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RESEARCH REPORT: RR 25638
(CSI 05090)

BASED UPON ICC EVALUATION SERVICE
REPORT NO. ESR-2174

REEVALUATION DUE DATE:
December 1, 2012
Issued Date: October 1, 2010
Code: 2008 LABC

GENERAL APPROVAL – Reevaluation- GYP-FAST™ fasteners used to attach gypsum sheathing to metal studs.

DETAILS

The above assemblies and/or products are approved when in compliance with the description, use, identification and findings of Evaluation Report No. ESR-2174 dated February 1, 2010, of the ICC Evaluation Service, Incorporated. The report, in its entirety, is attached and made part of this general approval.

The parts of Evaluation Report No. ESR-2174 marked by an asterisk are modified or deleted by the Los Angeles City Building Department from this approval.

The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1 Allowable negative transverse loads on sheathing attached to metal studs are limited to the value noted in Table 1 of this report.
- 2 Fasteners are manufactured, identified and installed in accordance with this report.
- 3 An approved exterior wall covering and weather-resistive barrier are required over the system in accordance with the 2008 Los Angeles City Building Code.

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ITW Ramset
RE: GYP-FAST™ Fasteners

DISCUSSION

The report is in compliance with the 2008 Los Angeles City Building Code.

The approval was based on tests in accordance with ICC Evaluation Services Acceptance Criteria for Pneumatic or Gas-Power-Driven Pin Fasteners Used to Attach Gypsum Panels to Cold-Formed Steel Framing (AC 259).

This general approval will remain effective provided the Evaluation Report is maintained valid and unrevised with the issuing organization. Any revisions to the report must be submitted to this Department, with appropriate fee, for review in order to continue the approval of the revised report.

Addressee to whom this Research Report is issued is responsible for providing copies of it, complete with any attachments indicated, to architects, engineers and builders using items approved herein in design or construction which must be approved by Department of Building and Safety Engineers and Inspectors.

This general approval of an equivalent alternate to the Code is only valid where an engineer and/or inspector of this Department has determined that all conditions of this approval have been met in the project in which it is to be used.



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ICC-ES Evaluation Report
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This report is subject to re-examination in one year.

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EVALUATION SUBJECT:
GYP-FAST™ FASTENERS USED TO ATTACH GYPSUM SHEATHING TO METAL STUDS
1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE
Compliance with the following codes:

- 2006 International Building Code® (IBC)
- * ■ ~~2000 International Residential Code® (IRC)~~
- ~~1997 Uniform Building Code™ (UBC)~~

Property evaluated:

Structural

2.0 USES

The GYP-FAST™ fasteners are used to attach gypsum sheathing to the exterior side of light-framed, cold-formed steel framing members for curtain wall applications. ~~The fasteners may be used to attach gypsum sheathing to steel studs in structures regulated by the IRC, provided an engineered design is submitted in accordance with Section R901.1.3 of the IRC.~~

3.0 DESCRIPTION
3.1 GYP-FAST Fasteners:

The fasteners are formed from coils of mill-certified steel coils. The steel complies as ASTM A 510, UNS G 10300 steel, heat-treated to a Rockwell C hardness of 45 to 50, or ASTM A 510, UNS G 10600 steel, heat-treated to a Rockwell C hardness of 44 to 48. Minimum tensile strength is 210 ksi (1447 MPa). The fastener is zinc-plated with a polymer finish, and has a tapered point with an annular thread and helical grooves on the shank. The fastener is 1½ inches (38.1 mm) long, has a 0.140-inch (3.6 mm) knurled diameter [0.120 inch (3.0 mm) shank diameter], and has a 0.32-inch-diameter (8.1 mm) bugle head. The fasteners are available in 150-count collated coils.

3.2 Exterior Gypsum Sheathing:

Exterior gypsum sheathing must be one of the materials listed in Table 1. The minimum thickness is ½ inch (12.7 mm).

3.3 Steel Framing:

Steel framing members must comply with the applicable code and have the minimum uncoated base-metal thicknesses noted in Table 1. In addition, steel framing members must be manufactured from structural steel with a minimum yield strength of 33 ksi (228 MPa).

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION
4.1 Design:

Framing and sheathing information, framing and fastener spacing, fastener penetration, and allowable negative (outward) transverse loads are set forth in Table 1. The steel framing members and the sheathing must be designed to resist the applied transverse loads.

4.2 Installation:

The GYP-FAST™ fasteners must be installed using pneumatic tools or fuel-powered tools recommended by ITW Ramset. The fasteners must pierce the sheathing panels being fastened, and must protrude through the steel framing members a minimum of ½ inch (12.7 mm). The head of the fastener must be flush with the sheathing. The fastener must not be over-driven.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The GYP-FAST™ fasteners described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The fasteners are manufactured, identified and installed in accordance with this report.
- 5.2 Calculations demonstrating that the applied loads are less than the maximum allowable loads noted in Table 1 must be submitted to the code official for approval.
- 5.3 Weather protection consisting of an approved exterior wall covering and a water-resistive barrier are required over the sheathing, in accordance with IBC Sections 1401.1 and 1403.2, respectively; ~~or IRC Sections R703.1 and R703.2, respectively; or UBC Sections 1401.1 and 1402.1, respectively, as applicable.~~
- * ~~5.4 Use of GYP-FAST fasteners in lateral-force-resisting systems is beyond the scope of this report.~~

* Deleted by the City of Los Angeles

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Pneumatic- or Gas-power-driven Pin Fasteners Used to Attach Gypsum Panels to Cold-formed Steel Framing (AC259), dated June 2004 (editorially revised March 2007).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

Cartons of GYP-FAST™ fasteners must be labeled with the ITW Ramset name and address, the product name (GYP-FAST™) and the evaluation report number (ESR-2174). The head of each fastener bears the symbol shown below.



TABLE 1—ALLOWABLE NEGATIVE TRANSVERSE LOADS USING GYP-FAST™ FASTENERS^{1,2,3,4,5}

SHEATHING	MINIMUM STEEL STUD THICKNESS RANGE, inch (mil)	MAXIMUM STUD SPACING, inches	FASTENER SPACING, inches	ALLOWABLE NEGATIVE LOAD, psf	
1/2-inch GP DensGlass® Gold Exterior Sheathing	0.036 to 105 (20 ga. to 12 ga.)	24	8	8	5
		16	8	8	7
5/8-inch GP DensGlass® Gold Fireguard Type X Sheathing	0.036 to 105 (20 ga. to 12 ga.)	24	8	24	20
		16	8	92	26
1/2-inch USG Sheetrock® Brand Gypsum Sheathing ⁶	0.036 to 105 (20 ga. to 12 ga.)	24	8	12	11
		16	8	10	15
5/8-inch USG Sheetrock® Brand Firecode® Core Type X Gypsum Sheathing	0.036 to 105 (20 ga. to 12 ga.)	24	8	18	
		16	8	24	
1/2-inch USG Fiberock® Brand Aquatough™	0.036 to 105 (20 ga. to 12 ga.)	24	8	90	28
		16	8	40	37

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 psf = 47.88 Pa.

¹The fasteners must be driven to a depth at which the shank pierces the steel, such that the tip of the fastener protrudes from the base metal a minimum of 1/2 inch.
²Tabulated values do not allow any overdriving of fasteners into sheathing.
³The minimum distance from the fasteners to the edge or the end of the sheathing is 3/8 inch.
⁴At the adjoining panel edges, the framing studs must be at least 1.5 inches wide, and the fasteners must be staggered.
⁵Design thickness is the minimum base metal thickness divided by 0.95.

** ⁶ Sheathing shall be 1/2- inch USG Sheetrock Brand Firecode core Type X Gypsum Sheathing.



FIGURE 1