

## Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

The following product has been evaluated for compliance with the wind loads specified in the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC).

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**Evaluation ID:** EC-81

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**Re-evaluation Date:** March 2026

**Product Name:** FW-12 Aluminum Wall Panels with Seam Lock installed over Steel Girts

**Manufacturer:** Berridge Manufacturing Co.  
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### General Description:

The FW-12 wall panels are aluminum wall panels. The aluminum wall panels have a seam lock feature designed to resist panel disengagement. The aluminum wall panels have a maximum 12" of coverage. The aluminum wall panels have a 1-1/2" rib height. The aluminum wall panels are 3105-H14 aluminum with a minimum yield strength of 18,000 psi.

### Limitations:

**Wall Framing:** The aluminum wall panels must be installed over open steel girts.

**New Wall Framing Attachment:** The wall framing must meet or exceed the wind pressure requirements of the IRC and IBC and must be installed as required for resistance to wind loads.

**Design Wind Pressure:** The design pressure load resistance must be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2.

**Table 1.** Attachment of Minimum 0.032" Aluminum FW-12 Wall Panels to Steel Girts

System	Design Wind Pressure	Girts	Attachment of Panel to Steel Girts
1	-52.0 psf	Minimum 16-gauge; 2'-0" on center	Two fasteners

**Table 2.** Attachment of Minimum 0.040" Aluminum FW-12 wall Panels to Steel Girts

System	Design Wind Pressure	Girts	Attachment of Panel to Steel Girts
2	-78.0 psf	Minimum 16-gauge; 2'-0" on center	Two fasteners

**Installation:**

**General:** The aluminum wall panels must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommend installation instructions and this evaluation report.

**Steel Girts:** Berridge Manufacturing Company steel "CEE", "ZEE", or "HAT Section" girts. The minimum thickness of steel girts and the maximum spacing of the girts must be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2.

**Attachment of Aluminum Wall Panels to the Steel Girts:** The aluminum wall panels must be secured to the steel girts as follows:

**System 1 and 2:** Two (2) #12-14 x 1-1/4" Fenderhead DP3 screws manufactured by Dynamic Fastener. The fasteners must be long enough to ensure a minimum penetration of 3 pitches of thread below the girts. The fasteners must be located at each steel girt.

**Trims, Closures, and Accessories:** Must be installed as required by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions available on the job site during the installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC and the IBC.