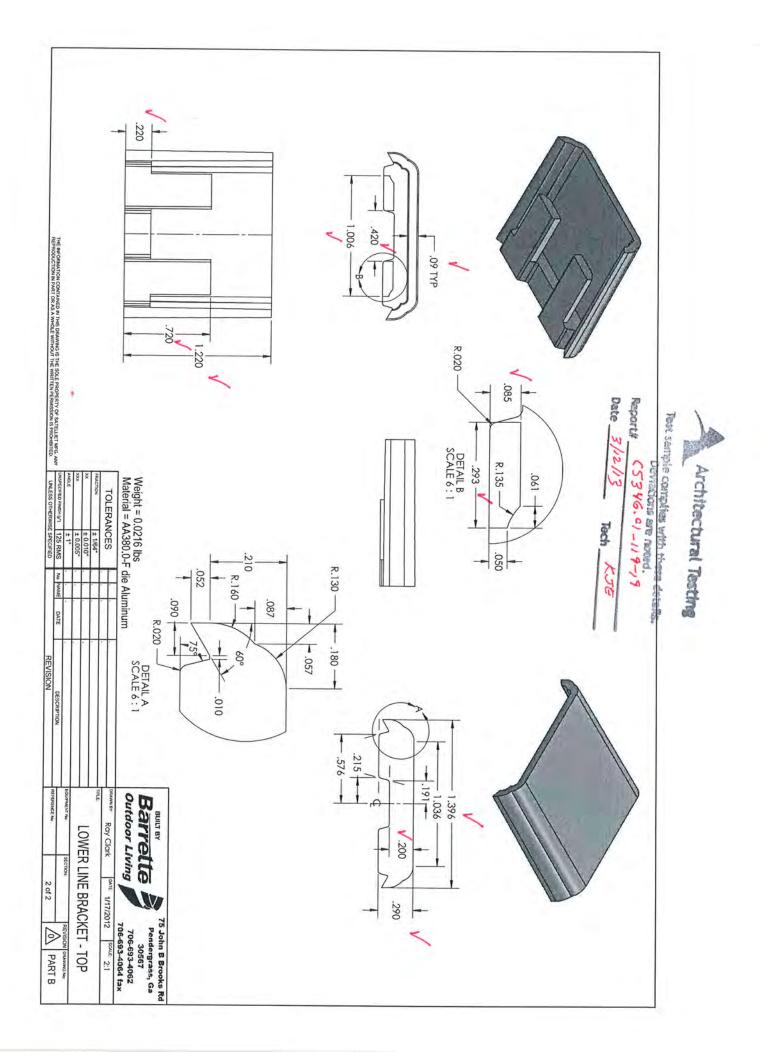














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APPENDIX B

Photographs





Photo No. 1 Infill Loading at Center of Three Balusters



Photo No. 2 Infill Loading at Bottom of Three Balusters

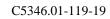






Photo No. 3 Concentrated Load at Midspan of Top Rail

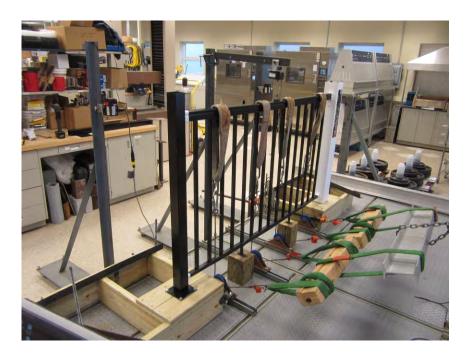


Photo No. 4 Vertical Uniform Load on Top Rail





Photo No. 5 Concentrated Load on Top of Single Post



Photo No. 6 Top Rail-Bracket-Post Attachment





Photo No. 7 Bottom Rail-Bracket-Post Attachment



Photo No. 8 2 in Square Steel Post Mount with 5 in Square PVC Post Sleeve with Internal Spacers





Photo No. 9 Mounting Plate Attachment to the Underside of the Horizontal Wood Blocking of the Mock Wood Deck



Photo No. 10 PVC Post Sleeve Top and Bottom Internal Spacers (Steel Post Mount)