

FIBERGLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS (FRP) FABRICATIONS
PULTRUDED TUBE GUARDRAIL AND HANDRAIL

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. This specification is for a pultruded fiberglass railing system in compliance with 2012 IBC, and OSHA 1910.23.

1.2 REFERENCES

- A. The publications listed below (latest revision applicable) form a part of this specification to the extent referenced herein. The publications are referred to within the text by the designation only.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS (ASTM) Test Methods:

ASTM D-638-Tensile Properties of Plastics

ASTM D-790-Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics

ASTM D-2344-Apparent Interlaminar Shear Strength of Parallel Fiber Composites by Short Beam Method

ASTM D-495-High Voltage, Low-Current, Dry Arc Resistance of Solid Electrical Insulation

ASTM D-696-Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion for Plastics

ASTM E-84-Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INC.
The International Building Code, 2012

THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 29, Section 1910.23

1.3 CONTRACTOR SUBMITTALS

- A. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish shop drawings of all fabricated railings and accessories in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- B. The CONTRACTOR shall furnish manufacturer's shop drawings clearly showing material sizes, types, styles, part or catalog numbers, complete details for the fabrication of and erection of components including, but not limited to, location, lengths, type and sizes of fasteners, clip angles, member sizes, and connection details.

- C. The CONTRACTOR shall submit the manufacturer's published literature including structural design data, structural properties data, corrosion resistance tables, certificates of compliance, test reports as applicable, and design calculations for systems not sized or designed in the contract documents, sealed by a Professional Engineer.
- D. The CONTRACTOR may be requested to submit sample pieces of each item specified herein for acceptance by the ENGINEER as to quality and color. Sample pieces shall be manufactured by the method to be used in the WORK.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. All items to be provided under this Section shall be furnished only by manufacturers having a minimum of five (5) years experience in the design and manufacture of similar products and systems.
- B. Manufacturer shall be certified to the ISO 9001 standard.
- C. Handrail shall be produced in the United States.

1.5 PRODUCT DELIVERY AND STORAGE

- A. Delivery of Materials: Manufactured materials shall be delivered in original, unbroken pallets, packages, containers, or bundles bearing the label of the manufacturer. Adhesives, resins and their catalysts and hardeners shall be crated or boxed separately and noted as such to facilitate their movement to a dry indoor storage facility.
- B. Storage of Products: All materials shall be carefully handled to prevent them from abrasion, cracking, chipping, twisting, other deformations, and other types of damage. Adhesives, resins and their catalysts are to be stored in dry indoor storage facilities between 70 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit (21 to 29 degrees Celsius) until they are required.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- A. Guardrail and/or Handrail system to be Dynarail® as manufactured by

MFG Construction and Water Products
55 Fourth Ave., Union City, PA 16438

2.2 GENERAL

- A. All posts and rails manufactured by the pultrusion process. The structural shapes shall be composed of fiberglass reinforcement and resin in qualities, quantities, properties, arrangements and dimensions as necessary to meet the design requirements and dimensions specified in the Contract Documents.
- B. Fiberglass reinforcement shall be a combination of continuous roving, continuous strand mat, and surfacing veil in sufficient quantities as needed by the application and/or physical properties required.

- C. Resins shall be { *ISO, non-fire retardant isophthalic polyester used to produce NSF Standard 61 certified shapes*; ISOFR, fire retardant isophthalic polyester; *VE, non-fire retardant vinyl ester used to produce NSF Standard 61 certified shapes* or VEFR, fire retardant vinyl ester, (*choose one*)} with chemical formulation necessary to provide the corrosion resistance, strength and other physical properties as required.
- D. All finished surfaces of FRP items and fabrications shall be smooth, resin-rich, free of voids and without dry spots, cracks, crazes or unreinforced areas. All glass fibers shall be well covered with resin to protect against their exposure due to wear or weathering.
- E. All pultruded structural shapes shall be further protected from ultraviolet (UV) attack with 1) integral UV inhibitors in the resin, 2) a synthetic surfacing veil to help produce a resin rich surface, and 3) an appropriate UV resistant coating for outdoor exposures.
- F. All FRP products shall have a tested flame spread rating of 25 or less per ASTM E-84 Tunnel Test, (except for non-fire retardant isophthalic polyester and vinyl ester NSF Standard 61 certified shapes).
- G. The completed railing installation shall meet the following load requirements with a minimum factor of safety of 2.0:
- Concentrated Load: 200 lb (891 N) applied in any direction at any point on the rail.
- Uniform Load: 50 lb/lf (730.5 N/m) applied in any direction on the rail.
- Loads are assumed not to act concurrently.
- H. All rails, posts, and kick plates are to be integrally pigmented yellow.
- I. Pultruded structural shapes used in the railing systems are to have the minimum longitudinal mechanical properties listed below:

Property	ASTM Method	Value	Units
Tensile Strength	D-638	30,000 (206)	psi (MPa)
Tensile Modulus	D-638	2.5×10^6 (17.2)	psi (GPa)
Flexural Strength	D-790	30,000 (206)	psi (MPa)
Flexural Modulus	D-790	1.8×10^6 (12.4)	psi (GPa)
Flexural Modulus (Full Section)	N/A	2.8×10^6 (19.3)	psi (GPa)
Short Beam Shear (Transverse)	D-2344	4,500 (31)	psi (MPa)
Shear Modulus (Transverse)	N/A	4.5×10^5 (3.1)	psi (GPa)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	D-696	8.0×10^{-6} (1.4×10^{-6})	in/in/°F (cm/cm/°C)
Flame Spread	E-84	25 or less	N/A

- J. All fasteners used in the railing system are to be 316 SS. Rivets to be 18-8 SS.