



Applications of Architectural UHPC in USA building facades

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Introduction

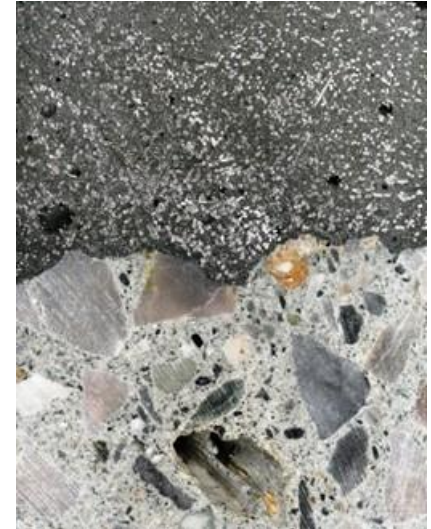
What is UHPC?

“Hydraulic cement-based mixture with a 56-d compressive strength at least equal to 120 MPa (non-metallic fibers) or 150 MPa for metallic fibers”

UHPC properties compared to NC:

- No coarse aggregate (maximized packing).
- Use of silica fume and other pozzolanic materials.
- High % of fiber (steel, AR-glass, PVA, etc.).
- Low water to binder ratios ($w/b < 0.30$).
- Use of admixture (SP, AC, etc.).

UHPC

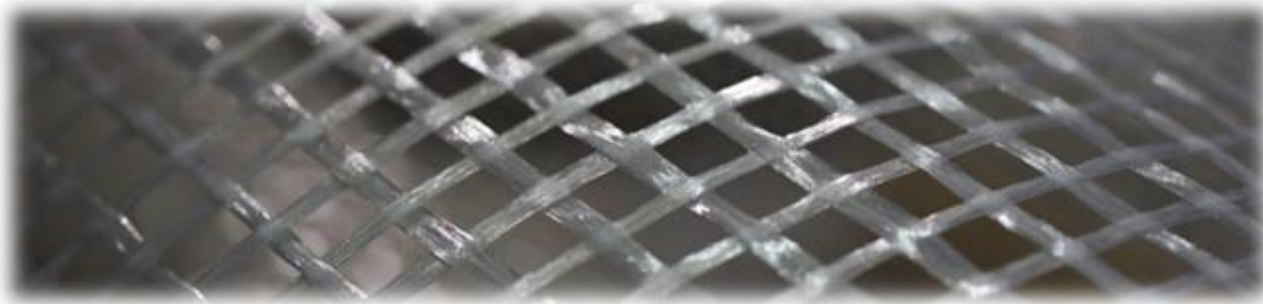


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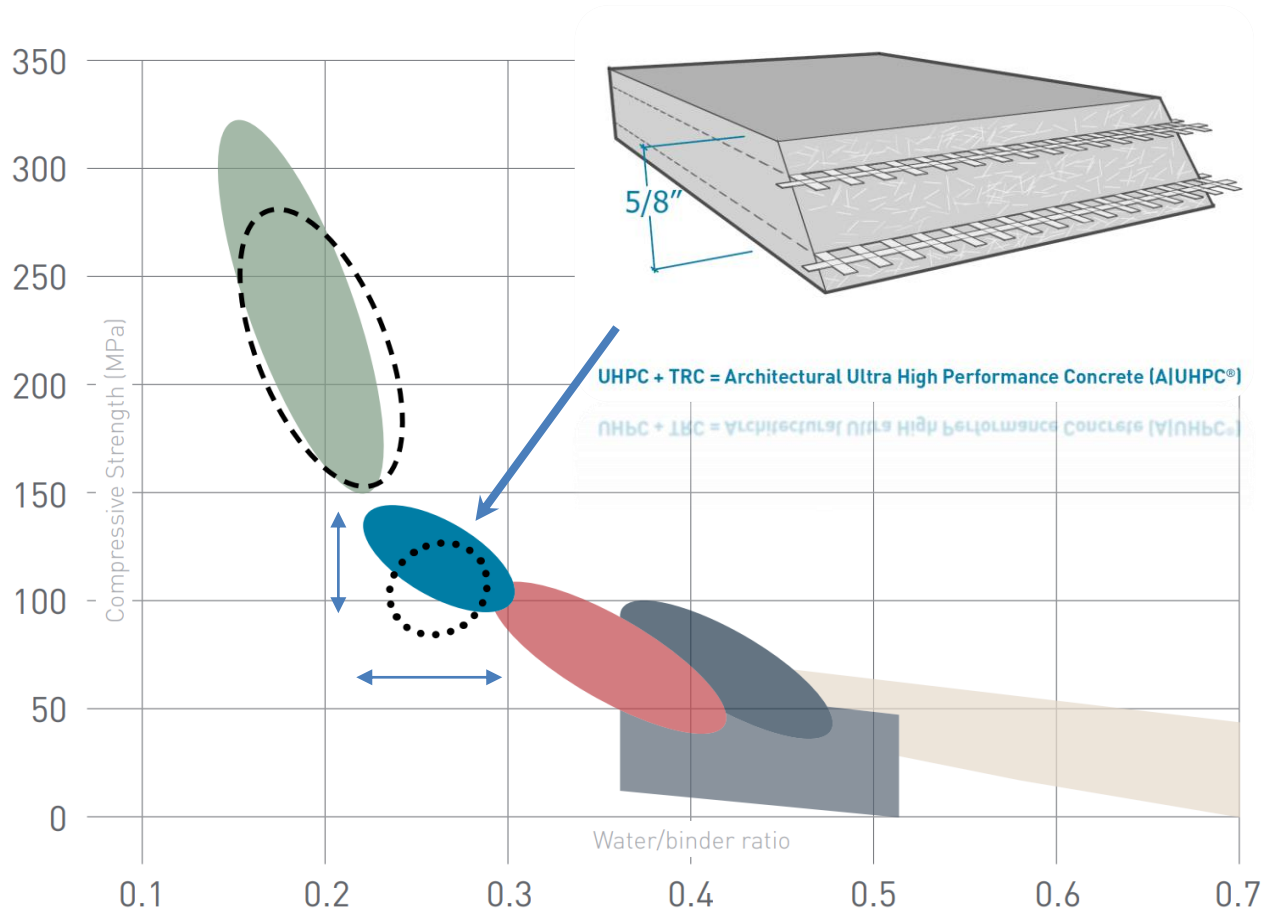
Introduction

Why TRC?

- Allows production of thin and lightweight elements.
- Uses of synthetic fiber mesh (1D, 2D, 3D).
- Solves problem of discrete fiber alignment.
- Increases in anchor capacity.
- Extends deflection and shattering resistance (increased toughness and safety).

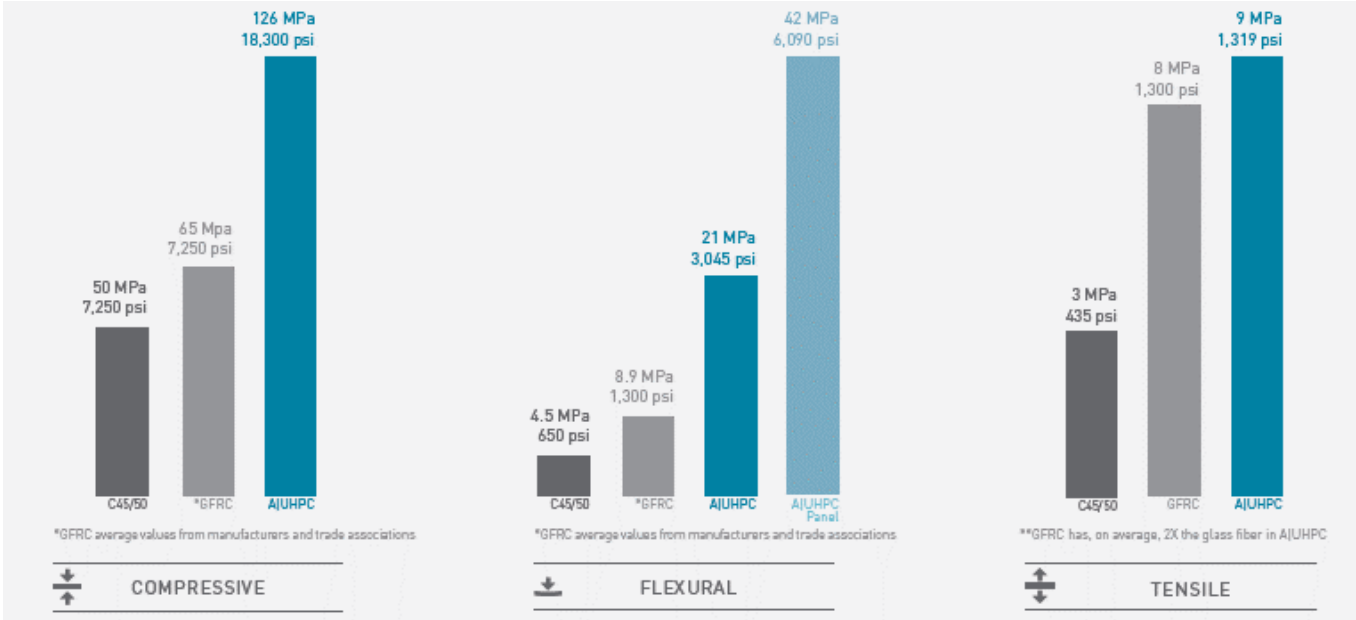


A|UHPC® Definition and classification



- Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) 2000
- A|UHPC® 2010
- High Strength Concrete (HSC) 1985
- Self Compacting Concrete (SCC) 1995
- Light Weight Concrete
- Normal Concrete
- Arch. UHPC PVA fibers (2012)
- Struct. UHPC Steel fibers (1996)

AJUHPC® Properties



ESR-3899 report

ESR-3899
 ICC-Evaluation Report
 Released April 2021
 This report is subject to re-eval April 2022
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ISSUES: 1410-10-1 THERMAL AND MOISTURE PROTECTION SECTION OF A 60-48-Fiber-Concrete Slab

REPORT HOLDER:
 TACTL, LLC

EVALUATION SUBJECT:
 TACTL STANDARD AND SELECT ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE CONCRETE (UHPC) PANEL SYSTEM

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE
 Compliance with the following codes:
 • 2015 and 2012 International Building Code® (IBC)
 • 2015 and 2012 International Residential Code® (IRC)

Properties evaluated:
 • Material characteristics
 • Flexure resistance
 • Tensile resistance
 • Cracking

1.0 USES
 The TACTL Standard and Select Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) Panels are used as an exterior wall cladding, or an exterior wall base under the IRC and all buildings constructed in accordance with Table 1.1.1.1.1.1 or construction materials that comply with Section 4.1.2 of this report.

The system may also be used for exterior applications as part of a Class A interior wall finish.

1.1 Overview
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Miami Dade County NOA report



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SCOPE:
 This NOA is being issued under the applicable rules and regulations governing the use of construction materials. The documentation submitted has been reviewed and accepted by Miami Dade County Project Control Section. This NOA shall not be valid after the expiration date stated below. The Miami Dade County Project Control Section has issued this NOA for the use of the product as shown on the drawings. Miami Dade County reserves the right to have this product or material used for quality assurance purposes. If this product or material fails to perform in the accepted manner, the manufacturer will bear the expense of such testing and the fail may immediately void, voidable, or require the use of such product or material within their jurisdiction. BEB reserves the right to revoke this acceptance if it is determined by Miami Dade County Project Control Section that this product or material fails to meet the requirements of the applicable building code.

DESCRIPTION: Architectural Ultra High Performance Concrete (AUHPC) Facade Panel System

APPROVAL DOCUMENT: Florida Building Code, Chapter 6, Section 605.2, "Architectural Ultra High Performance Concrete (AUHPC) Facade Panel System", Volume 1, Part 9, dated 01/29/2021, with revision A, dated 06/24/2021, prepared by AS Form Corporation, signed and sealed by Judd Ewing, P.E., on 07/27/2021, bearing the Miami Dade County Project Control approval stamp with the Notice of Acceptance number and approval date by the Miami Dade County Project Control Section.

MINIMAL IMPACT RATING: Large and Small Missile Impact Resistant

LABELING: Each unit shall have a permanent label with the manufacturer's name or logo, city, state, model name, and following information: "ASTM C1186, Type A compliant" and "Miami Dade County Project Control Approved", unless otherwise noted herein.

REWORK: This NOA shall be considered after a reworked application has been filed and there has been no change to the applicable building code negatively affecting the performance of this product.

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This NOA consists of this page 1 and evidence pages E-1 and E-2, as well as approval document mentioned above.

The submitted documentation was reviewed by Carlos M. Utrera, P.E.

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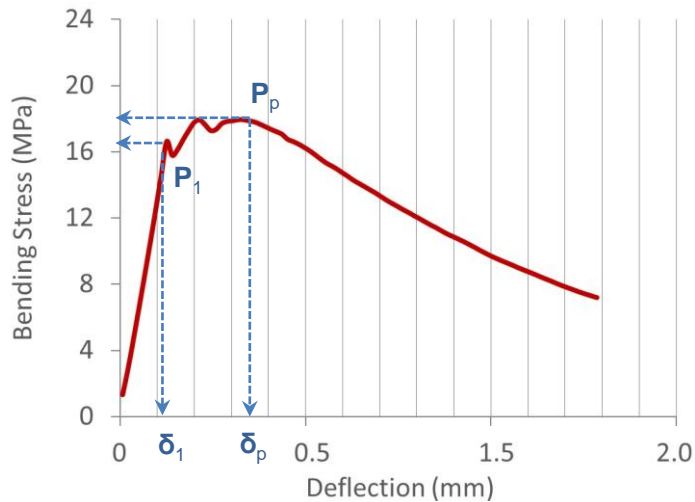
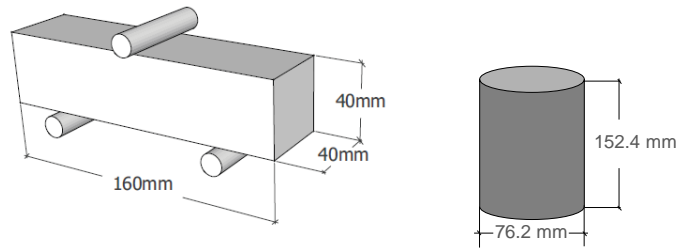
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AUHPC® Code development (IBC)

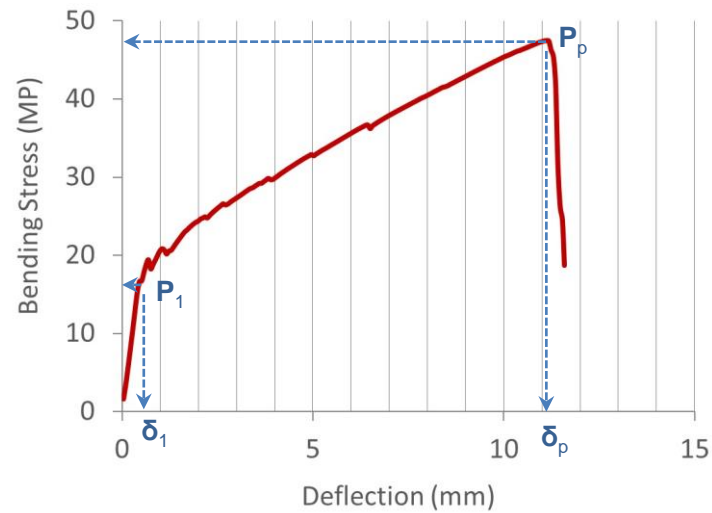
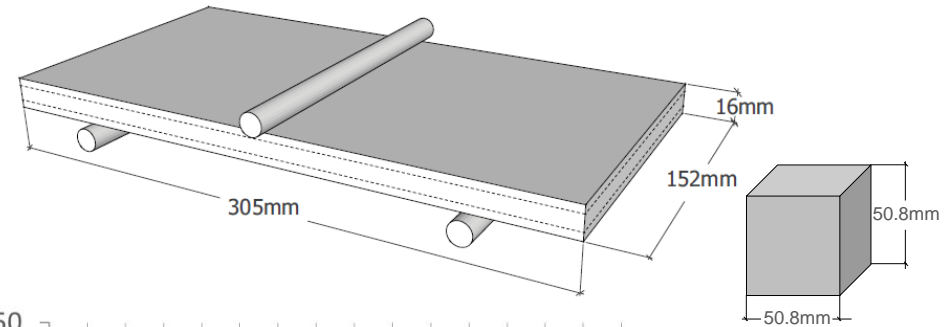
AC458

Only includes UHPC with fibers
Base UHPC matrix



AC493

Includes reinforcing mesh
Tested in form of use



P_1 : First-Peak Load δ_1 : Net Deflection at First-Peak Load P_p : Post cracking Peak-Load δ_p : Net Deflection at Peak-Load

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AUHPC® Code development (IBC)

Panel connections (Fasteners)

329 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY (2019)



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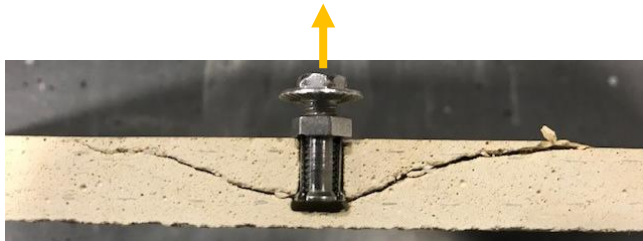
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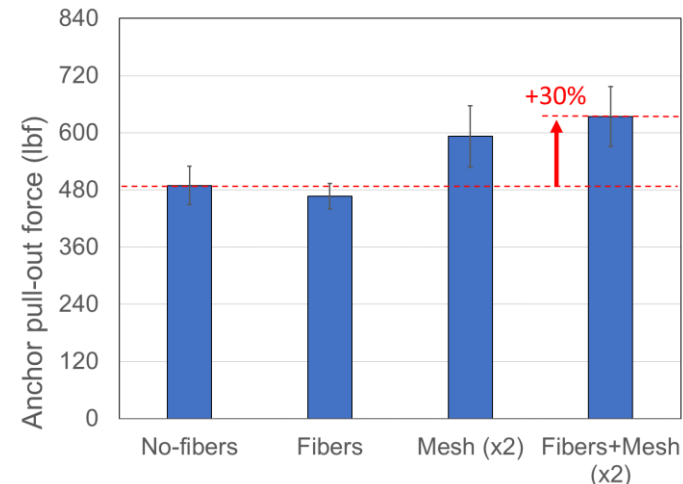
Panel connections (Concealed anchors)



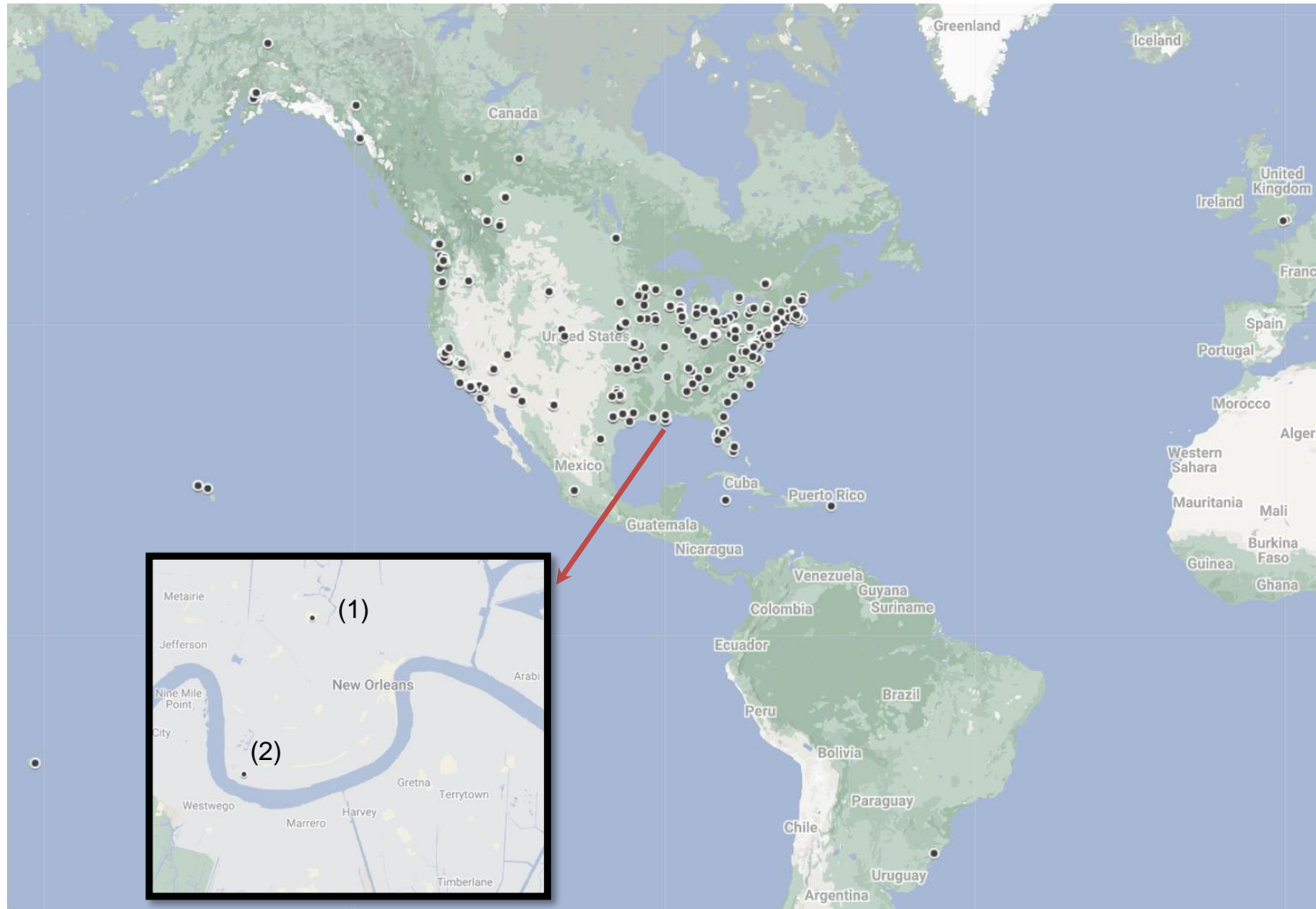
University of Connecticut, STEM Research Center (2022)



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A|UHPC® Projects (>475)



- (1) Allie Mae Williams Multi-Service Center, 320 N Carrollton Avenue
- (2) Children's Hospital New Orleans Infill Tower, 200 Henry Clay Avenue

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CASE Study: 325 Binney St (2023)



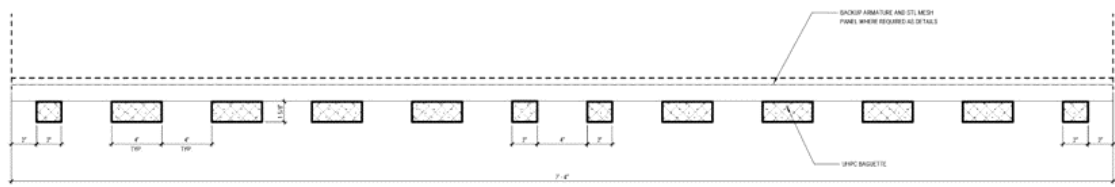
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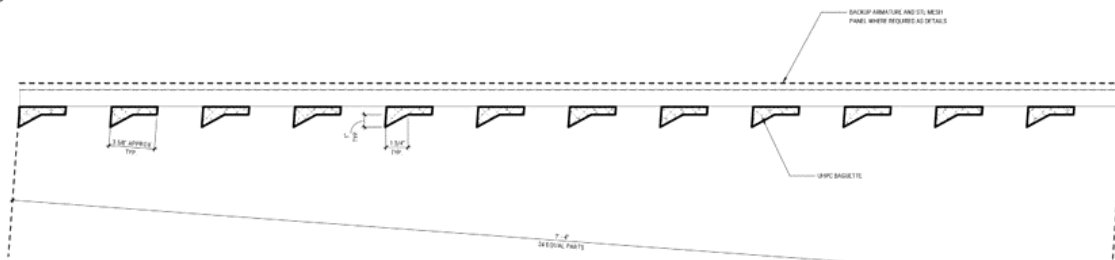
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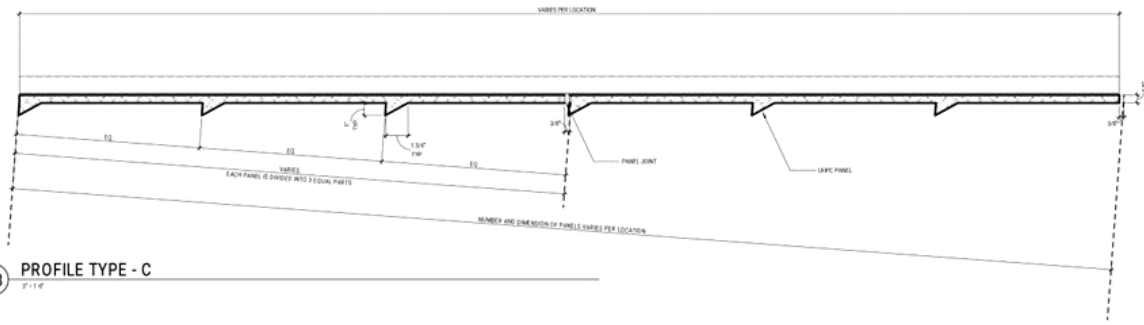
Panel and elements



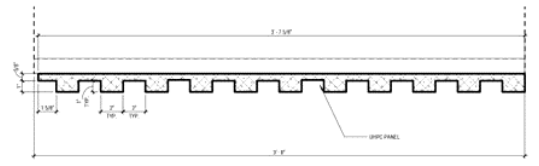
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F.F.



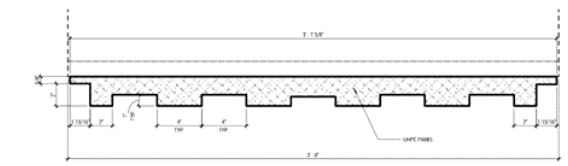
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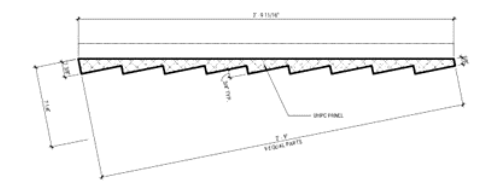
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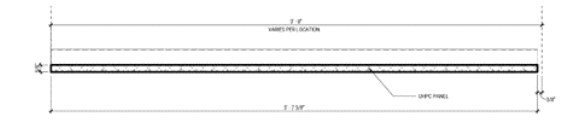
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C6 PROFILE TYPE - E
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C2 PROFILE TYPE - B
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C1 PROFILE TYPE - A
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UHPC white tone, Flat Panel
UHPC white tone, Textured Panel

UHPC wood tone, Textured Panel

Glazing System

Perimeter Accent Frame



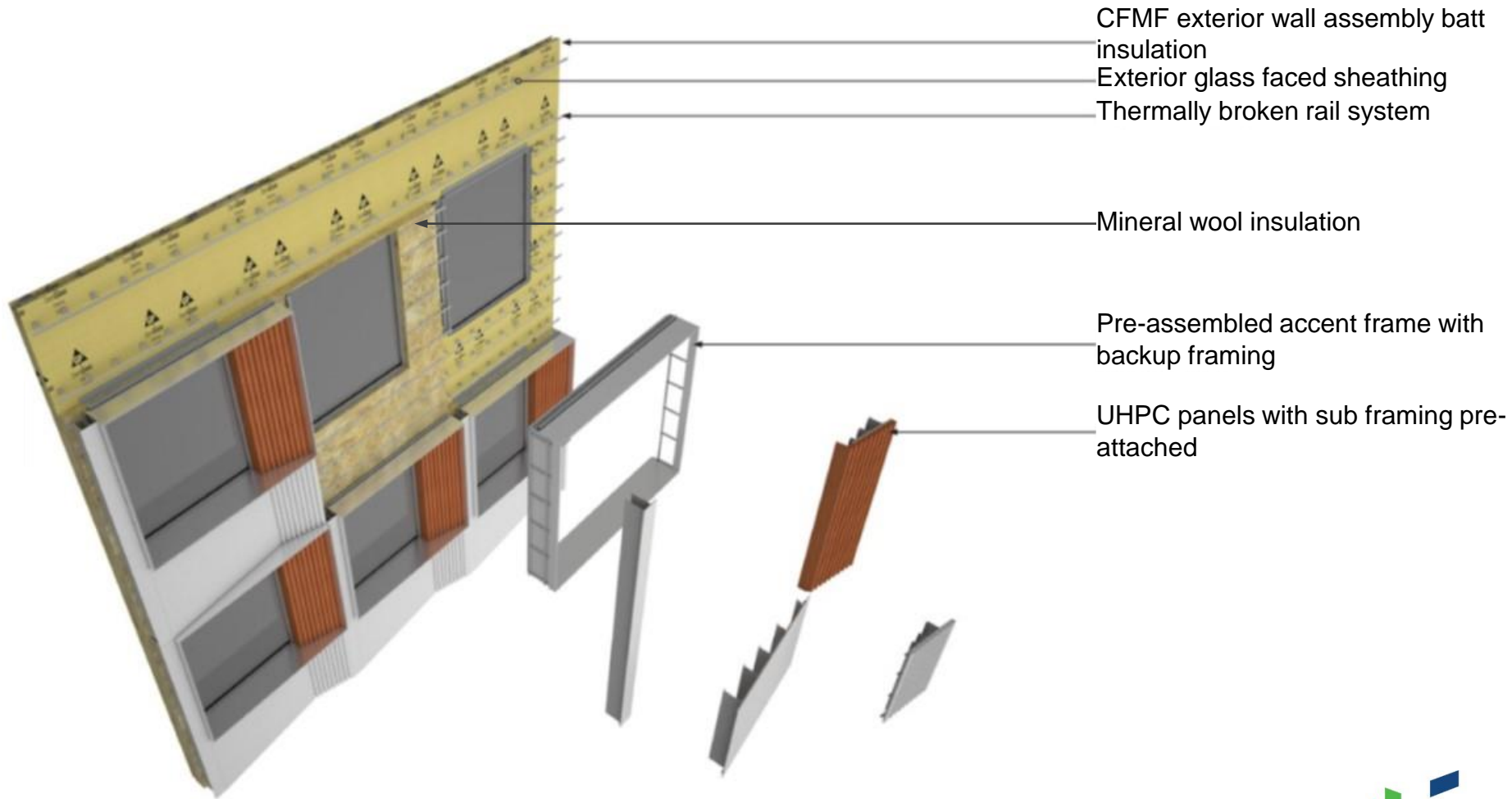
G3 SOUTH ELEVATION 1/16"

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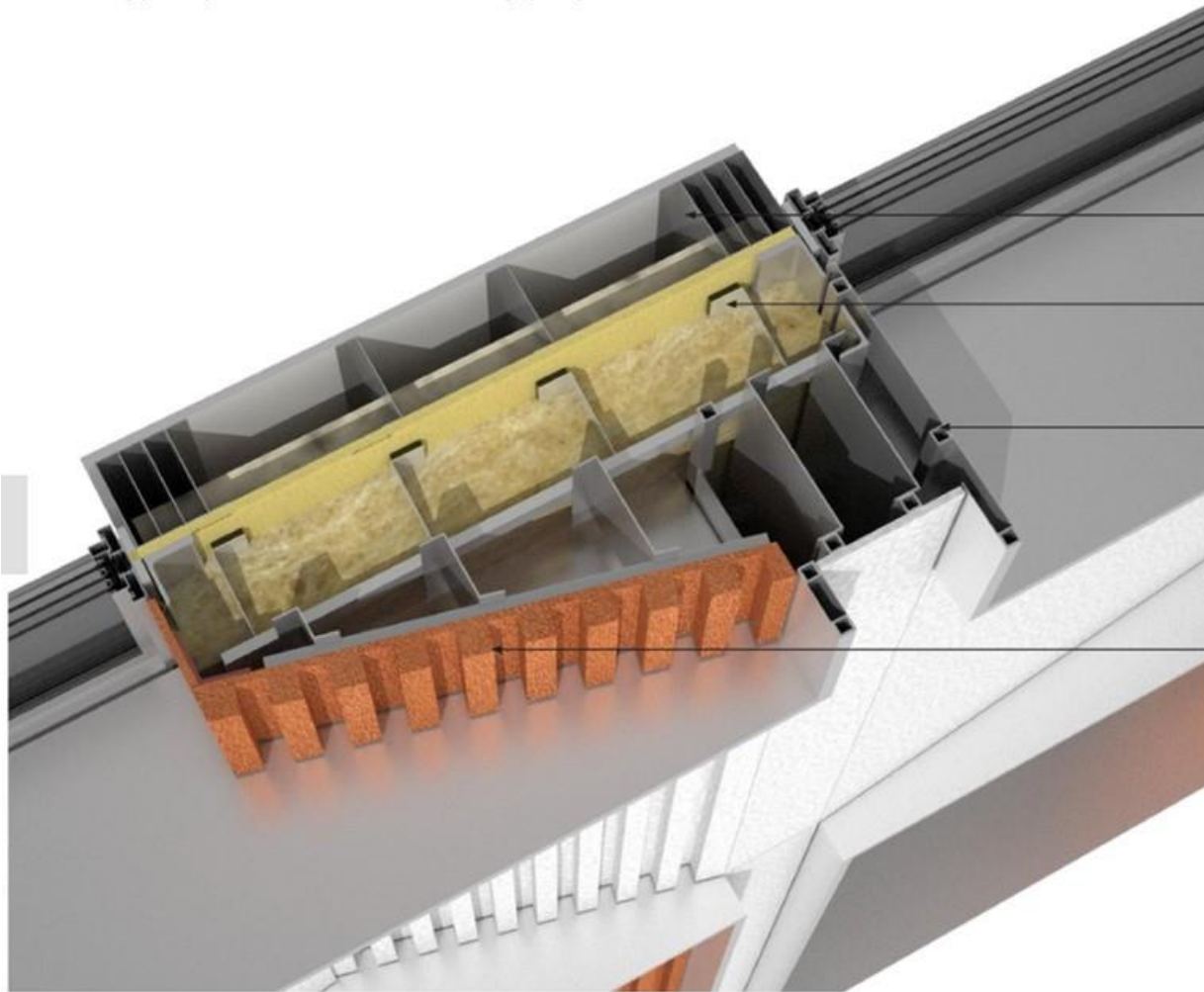


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CFMF exterior wall assembly batt insulation

Thermally broken rail system

Pre-assembled accent frame with backup framing

UHPC panels with sub framing pre-attached

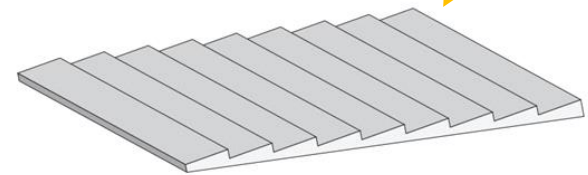
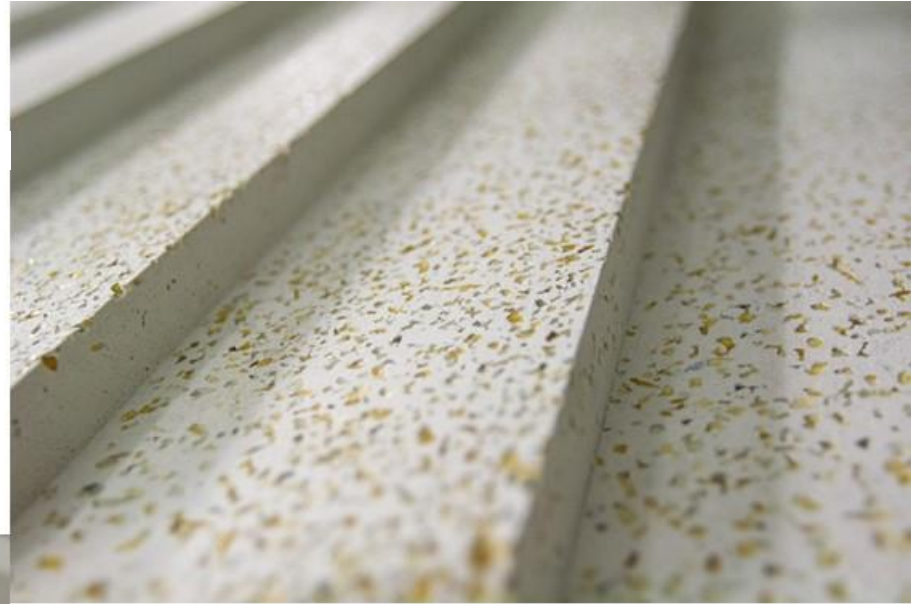
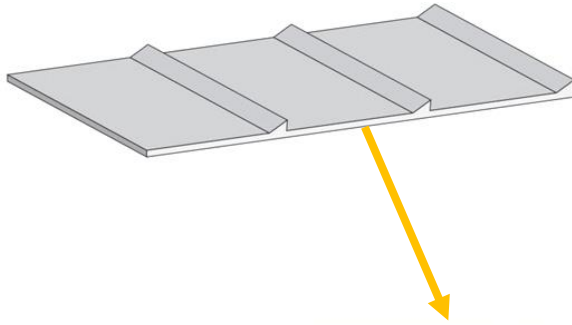
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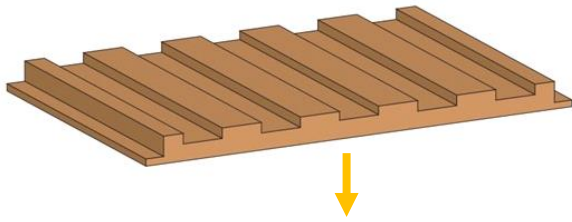
UHPC white tone, Textured Panel (phase aggregates)



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UHPC Wood tone, Textured Panel (micro-shadows)



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5/8" PANEL ANALYSIS: (Corner Zone)

1. Panel RISA Analysis Summary:

Panel Size: 44" Wide
 DESCRIPTION: Min. 5/8" Concrete Panel (1 1/2" Max)
 MATERIAL: High Performance Concrete

- Properties:**
- WL := 45 · psf (Wind Pressure)
 - t := 0.625 · in (Nominal Panel Thickness)
 - t_d := 0.575 in (Design Panel Thickness - Includes panel tolerance)
 - F_u := 3.190 · ksi (Modulus of Rupture)
 - τ_u := 0.957 · ksi (Shear Stress: 30% of Rupture)
 - E := 3685 · ksi (Elasticity)
 - ρ := 137 · $\frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{ft}^3}$ (Density)
 - Ω := 3 (Factor of Safety)

Deflection Summary:

Fastener_{spacing} := 29 · in (Fastener Spacing)

$\Delta_{WL_allow} := \min\left(\frac{\text{Fastener}_{spacing}}{360}\right)$ Δ_{MAX} := 0.0233 · in

Δ_{WL_allow} = 0.081 in > Δ_{MAX} = 0.023 in

Check = "Deflection O.K."

Bending Stress Summary:

$F_b := \frac{F_u}{\Omega}$ fb := 0.776 · ksi

F_b = 1.06 ksi > fb = 0.776 ksi

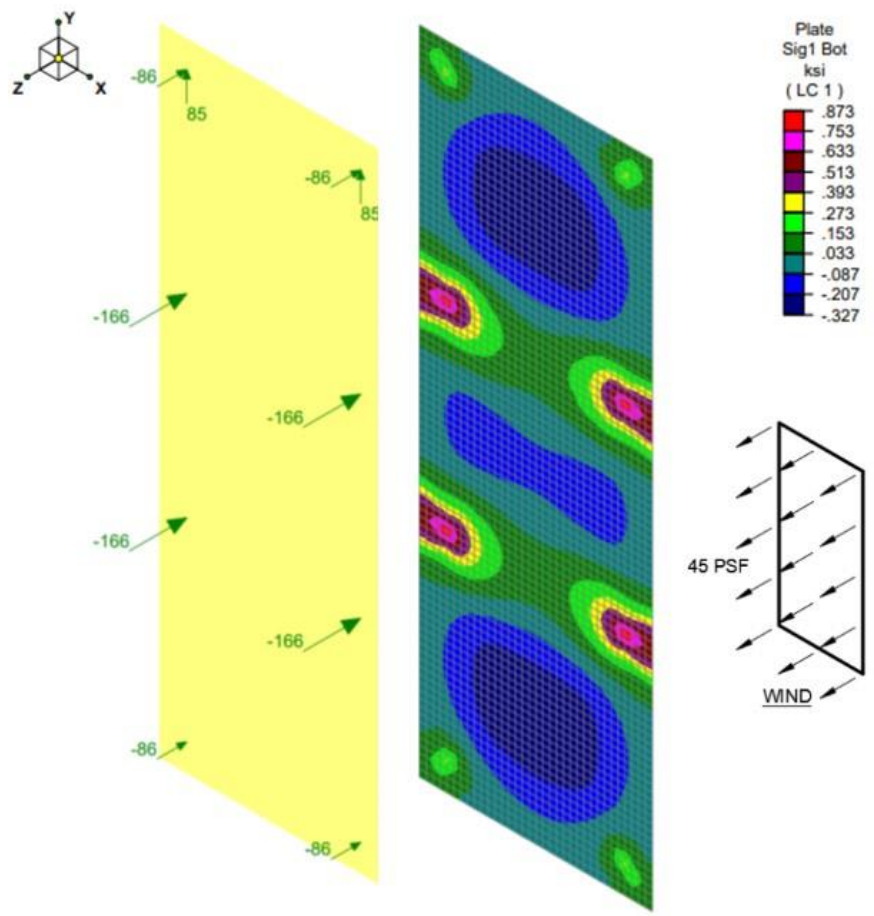
Check = "Stress O.K."

Shear Stress Summary:

$F_r := \frac{\tau_u}{\Omega}$ fr := 0.195 · ksi

F_r = 0.319 ksi > fr = 0.195 ksi

Check = "Stress O.K."



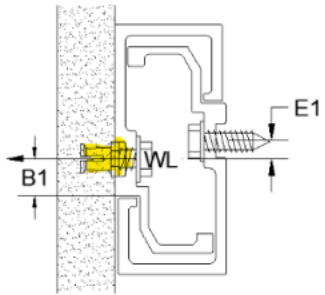
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CONCRETE PANEL ANCHOR ANALYSIS:

Wind Loading:

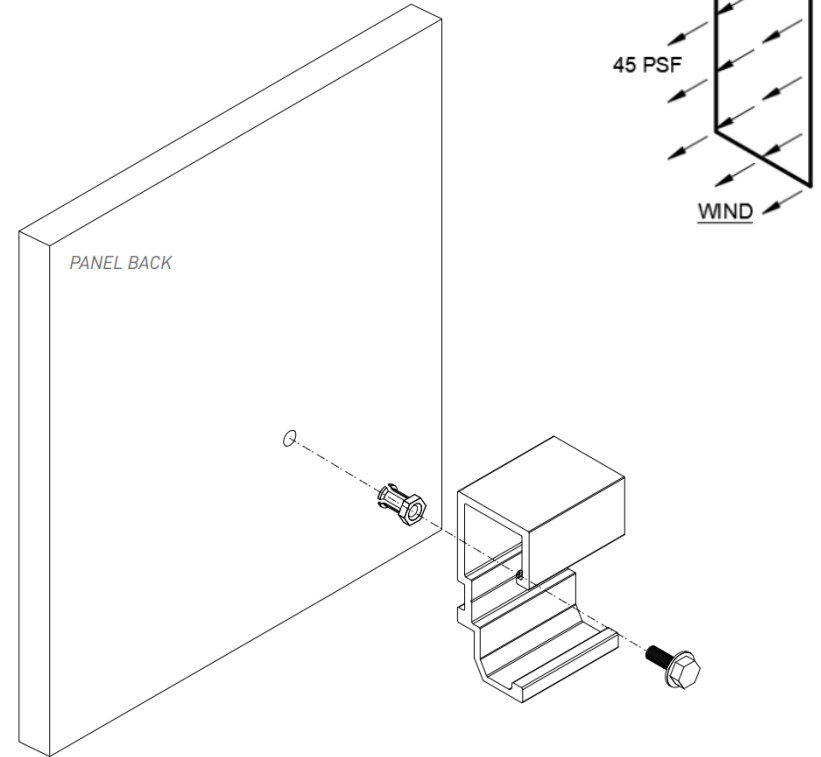
WL := 160 · lbf (Max. RISA Center Clip Reaction)

1. 10 mm Anchor Check at Panel Connection Point:



$E_1 := 0.2 \text{ in}$

$B_1 := 0.4 \text{ in}$



Panel Anchor Allowable Loads:

$\Omega := 4$ (Safety Factor)

Tension_{ultimate} := 692 · lbf (TAKTL Intertek) Shear_{ultimate} := 1187 · lbf (TAKTL Intertek)

Tension_{allowable} := $\frac{\text{Tension}_{\text{ultimate}}}{\Omega} = 173 \text{ lbf}$ Shear_{allowable} := $\frac{\text{Shear}_{\text{ultimate}}}{\Omega} = 297 \text{ lbf}$

Applied Loads wL Anchor:

$\delta := 2$ (Double Curvature)

Tension := WL

Tension_{allowable} = 173 lbf > Tension = 160 lbf

Check = "Keil Anchor O.K."

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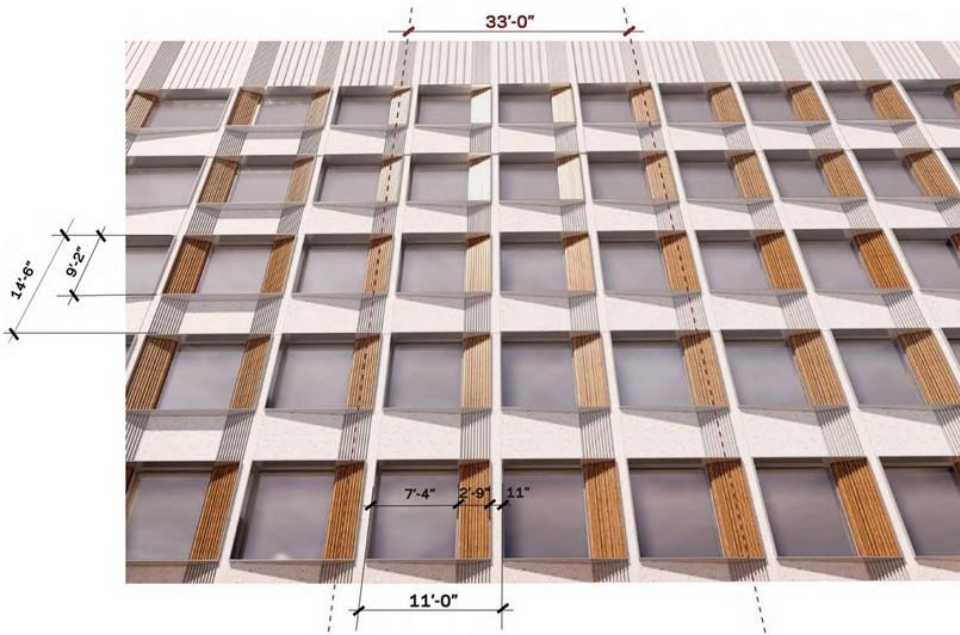
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Concept



Realization



Conclusions

- More than 475 successful applications of UHPC and A|UHPC®.
- UHPC is creating the path for long-lasting and resilient building envelopes.
- Still more work needed for continued development of specs, codes and design guidelines (Joint effort from architects, engineers, contractors, manufacturers and regulators).