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NFRC 500 Condensation Resistance Test Reporting Requirements

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FOREWORD

The National Fenestration Rating Council has developed a uniform national rating system for energy performance characteristics of fenestration products.

The NFRC 500 is a procedure developed by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) to meet the need for a uniform and accurate means for thermal and related performance ratings of fenestration systems. The Condensation Resistance established by this procedure is determined at a fixed set of environmental conditions. Consequently, the performance ratings determined using this procedure may not be appropriate for directly determining seasonal energy performance.

A physical test on a representative specimen is used to validate product conformance and the computer simulations for U-Factor ratings only. Products that cannot be simulated for Condensation Resistance use ratings based on physical testing.

This document is a supplemental document to the procedures regarding the reporting requirements providing the total product ratings for NFRC 500 Condensation Resistance.

Each testing laboratory shall issue a test report to the fenestration product manufacturer for whom NFRC testing was conducted and, upon approval from the manufacturer, shall issue the same report to the manufacturer's IA.

In issuing reports for use in connection with the Certification Program, an NFRC-accredited testing or simulation laboratory shall comply with the NFRC Rating Procedure applicable to the energy performance characteristic to be rated. See the Glossary for the definition of Rating Procedure.

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1. MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDENSATION RESISTANCE TESTING LABORATORIES

1.1 Condensation Resistance Testing Laboratory Reporting Requirements for NFRC 500

1.1.1 Condensation Resistance Testing Laboratory Reporting Requirements

Testing laboratory shall issue a test report to the fenestration product manufacturer for whom NFRC testing was conducted and, upon approval from the manufacturer, shall issue the same report to the manufacturer's IA. Prior to the issuance of a final report, the test laboratory shall disassemble the test specimen in such a manner after testing in order to verify the description of the product in the test report. Test laboratories shall use the guidelines in Appendix B to verify the manufacturer's product drawings. Attachment films are exempt from the guidelines Appendix B, but not other fenestration attachment products.

- A. The condensation resistance test report and the representative electronic upload shall identify one distinct product line represented by one upload matrix with a unique report number.
- B. Upon approval from the manufacturer (via written letter or electronic documentation), the same report shall be issued to the manufacturer's IA. The approval shall be included in the test folder or report.
- C. The testing laboratory shall include with the report the package of extrusion drawings, bill of materials, and assembly view drawings that shall be authenticated by the testing laboratory. The authentication shall be indicated by the laboratory stamp bearing the unique testing report number on the bill of materials and drawings to indicate that they are representative of the materials and profiles of the product.

The test report shall include the following:

- D. Name, address and phone number of the laboratory
- E. Location (if different than the laboratory address) and identification of test equipment utilized
- F. Test date

- G. Name and address of the client
- H. Serial number, report number or other appropriate means of identifying each individual product line report
- I. A statement that the tests were conducted in full compliance with NFRC requirements
- J. NFRC Procedures and the editions under which the report was submitted (i.e. NFRC 500-2004)
- K. Drawing(s) and a detailed written description of the specimen including (where applicable):

[**Note:** some items listed may not be applicable in certain cases]:

- i. Manufacturer and series or model number
- ii. General description of product (i.e., operator type, size, framing type, glazing type, spacer type)
- iii. Test Specimen size (reported in both SI and IP units)
- iv. The test specimen size and design shall also be reported. If the test specimen size is non-standard [± 12.7 mm (0.5 in.)] in width and/or height from the model size referenced in Table 4-3 of NFRC 100, then the text "non-standard size" shall be inserted immediately following the size everywhere the size is listed, both in the full report and in any summary.
- v. Bill of materials including vendor name and part numbers
- vi. Parts drawings (i.e., frame, sash, glazing, hardware, etc.)
- vii. Physically measured parameters (sizes and thickness measured to 1 mm (1/32 inches); i.e., overall window dimensions, operable and/or fixed sash dimensions, glazing daylight openings, and door component parts)
- viii. Glazing material(s), including thickness, coatings, and/or internal films (emissivity, as reported by the sample manufacturer) and their location (surface)

- ix. Measured air space at the edge-of-glazing and design gas fill % concentration and type, as reported by the sample manufacturer
 - x. Spacer materials and construction
 - xi. Grille materials, placement and pattern
 - xii. Detailed description of the framing, sash, frame and sash corner/joint construction, glazing installation, weatherstripping (types and locations), drainage and finish
 - xiii. All hardware, operator and other components
 - xiv. All descriptive items in the test report, which have not been measured or verified by the test lab, must be clearly indicated in the report
- L. The report shall include the total product Condensation Resistance rating value, CR; the frame Condensation Resistance, CR_f ; the center-of-glazing Condensation Resistance, CR_c and the edge-of-glazing Condensation Resistance, CR_e .
 - M. Date of last complete hot box calibration and last calibration check
 - N. Statement of experimental uncertainty associated with tests and data reduction when available
 - O. Any additional comments or data deemed important in the understanding or review of the report
 - P. Name and signature of individual conducting the test
 - Q. Name and signature of individual accepting responsibility for the technical accuracy of a test report
 - R. A statement that the report shall not be reproduced, except in full, without the approval of the laboratory
 - S. A statement that the report relates only to the fenestration products tested
 - T. A drawing indicating the location of each specified thermocouple and the corresponding surface temperature (when applicable)

- U. Rounding of numerical values shall be per NFRC 601.
- V. A statement indicating whether the weather side wind direction is perpendicular or parallel.
- W. The projecting height of the frame and sash members shall be included. Attachment products shall list reference product used.
- X. The format and content of the data sheets as defined in Appendix A are mandatory, shall be completed with the pertinent data and shall be included as part of the condensation resistance test report.
- Y. The following statement shall be included in the report: “Ratings included in this report are for submittal to an NFRC-licensed IA for certification purposes and are not meant to be used for labeling purposes. Only those values identified on a valid Certification Authorization Report (CAR) are to be used for labeling purposes.”
- Z. The following statement shall be included in the report: “The Condensation Resistance results obtained from this procedure are for controlled laboratory conditions and do not include the effects of air movement through the specimen, solar radiation, and the thermal bridging that may occur due to the specific design and construction of the fenestration system opening.”
- AA. NFRC laboratories shall, as part of the report, upload the *NFRC Physical Testing CPD 2.0 Upload Sheet* to the NFRC database. The values in the *NFRC Physical Testing CPD 2.0 Upload Sheet* shall be consistent with any values in the NFRC report. The *NFRC Physical Testing CPD 2.0 Upload Sheet* must be in MS Excel[®] format and values must not be linked to other workbooks.
- BB. The test lab may choose to provide an electronic copy of the report as long as the report, in its entirety, is submitted in electronic format, stored on a remote secure server accessible by the designated IA or mailed on electronic media.

[**Note:** Electronic reports shall be protected by password or other means to prevent unauthorized modification. Laboratories shall maintain a secured back-up copy.]

1.1.2 NFRC 102 Thermal Test Reporting

NFRC 102 standardized test conditions as well as the calculations in Section 5 of the NFRC 501 are used for the evaluation and rating of the Condensation Resistance rating.

At the discretion of the manufacturer and laboratory, the results of the NFRC 500 Condensation Resistance can be included within an NFRC 102 report for the identical product. All reporting requirements in accordance with NFRC 701.04 shall be met.

● APPENDIX A

Measured Test Data

Category	Parameter	Quantity	Units
Heat Flows	Total Measured Metering Box Input (Q_{total})		W (BTU/hr)
	Surround Panel Heat Flow (Q_{sp})		W (BTU/hr)
	Surround Panel Thickness		mm (Inches)
	Surround Panel Conductance		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Metering Box Wall Heat Flow (Q_{mb})		W (BTU/hr)
	EMF vs. Heat flow equation (equivalent information)		N.A.
	Flanking Loss Heat Flow (Q_f)		W (BTU/hr)
	Net Specimen Heat Loss (Q_s)		W (BTU/hr)
Areas	Specimen, Projected (A_s)		m ² (ft ²)
	Specimen, Interior Total (3-D) Surface (A_{int})		m ² (ft ²)
	Specimen, Exterior Total (3-D) Surface (A_{ext})		m ² (ft ²)
	Metering Box Opening (A_{mb})		m ² (ft ²)
	Metering Box Baffle (A_{b1})		m ² (ft ²)
	Surround Panel Interior Exposed (A_{sp})		m ² (ft ²)
Test Conditions	Average Metering Room Air Temperature		°C (°F)
	Average Cold Side Air Temperature		°C (°F)
	Average Guard/Environmental Air Temperature		°C (°F)
	Metering Room Average Relative Humidity		%
	Measured Cold Side Wind Velocity		kph (mph)
	Measured Static Pressure Difference Across Test Specimen		Pa (psf)
Area Weighted Surface Temperature	Warm side specimen (t_1)		°C (°F)
	Cold side specimen (t_2)		°C (°F)
	Warm side frame (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)

Category	Parameter	Quantity	Units
Data	Cold side frame (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)
	Warm side edge-of-glass (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)
	Cold side edge-of-glass (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)
	Warm side center-of-glass (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)
	Cold side center-of-glass (informational purposes only, not required)		°C (°F)
	Warm side surround panel		°C (°F)
	Cold side surround panel		°C (°F)
Thermal Transmittance	U_s, Measured		W/m²·C (BTU/hr·ft² ·°F)
	U_{st}, Standardized		W/m²·C (BTU/hr·ft² ·°F)

Calculated Test Data-Method B only, Not Both

Method	Parameter	Quantity	Units
“A” (Area Weighted, for informational purposes only)	Warm Side Surface Conductance (h_I)		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Cold Side Surface Conductance (h_{II})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Test Specimen Thermal Conductance (C_s)		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Standardized Warm Side Surface Conductance (h_{stI})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Standardized Cold Side Surface Conductance (h_{stII})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	U_{st}, Standardized Thermal Transmittance		W/m²°C (BTU/hr•ft² •°F)
“B” (CTS)	Emittance of Glass (e_I)		N.A.
	Warm Side Baffle Emittance (e_{bI})		N.A.
	Equivalent Warm Side Surface Temperature		°C (°F)
	Equivalent Weather Side Surface Temperature		°C (°F)
	Warm Side Baffle Surface Temperature		°C (°F)
	Measured Warm Side Surface Conductance (h_I)		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Measured Weather Side Surface Conductance (h_{II})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Test Specimen Thermal Conductance (C_s)		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Convection Coefficient (K)		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Radiative Test Specimen Heat Flow (Q_{rI})		W (BTU/hr)
	Conductive Test Specimen Heat Flow(Q_{cI})		W (BTU/hr)
	Radiative Heat Flux of Test Specimen (q_{rI})		W/m ² (BTU/(hr•ft ²))
	Convective Heat Flux of Test Specimen (q_{r2})		W/m ² (BTU/hr•ft ²)
	Standardized Warm Side Surface Conductance(h_{stI})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	Standardized Cold Side Surface Conductance (h_{stII})		W/m ² °C (BTU/hr•ft ² •°F)
	U_{st}, Standardized Thermal Transmittance		W/m²°C (BTU/hr•ft² •°F)

Duration

The environmental systems were started at _____ (am/pm) on _____ (date).

The test parameters were considered stable for two consecutive two hour test periods from _____ hours, _____ minutes to _____ hours, _____ minutes.

The thermal performance test results were derived from _____ hours, _____ minutes to _____ hours, _____ minutes.

● APPENDIX B

GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE IF THE TEST SPECIMEN IS PROPERLY REPRESENTED BY THE MANUFACTURER'S PRODUCT DRAWINGS

1. The testing laboratory shall verify the test specimen to the drawings supplied by the manufacturer. This will be accomplished by comparing the physical samples of the product tested to the manufacturer's product drawings. The package of extrusion drawings, bill of materials, and fabrication drawings shall be authenticated by the testing laboratory's stamp referencing this data to the test report number or other test report identification. The testing laboratory's stamp or other mark on each individual drawing indicates that this drawing is representative of the material used in the tested sample. It also indicates, on the bill of materials and other data, in so far as it is possible to check, that the material used in the tested sample is that which was stated by the manufacturer.
2. The product samples should be verified in the following manner:
 - a. The base profile of the product sample extrusion must match the extrusion drawing. (i.e. internal air cavities, structural components, reinforcement, internal legs, etc. are the same)
 - b. The overall dimensions (width and height) of the sample profile should be checked to the physical dimensions stated on the profile drawings. In addition, other dimensions deemed critical should also be checked. Dimensional tolerances stated on the drawings should be used to indicate compliance.
 - c. Where possible, the bill of materials will be checked against the product tested to be certain that the type of material indicated on the drawings is the same type of material being used on the test specimen.
 - d. Any thermal break should be checked and verified for the effective distance (debridged width or effective width) between the inboard and outboard sides of the component containing the thermal break.
 - e. Where possible, check and indicate if the hardware described on the drawings and the bill of materials is the same type and is located in the same location as indicated on the assembly drawing.
3. The testing laboratory, by placing the stamp on a drawing, indicates that the drawing is representative of the test specimen.
4. If the test product drawing(s) do not verify that the product tested is the same as indicated on the drawings, the test laboratory shall illustrate on the drawing(s) the apparent differences in the test report.