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SUMMARY SHEET  
OF  
AAMA 1503.1-88

THERMAL TEST RESULTS  
FOR

## U.S. ALUMINUM CORP.

SERIES 4500 Aluminum Curtain Wall

U-VALUE = 0.32 Btu/Hr \* Ft<sup>2</sup> \* °F

U-CLASS = U40

74 = CRF Class = C 65

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FOR

COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF THE  
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1.0 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to present the testing methods employed and test results obtained during the performance testing of one (1) Aluminum Curtain Wall described in paragraph 4.0 of this report.

2.0 **TEST REFERENCES**

2.1 **TEST STANDARD**

AAMA 1504-88 Voluntary Standard for Thermal Performance of Windows, Doors, and Glazed Wall Sections.

2.2 **TEST METHOD**

AAMA 1503.1-88 Voluntary Test Method for Thermal Transmittance and Condensation Resistance of Windows, Doors, and Glazed Wall Sections.

3.0 **SUMMARY**

Test results indicate that the product achieved **U-Class rating of U 40**

4.0 **DESCRIPTION**

**SERIES & TYPE:** 4500 Curtain Wall

**FRAME MATERIAL & FINISH:** Aluminum - Clear Anodized

**CONFIGURATION:** Two Bays Wide

**FRAME SIZE:** 95.75" x 95.75"

**OPERABLE PANEL/  
VENT SIZES:** N/A

**STATIONARY PANEL/  
FIXED LITE SIZES:** 44.50" x 91.25" Daylight Opening

**GLASS:**

**FIXED PANEL:**

Overall Size: 0.979"  
Outside Lite: 0.222" Clear  
Center Lite: 0.003" HM88 Low-e on surface#3  
Inside Lite: 0.227" Cardinal Low-e on surface#5  
Space Between Lites: 0.186" (Space #1), 0.35" (Space #2)

**GLASS (CONTINUED):** Spacer type and Gas: Both spacers were steel desiccant filled and sealed with polysulfide and wrapped with "perimeter barrier tape". (See drawing) "Warm edge" spacer in space #2. The glazing cavities contained krypton.

**GLAZING:** Both panels were outside glazed with sponge gasket on the frame perimeter and sponge gasket on the snap-in aluminum stops applied full perimeter from the exterior. The stops were supported by plastic clips that slid into a pocket in the frame extrusions. Each panel sat on EPDM setting blocks at 1/4 points.

**WEEPAGE:** The snap-in aluminum stops at the head and sill contained a 5/16" diameter weep, one (1) per bay.

**CONSTRUCTION:** The horizontal frame members were mechanically joined to the verticals with screws and aluminum shear block.

**CAULKING:** Refer to the attached drawings.

*Note: For a full description of the system refer to the attached drawing, which has been verified for accuracy and forms a part of this report. Without this drawing, this report becomes null and void.*

**INSTALLATION:** As per AAMA 1503.1-88.

## 5.0 TEST RESULTS

The following results and data are a compilation of the average values of five data recordings for all points taken in a two-hour period under steady state conditions in accordance with the stated standard.

$t_c$	=	18.00 °F	$q_t$	=	340.02 watts
$t_h$	=	68.00 °F	$q_c$	=	38.37 watts
A	=	64.00 Ft <sup>2</sup>	$q_p$	=	301.65 watts

Where:

$t_c$	=	Temperature of air on cold side in degrees Fahrenheit
$t_h$	=	Temperature of air on hot side in degrees Fahrenheit
$q_t$	=	Total heat flux in watts
$q_c$	=	Chamber tare heat flux in watts
$q_p$	=	Heat flux through the product in watts
A	=	Area of product in square feet
U	=	Overall Thermal Transmittance Heat Transfer Co-efficient U-factor in Btu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup> -F

$$U = \frac{Q_p * 3.413}{A (t_h - t_c)} = 0.32 \text{ BTU/hr} \cdot \text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{F}$$

Based on the above data, U-Value = 0.32 Btu/hr - ft<sup>2</sup> - F and falls under:  
 U-Class = U40

5.1 Condensation Resistance Factor (CRF)

FT <sub>p</sub> = 55.02	T <sub>c</sub> = 18.00	T <sub>h</sub> = 68.00
FT <sub>r</sub> = 52.77	W = 0.03	
FT = 54.95	GT = 56.17	
CRF <sub>f</sub> = 74	CRF <sub>g</sub> = 76	

CRF<sub>report</sub> = 74

CRF<sub>class</sub> = C65

$$W = \frac{FT_p - FT_r}{FT_p - (T_c + 10)} \times 0.40$$

Where: t<sub>c</sub> = temperature of air cold side  
 10 = arbitrary temperature adjustment  
 0.40 = arbitrary weighing factor

The weighted frame temperature, FT, is calculated as follows:

$$FT = FT_p (1 - W) + (W * FT_r)$$

The average of 6 predetermined thermocouple glazing temperatures (GT) and the weighted frame temperature (FT) are used in calculating the CRF for the glass and frame as follows:

$$CRF_g = \frac{GT - t_c}{t_h - t_c} \times 100$$

$$CRF_f = \frac{FT - t_c}{t_h - t_c} \times 100$$

Where : 100 = A multiplier to make CRF a whole number.

CRF numbers shall be whole numbers only. Any number 0.5 and greater shall be rounded to the next whole number. One number, the lower of CRF<sub>g</sub> or CRF<sub>f</sub> shall be reported as the product CRF. At the manufacturer's option the second number, CRF<sub>g</sub> or CRF<sub>f</sub>, may be reported with its proper subscript and clearly indicating its alternate significance.

- $CRF_g$  = Condensation Resistance Factor for the glass  
 $CRF_f$  = Condensation Resistance Factor for the frame  
 $FT$  = Weighted frame temperature  
 $FT_p$  = Average temperature of 14 predetermined thermocouple locations on frame and sash members  
 $FT_r$  = Average temperature of 4 roving thermocouple locations on the 4 coldest locations of frame and sash members  
 $W$  = A weighing factor to ration  $FT_p$  and  $FT$   
 $GT$  = Average temperature of 6 predetermined thermocouple locations on the glazing

5.2	<u>AIR INFILTRATION TEST</u>	<u>MEASURED</u>	<u>ALLOWED</u>
	At 0.57 PSF	0.00 CFM/Ft <sup>2</sup>	N/A
	At 1.57 PSF	0.02 CFM/Ft <sup>2</sup>	0.06 CFM/Ft <sup>2</sup>

All cross sections were cut and their profiles were visually verified with the cross section profile drawing. Only dimensions circled were verified by this laboratory.

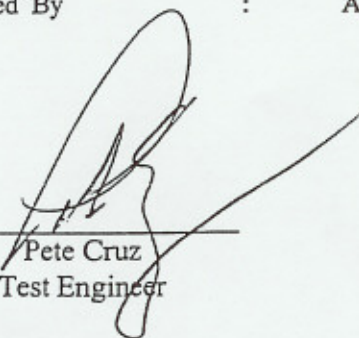
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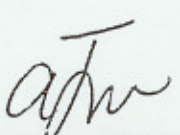
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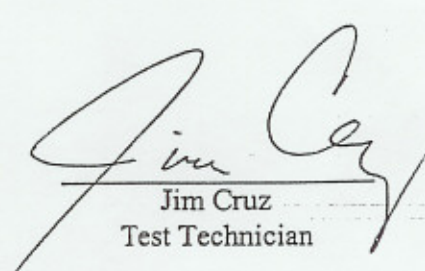
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All of the tests were conducted in accordance with the referenced standards in paragraph 2.0.

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**Disclaimer:**

For complete description and details refer to the attached cross section drawings which are part of this report. Without the attached drawings this report becomes null and void. Drawings have been marked, stamped and verified by this laboratory.