

ICC-ES Evaluation Report



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Section: 06 50 00—Structural Plastics Section: 06 53 00—Plastic Decking

REPORT HOLDER:

FIBER COMPOSITES, LLC

ADDITIONAL LISTEE:

THE WOLF ORGANIZATION, LLC

EVALUATION SUBJECT:

PERSPECTIVE™ DECK BOARDS

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

- 1.1 Compliance with the following codes:
- 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 International Building Code® (IBC)
- 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 International Residential Code® (IRC)

Properties evaluated:

- Structural
- Durability
- Surface-burning characteristics
- 1.2 Evaluation to the following green code(s) and/or standards:
- 2022 and 2019 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Title 24, Part 11
- 2020, 2015, 2012 and 2008 ICC 700 National Green Building Standard™ (ICC 700-2020, ICC 700-2015, ICC 700-2012 and ICC 700-2008)

Attributes verified:

See Section 3.5

2.0 USES

Deck boards are limited to exterior use applications on structures regulated by the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IRC or Type VB construction in accordance with the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IBC. Deck boards may be used on balconies and similar projects on buildings of Type III, IV & V construction where fire sprinkler protection is extended into those areas in accordance with 2015, 2012 and 2009, IBC 1406.3, Exception 3 or 2018 IBC 705.2.3.1, Exception 3.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 General: PerspectiveTM decking materials are plastic composites, subject to the requirements of 2018 and 2015 IBC Section 2612 and 2018 IRC Sections R507.2.2 (2015 and 2012 IRC Section R507.3) and R317.4.
- 3.2 Material: PerspectiveTM Deck Boards are a polyethylene (PE) and wood fiber composite with a highdensity polyethylene capstock. The grooved deck boards have a ½-inch (12.7 mm) deep x ¹³/₃₂-inch (10.3 mm) high groove along the entire length of the deckboard, utilized for a hidden fastener installation system. Perspective™ Deck Boards are manufactured in the styles and shapes as described in Table 1 of this report. Perspective™ Deck Boards are produced with a wood grain pattern. Refer to Figures 1 and 2 for approved section profiles and colors.
- 3.3 Surface-burning Characteristics: The PerspectiveTM Deck Boards meet or exceed the flame spread index of 200 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E84.
- **3.4 Durability:** When subjected to weathering and decay, PerspectiveTM Deck Boards have shown equivalency to pressure treated lumber; therefore, it can be used as an alternative to pressure treated lumber and is approved for direct ground contact. The decking has been evaluated for structural capacity when exposed to temperatures from -20°F to +125°F (-29°C to 52°C).
- 3.5 Green Attributes: The attributes of the composite deck boards have been verified as conforming to the provisions of (i) 2022 and 2019 CALGreen Section A5.406.1.2 for reduced maintenance; and (ii) ICC 700-2020 Section 602.1.6 and 11.602.1.6 for termite-resistant materials and Section 601.7 and 11.601.7 for site-applied finishing materials (iii) ICC 700-2015 and ICC 700-2012 Sections 602.1.6 and 11.602.1.6 for termite-resistant materials and Sections 601.7, 11.601.7, and 12.1(A).601.7 for site-applied finishing materials; (iv) ICC 700-2008 Section 602.8 for termite-resistanr materials and Section 601.7 for site-applied finished materials. Note that decisions on compliance for those areas rest with the user of this report. The user is advised of the project-specific provisions that may be contingent upon meeting specific conditions, and the verification of those conditions is outside the scope of this report. These codes or standards often provide supplemental information as guidance. See Section 3.4 for limitations on termite-resistance use.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

4.1 Design:

Perspective[™] Deck Boards comply with ASTM D7032. Allowable Load and Maximum Allowable Span of the





Perspective[™] Deck Boards complies with ASTM D7032. See Tables 2 and 3 of span and wind uplift ratings. Wind uplift values based upon the lesser of deck board flexural strength, fastener pull-through, and fastener withdrawal from SYP lumber. Fastener withdrawal from alternative lumber species must be approved by the Code Official prior to installation.

4.2 Installation:

Installation of the PerspectiveTM Deck Boards must comply with this report and the manufacturer's published installation instructions. The manufacturer's published installation instructions must be available at the jobsite at all times during installation. When the manufacturer's published installation instructions differ from this report, this report governs.

- PerspectiveTM Deck Boards must be stored on a flat surface, supported every 24 inches (610 mm) and kept in the shade or in the original packaging.
- Allow a minimum of 1.5 inches (38 mm) between the bottom of the joists and the ground or existing surface to allow proper airflow and drainage.
- Specialized surface fasteners are required when PerspectiveTM Deck Boards are installed over steel joists. Phantom[®] Hidden Fasteners must not be used. Metal fasteners that install at a 90-degree angle are required for this application.
- Spacing requirements as directed in the Wolf PerspectiveTM Decking Installation Instructions must be met in order to maintain product warranty.
- Approved deck board fastening methods are shown in Table 2 and Table 3 of this report. Alternative fastening methods are outside the scope of this report and is subject to approval by the code official.
- Fastener heads must be installed flush with the board surface or countersunk if using one of the recommended fasteners with color matched plugs.
- Surface fasteners must be installed at a 90-degree angle to the decking surface.
- 8. All construction, wood or steel framing, beams, joist, stringers and associated connections needed to support PerspectiveTM Deck Boards are outside the scope of this report. All construction must follow applicable codes and the manufacturer's installation instructions and are subject to approval by the code official.
- The use of hidden fasteners is not recommended for installations above 6500 ft (1981 m).
- Perspective[™] Deck Boards used as stair treads must be installed in a minimum of a two-span condition in accordance with Table 3.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The PerspectiveTM Deck Boards described in this report complies with, or is a suitable alternative to what is specified

in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 PerspectiveTM Deck Boards must be installed in accordance with the Wolf PerspectiveTM Decking Installation Instructions. In the case of conflict, this report governs.
- 5.2 Deck boards are limited for exterior use applications on structures regulated by the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IRC or Type VB construction in accordance with the 2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 IBC. Deck boards may be used on balconies and similar projects on buildings of Type III, IV & V construction where fire sprinkler protection is extended into those areas in accordance with 2015, 2012 and 2009, IBC 1406.3, Exception 3 or 2018 IBC 705.2.3.1, Exception 3.
- 5.3 Compatibility of the supporting construction materials with all fasteners and other hardware components is subject to approval by the code official.
- 5.4 Only those types of fasteners and fastening methods described in this report have been evaluated for the installation of the PerspectiveTM Deck Boards; other methods of attachment are outside the scope of this report.
- 5.5 Evaluation of slip resistance for the PerspectiveTM Deck Boards is outside the scope of this report.
- 5.6 Perspective[™] Deck Boards is produced under quality control programs with inspections by ICC-ES.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the Acceptance Criteria for Deck Board Span Ratings and Guardrail Systems (Guards and Handrails) (AC174) dated January 2012 (editorially revised April 2021).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Each deck board and/or package of decking must be identified with the name of the report holder (Fiber Composites, LLC), the brand name (Perspective™ Deck Boards), the product name (see Table 1), the span rating for use as a deck board or stair tread as applicable, a statement regarding compliance with ASTM D7032, a manufacturing plant identifier and the evaluation report number (ESR-5016).
- **7.2** The report holder's contact information is the following:

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TABLE 1—PERSPECTIVE™ DECK BOARDS DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Deck Board ¹	Grooved Availability (Yes or No)	Approved Colors ³	Material/Process ²	
Perspective Deck Boards	Yes	Acacia		
		Cedar Ridge	Coextruded with a PE/wood core	
		Potomac Gray	and HDPE capstock on three	
		Redwood	sides (No capstock on bottom)	
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¹ Deck board cross-sections are provided in Figures 5 & 6.

TABLE 2—PERSPECTIVE™ DECK BOARDS SPAN & WIND UPLIFT RATINGS

Deck Board ¹	Fastener System ²	Span (inch)	Stair Tread Span ³ (inch)	Load Rating (psf)	Allowable Wind Uplift⁴ (psf)
Perspective Solid Deck Board	Two (2) #9 x 2½ -in Kameleon™ Face Fasteners at each end and joist support.	16	12	100	619

¹ inch = 25.4 mm 1 psf = 47.9 Pa

TABLE 3—PERSPECTIVE™ GROOVED DECK BOARDS & WIND UPLIFT RATINGS

Deck Board ¹	Fastener System ²	Span (inch)	Stair Tread Span ³ (inch)	Load Rating (psf)	Wind Uplift (psf)
Perspective Grooved Deck Board	Fiberon Phantom GT Hidden	16		100	136
	Fiberon Universal Clip Hidden Fastener System	16		100	84

¹ inch = 25.4 mm 1 psf = 47.9 Pa

⁴ Fiberon Universal Clip Hidden Fastener Systems are detailed in Figure 7. A #8 x 1⁵/₈-inch (41.3 mm) long coated steel screw (10 TPI, 1.62-inch (41.1 mm) overall length, 0.161-inch (4 mm) major diameter, 0.108inch (2.7 mm) minor diameter, 0.120-inch (3 mm) shank diameter, 0.232-inch (5.9 mm) head diameter, star drive trim head, type 17 point) must be used for all Hidden Fastener System installations.



FIGURE 4—APPROVED COLORS

² High Density Polyethylene (HDPE). Polyethylene (PE).

³ Approved colors are shown in Figure 4.

¹ Deck board cross-sections are provided in Figures 5 & 6.

² Approved fasteners are provided in Figure 8

³ A minimum two-span condition is required when deck boards are utilized for a stair tread application.

⁴ Wind uplift values based upon the lesser of deck board flexural strength, fastener pull-through, and fastener withdrawal from SYP lumber. Fastener withdrawal from alternative lumber species must be approved by the Code Official prior to installation.

 $^{^{\}rm 1}\,\text{Grooved}$ deck board cross-sections are provided in Figures 5 & 6.

 $^{^{2}\,\}mbox{Grooved}$ deck boards are not permitted (NP) in stair tread applications.

³ Fiberon Phantom GT Hidden Fastener System are detailed in Figure 7. A #8 x 1⁵/₈-inch (41.3 mm) long stainless-steel screw (10 TPI, 1.60-inch (40.6 mm) overall length, 0.162-inch (4 mm) major diameter, 0.108-inch (2.7 mm) minor diameter, 0.120-inch (3 mm) shank diameter, 0.232-inch (5.9 mm) head diameter, square drive trim head, type A point) must be used for all Hidden Fastener System installations.

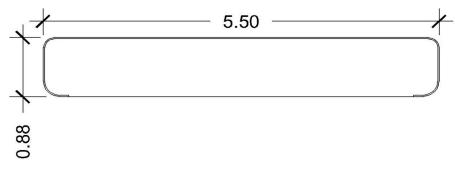


FIGURE 5—PERSPECTIVE™ SOLID DECK BOARD – CROSS SECTION (all dimensions are in inches; 1 inch = 25.4 mm)

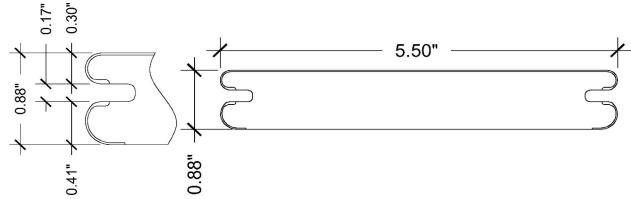


FIGURE 6—PERSPECTIVE™ GROOVED DECK BOARD – CROSS SECTION (all dimensions are in inches; 1 inch = 25.4 mm)

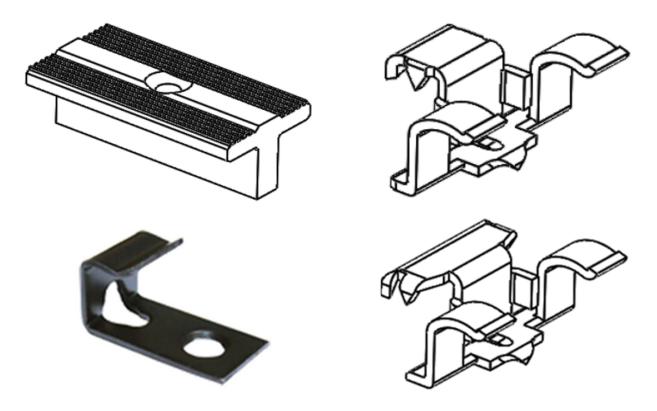


FIGURE 7—PERSPECTIVE™ GROOVED DECK BOARD – PHANTOM GT HIDDEN FASTENER SYSTEM, END CLIP AND PHANTOM UNIVERSAL CLIP (all dimensions are in inches; 1 inch = 25.4 mm)







#8 x 1-5/8" Coated Steel Screw, Type 17 Point, Start Drive



#8 x 1-5/8" SS Steel Screw, Type A Point,

FIGURE 8—APPROVED FASTENERS (all dimensions are in inches; 1 inch = 25.4 mm)