

## LABORATORY TEST REPORT

**Aluminum Balcony Railing**  
*"Railing Type 4H, Side Mounted"*  
**6 mm Tempered Glass Panels**

Loading Tests Performed in accordance with  
OBC and NBCC "Loads on Guards"

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Canadian Building Envelope Science and Technology (CAN-BEST) was retained by Falbo Aluminum Products to carry out load testing on their aluminum balcony railing system. Testing was performed in accordance with Article 4.1.5.14 "Loads on Guards" of both Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012 and National Building Code of Canada (NBCC) 2015 requirements.

**2. DISCLAIMERS**

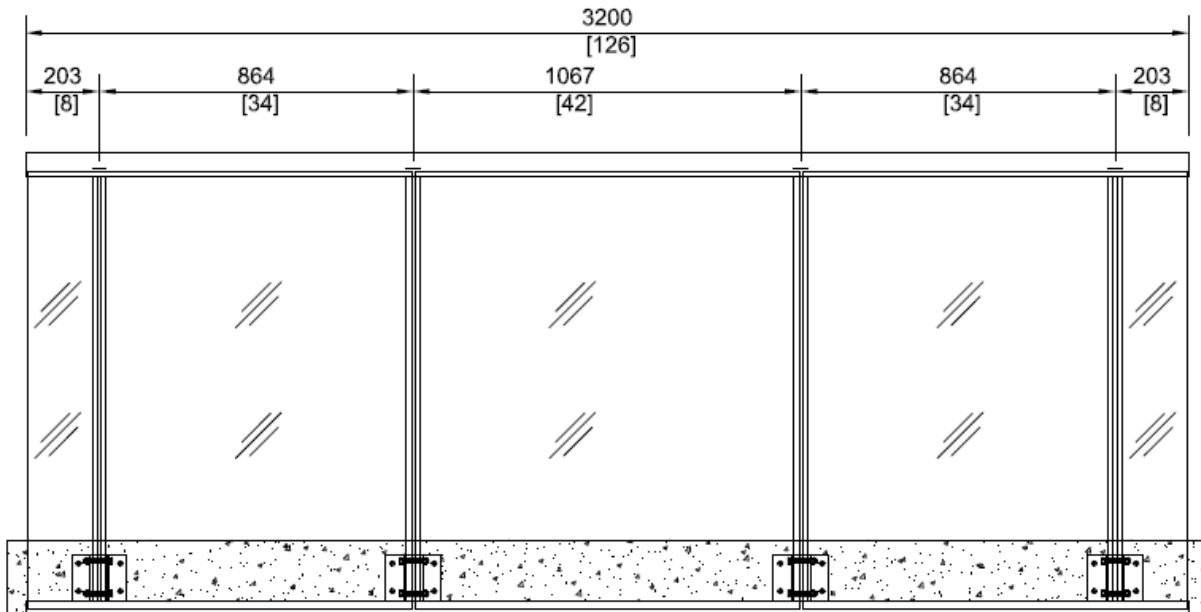
This report covers certain tests carried out on one guard rail specimen having specific properties, configuration and dimensions. Product performance is affected by variations in dimensions, assembly details and installation method. Consequently, the reader is advised to ensure product suitability for the intended application and conformity with all the details of the test sample described in the following section.

This report does not cover the rail's anticipated performance under service environmental conditions, nor the anchoring strength and stability of the substrate. No conclusions regarding concrete anchor performance or glass performance may be drawn from the reported results.

**3. RAILING DESCRIPTION**

**Designation:** "Type 4H Aluminum Railing , 6 mm Tempered Glass"

**Type:** Side mounted, four-post balcony railing system, having 6 mm thick tempered glass panels.



**Panels:** Glass - 6 mm (0.24") tempered glass, 1067 mm (42") and 864 (34") wide by 1016 mm (40") high panels with 203 mm (8") overhang.

*Railing Description (Cont'd.)*

- Panel Support:** The panels were continuously supported at their respective top and bottom rails using extruded aluminum channels lined with continuous rubber spline.
- Railing:** Top rail height 1270 mm (50") overall and 1067 mm (42") above parapet, 3200 mm (126") long, comprised the following:
- **Posts** - Four extruded aluminum posts of rectangular tubular section, 50.8 mm x 38.1 mm (2.0" x 1.5") x 4.8 mm (0.19") thick; the inner posts spaced at 1067 mm (42"), and the outer posts spaced at 864 mm (34").
  - **Top Rail Plate** - One continuous, extruded aluminum top rail plate fastened to the top end of each post by four #10 x 1 1/2" long pan head coated TEK screws.
  - **Top Rail Cap** - One continuous, extruded aluminum top rail cap of irregular section, snapped onto the top rail, and clamped with a total of nine aluminum plates, 25 mm wide x 73 mm long x 0.125" thick (1" x 2 7/8" x 1/8"), positioned two at the ends, two at each side panel and three at center panel. Each plate was fastened from underneath with one 1/4-20 x 1 1/2" long pan head stainless steel machine screw.
  - **Bottom Rail** - One continuous, extruded aluminum bypass bottom rail, fastened to the bottom end of each post by two #10 x 3/4" pan head coated TEK screws.
- Anchoring:** Each post was fastened into a side assembled aluminum shoe using two 3/8" x 2-1/2" stainless steel bolts, each with flat washer, lock washer and nut. The shoe anchoring plate was 125 mm (5") long x 9.5 mm (0.375") thick extruded aluminum. Each shoe was side anchored to edge of concrete slab using two 1/2" x 4 1/2" long stainless steel threaded expansion anchors to a minimum embedment depth of 3 1/4" in pre-drilled holes.
- Sampling:** Railing assembly was selected and installed by the client.
- Modifications:** No modifications were performed on the specimen during testing in order to attain the reported results.
- Drawings:** Detailed drawings, provided by the client, verified by CAN-BEST for general conformity, are enclosed with this report (4 pages).

**4. TEST LOADS**

Static test loads were applied in accordance with the requirements of Article 4.1.5.14. of both OBC and NBCC including a **Load Factor of 1.50**.as outlined in Table (1).

**Table (1): Test Load Schedule**

OBC-2012/NBC-2015 Article 4.1.5.14 Requirements	
Service Load:	1.00 kN (225lb)
Load Factor:	1.50
<p><b>4.1.5.14 (1) Horizontal Load at Top of Guard</b> Horizontal point load applied at top rail in the outward direction shall be the greater of:</p> <p><b>4.1.5.14 (1) (b)</b> a concentrated load of Basic Load of 1.0 kN (225 lb) applied at any point.</p> <p><b>OR</b> Client specified load factor applied to OBC's Basic Load: Ultimate Load: <b>1.50 kN (337 lb)</b></p> <p><b>OR</b> <b>4.1.5.14 (1) (c)</b> Basic Load: 0.75 kN/m (51 lb/ft) Ultimate Load: 1.13 kN/m (77 lb/ft) Post Spacing: 1524 mm (60.0") Equivalent Load: <b>1.20 kN (270 lb)</b></p>	
<p><b>4.1.5.14 (2) Horizontal Load at Infill Elements</b> Individual elements within the guard including solid panels and pickets, shall be designed for a load of 0.5 kN (112.5 lb) applied over an area of 100 mm x 100 mm located at any point in the element or elements as to produce the most critical effect.</p> <p>Service Load: 0.5 kN (113 lb) Ultimate Load: 0.75 kN (169 lb)</p>	
<p><b>4.1.5.14 (4) Vertical Load at Top of Guard</b> Basic Load: 1.5 kN/m (103 lb/ft) Ultimate Load: 2.25 kN/m (154 lb/ft) Post Spacing: 1524 mm (60.0") Equivalent Load: 2.40 kN (540 lb)</p>	

**5. TEST RESULTS**

Test results for static loading are provided in Table (2).

**Table (2): Loading Test Results** (Article 4.1.5.14. of the NBC)

Test Date: June 4-8, 2021

TEST REQUIREMENT	Load Location	RESULTS	RATING
<b>Service Load</b> <i>Top of guard at most critical location</i> Service Load: 1.00 kN (225lb)  Test Load: 1.00 kN (225lb) Maximum permanent deflection: 5 mm (Not to increase with repeated application of the service load.)	End Post	Post Deflection (mm) <u>Under Load</u> <u>Permanent</u> 31.2                      4.7	PASS
	Center Post	Post Deflection (mm) <u>Under Load</u> <u>Permanent</u> 16.3                      5.6	PASS
<b>Ultimate Load</b> <i>Top of guard at most critical location</i>  Service Load: 1.00 kN (225lb) Load Factor: 1.50  Test Load: 1.50 kN (337 lb)  No criteria provided for maximum deflection under load or for permanent deflection after release of load.	End Post	Post Deflection (mm) <u>Under Load</u> <u>Permanent</u> 34.3                      6.3	PASS
	Center Post	Post Deflection (mm) <u>Under Load</u> <u>Permanent</u> 19.7                      6.1	PASS
<b>Elements Within the Guard</b> <i>Loads applied at most critical location</i>  Service Load: 0.50 kN (113 lb) Load Factor : 1.50  Test Load: 0.75 kN (169 lb)	Infill panel at most critical location	Observations: • No glass breakage • No permanent deformation of supporting elements	PASS
<b>Vertical, Top Rail</b>  Service Load: 1.50 kN/m (100 lb/ft) Load Factor: 1.50  Ultimate Load: 2.25 kN/m (154 lb/ft) Post Spacing: 1524 mm (60.0") Equivalent Load: 2.40 kN (540 lb)  No maximum criteria provided for deflection under load or for permanent deflection after loading.	Mid-span of top rail	Top Rail deflection (mm) <u>Under Load</u> <u>Permanent</u> 5.9                      0.4	PASS

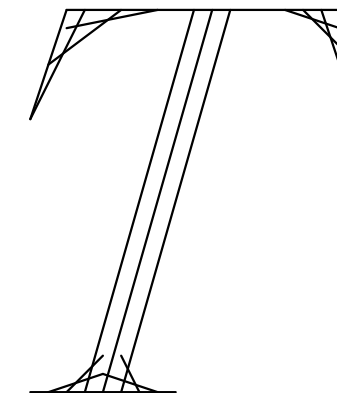
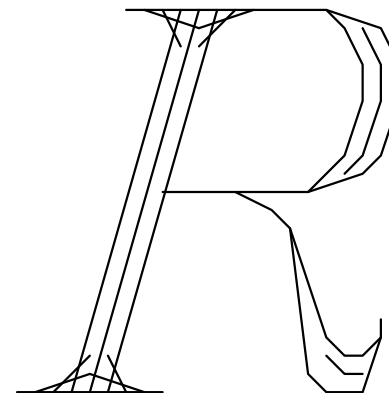
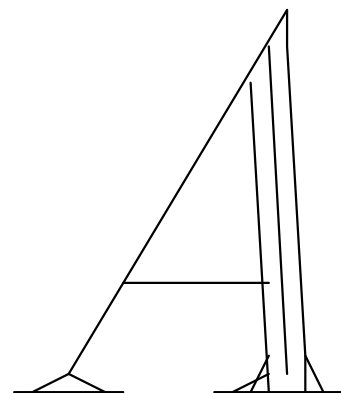
**6. CONCLUSION**

Based on the observations and obtained test results, the balcony railing system described in this report **DID MEET** the load and impact resistance requirements specified in OBC/NBCC (Article 4.1.5.14).

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## TEST DRAWINGS

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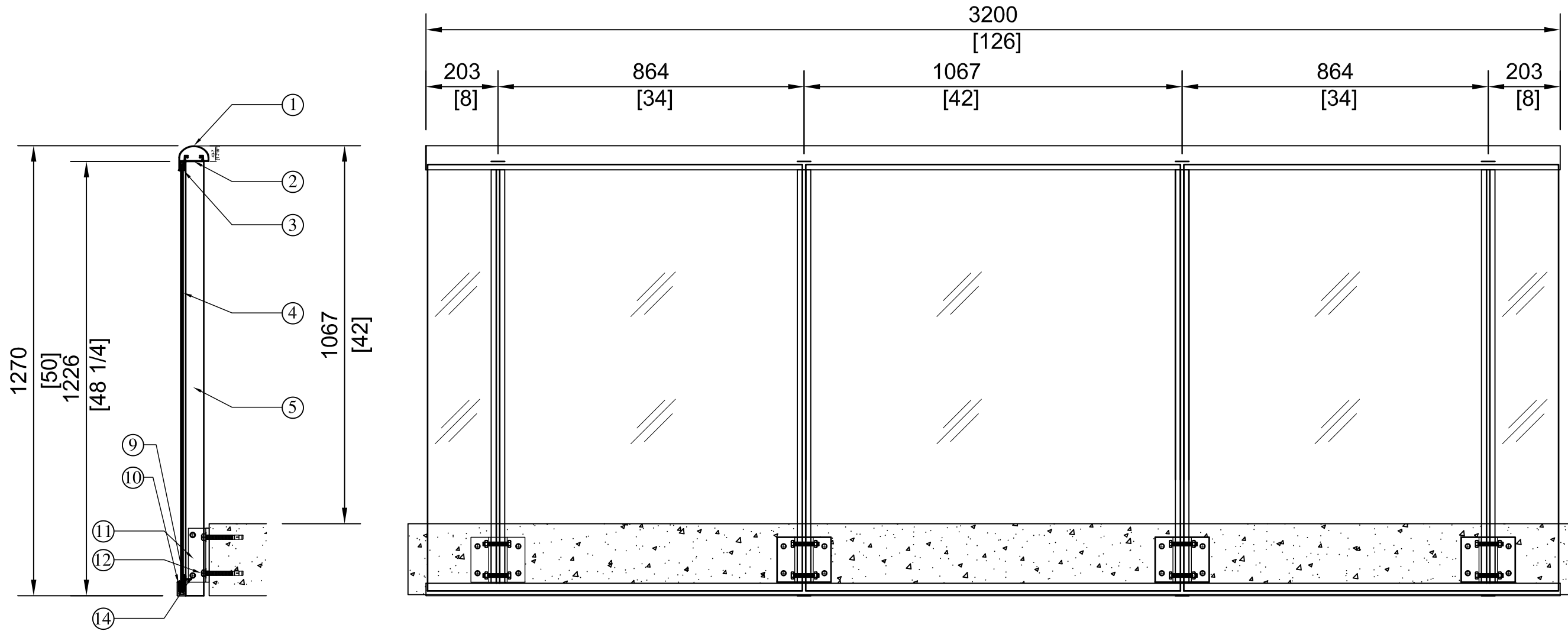
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2	TOP RAIL	AS-36087
3	TOP GASKET	V-822
4	6mm CLEAR TEMPERED GLASS	
5	POST	AH-72863
9	BOTTOM GASKET	V-823
10	BOTTOM GLASS CHANEL	AS-72864
11	SIDE ASSEMBLED SHOE	
12	SS 1/2"Ø x 4 1/2" EXPANSION ANCHORS	STAINLESS STEEL
14	SS 3/8"Ø x 2 1/2" TRU BOLT	Flat washer, lock washer, nut



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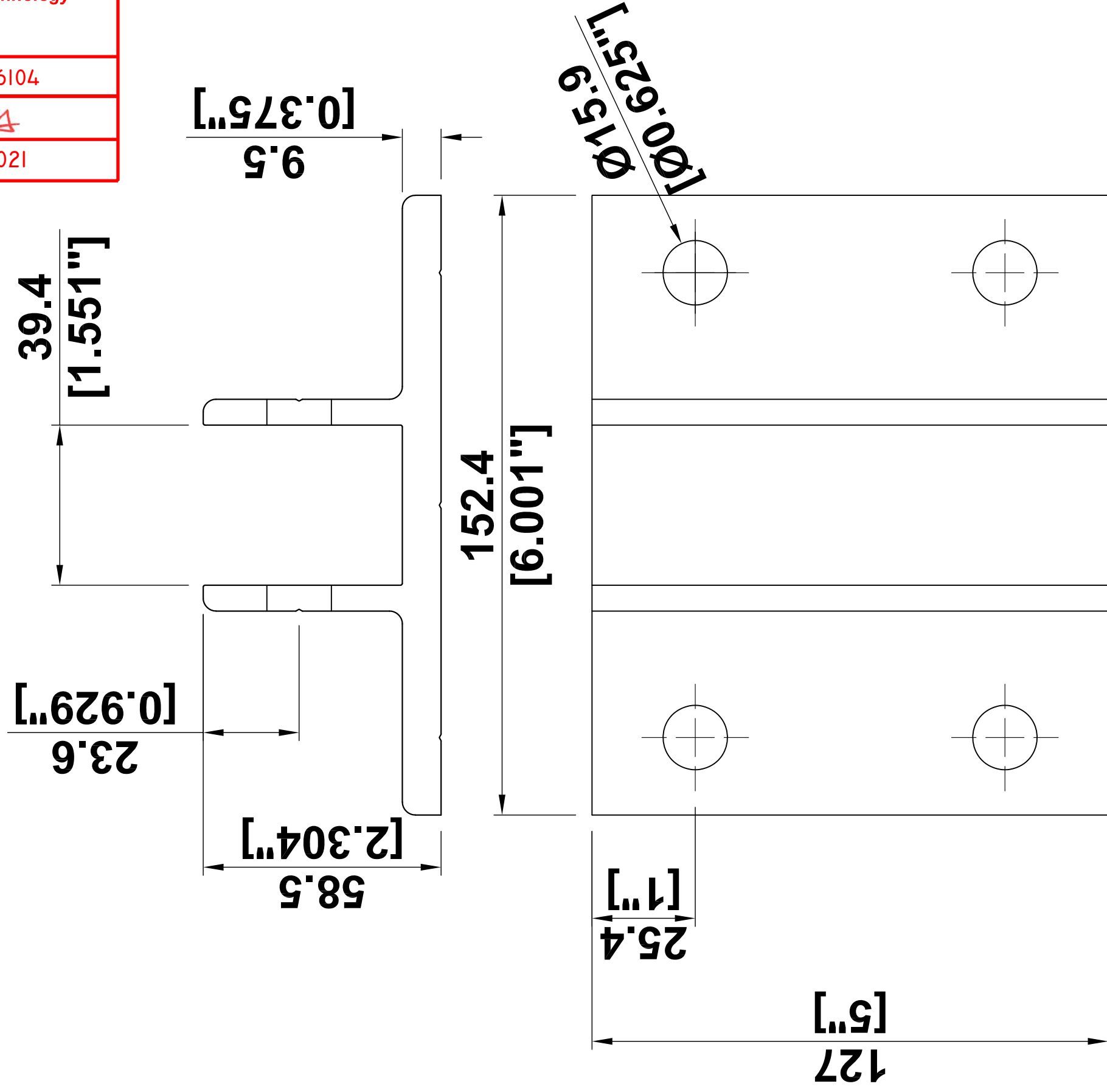
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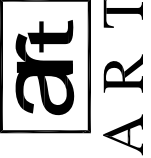
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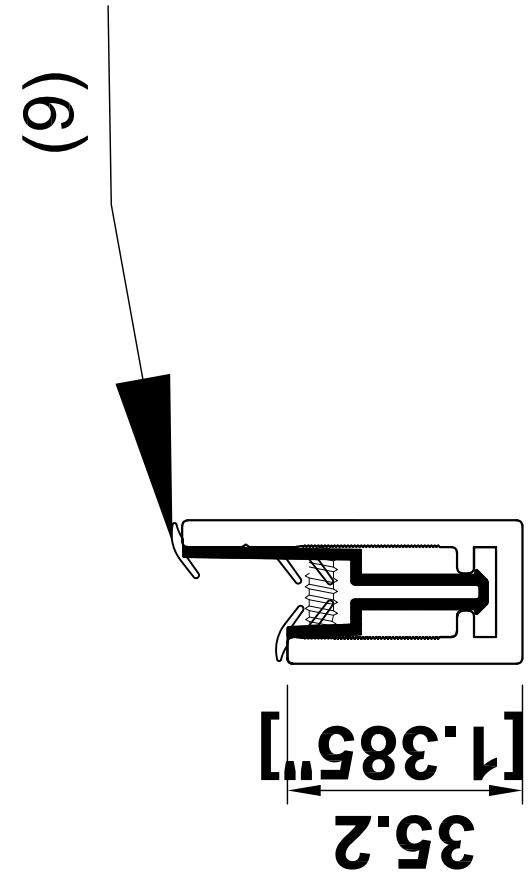
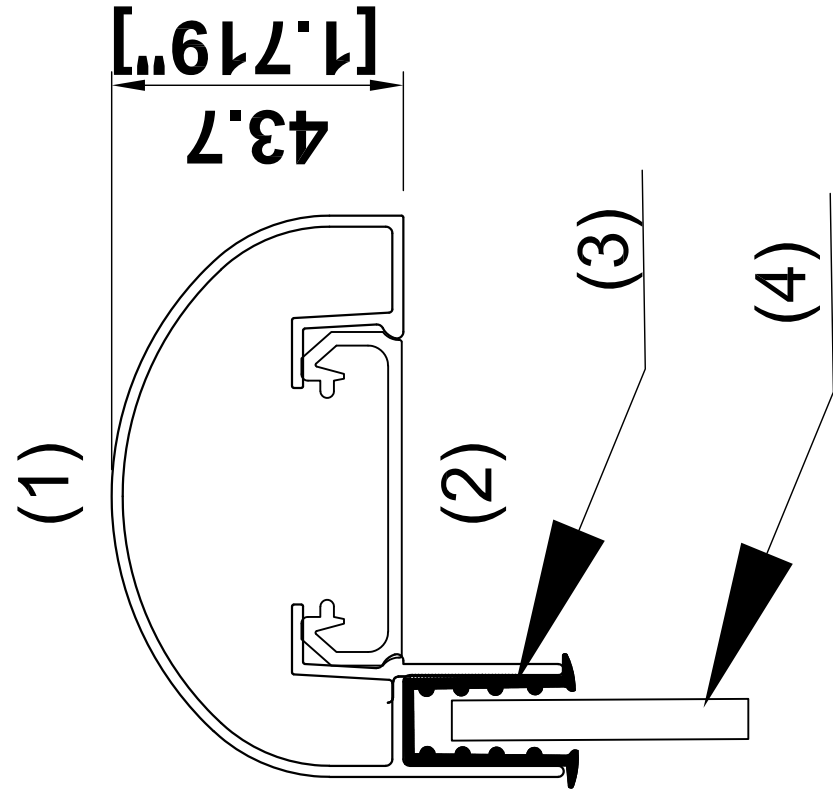
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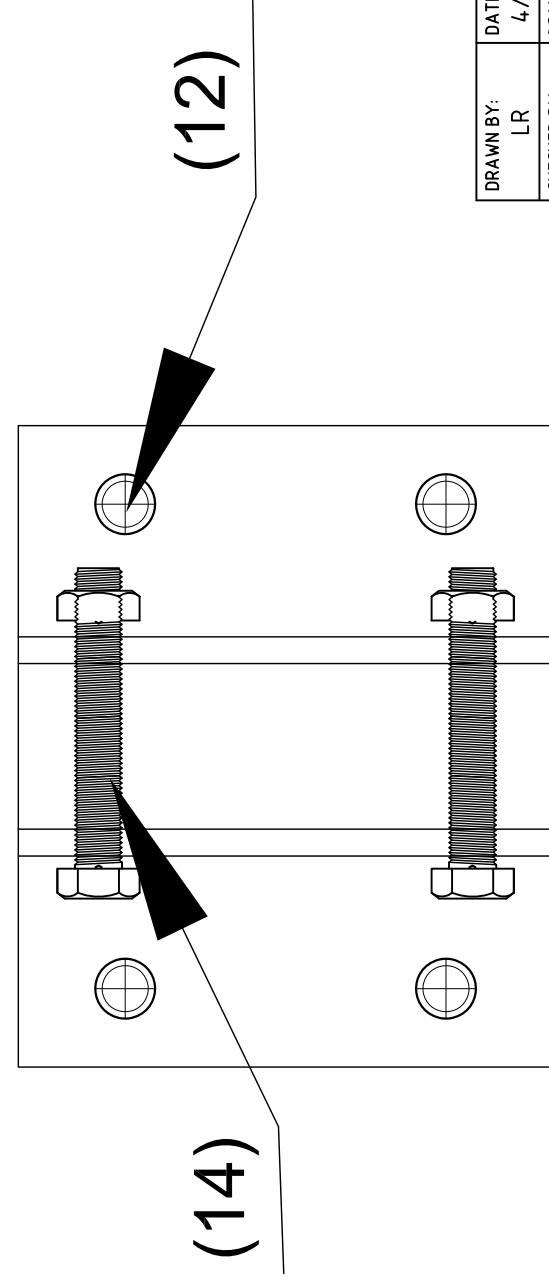
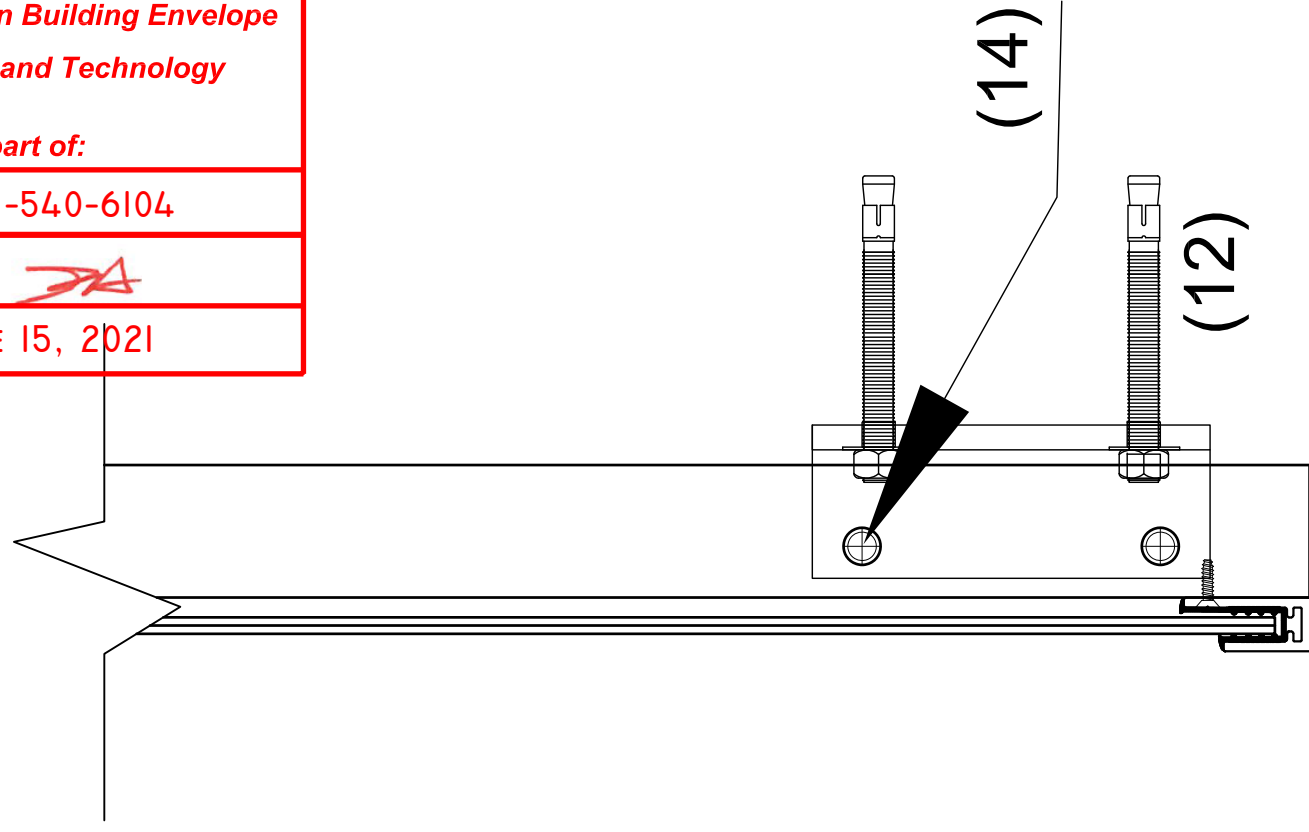
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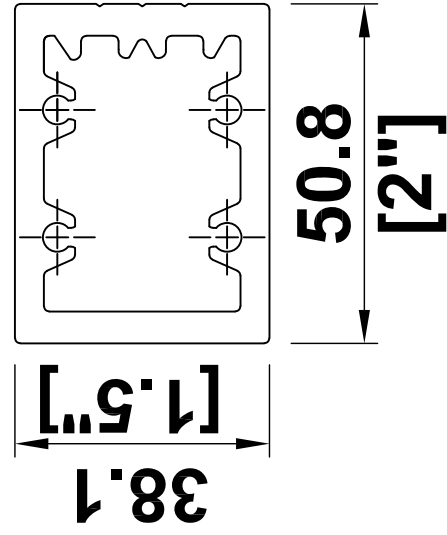
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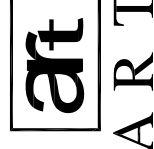


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