

REPORT NUMBER: 101539476COQ-002C ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE: January 15, 2015

## **EVALUATION CENTER**

INTERTEK TESTING SERVICES NA LTD. 1500 BRIGANTINE DRIVE COQUITLAM, BC V3K 7C1

## **RENDERED TO**

VISTA RAILING SYSTEMS INC. 23282 RIVER ROAD MAPLE RIDGE, BC V2W 1B6 CANADA

PRODUCT EVALUATED: 4 ft. Vista<sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System

> EVALUATION PROPERTY: Load Requirements

Report of 4 ft. Vista<sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System for compliance with the requirements of the following criteria:

2010 National Building Code of Canada

- Section 4.1.5.14, *Loads on Guards*
- 2012 Ontario Building Code

   Section 4.1.5.14, Loads on Guards

**EST REPORT** 

This report is for the exclusive use of Intertek's Client and is provided pursuant to the agreement between Intertek and its Client. Intertek's responsibility and liability are limited to the terms and conditions of the agreement. Intertek assumes no liability to any party, other than to the Client in accordance with the agreement, for any loss, expense or damage occasioned by the use of this report. Only the Client is authorized to copy or distribute this report and then only in its entirety. Any use of the Intertek name or one of its marks for the sale or advertisement of the tested material, product or service must first be approved in writing by Intertek. The observations and test results in this report are relevant only to the sample tested. This report by itself does not imply that the material, product, or service is or has ever been under an Intertek certification program.

# 1 Table of Contents

1	Table	Of Contents
2	Introd	uction3
3	Test S	Samples
	3.1. 5	Sample Selection
	3.2. 5	Sample And Assembly Description3
4	Testin	g And Evaluation Methods3
	4.1	2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: Section 4.1.5.14 Loads On Guards4
	4.2	2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: Section 9.8.8.3 Height Of Guards4
	4.3	2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: Section 9.8.8.5 Openings In Guards4
	4.4	2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: Section 9.8.8.6 Design Of Guards To Not Facilitate Climbing /
	Guard	ds Designed Not To Facilitate Climbing4
	4.5	In-Fill Load Test4
	4.6	Uniform Load Test5
	4.7	Concentrated Load Test5
	4.8	Height Of Guards5
	4.9	Openings In Guards5
	4.10	Design To Prevent Climbing5
5	Testin	g And Evaluation Results6
	5.1. F	Results And Observations
6	Concl	usion7
Арр	endix A	A Test Data4 Pages
Арр	endix E	3 Drawings11 Pages

## 2 Introduction

Intertek Testing Services NA Ltd. (Intertek) has conducted a test program for the 4 ft. Vista<sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System submitted by Vista Railing Systems Inc. The evaluation was carried out to determine whether the railings would meet the requirements of the following:

- 2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBC)
  - Section 4.1.5.14, Loads On Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.3, *Height of Guards*
  - Section 9.8.8.5, Openings in Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.6, Design of Guards to Not Facilitate Climbing
- 2012 Ontario Building Code (OBC)
  - Section 4.1.5.14, Loads On Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.3, Height of Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.5, *Openings in Guards*
  - Section 9.8.8.6, Guards Designed Not to Facilitate Climbing

This evaluation was conducted in the month of January 2015.

## 3 Test Samples

#### 3.1. SAMPLE SELECTION

The client submitted the guard rail system to the Evaluation Center on December 29, 2014. The product was identified as Coquitlam ID# VAN1501141519-001.

#### 3.2. SAMPLE AND ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The railing system was identified as the Vista<sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System. Drawings of the railing and individual components with part numbers can be found in Appendix B. The details of the guardrail system are outlined below in Table 1:

Table 1. Railing Details							
Railing	Posts	Mounting Plate	Panel Insert				
4 ft. Vista <sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System	2-1/2" x 2-1/2" x 43-1/4" high with Pyramid Cap (6005A-T61 Aluminum) End post and corner posts were tested.	4" x 4" x 3/8" (6005A-T61 Aluminum)	48" x 40" x 10 mm Tempered Glass				

Note: The installation of the guardrail to the deck was not within the scope of this report, and is subject to evaluation and approval by the building official. Four 3/8 in. grade 5 bolts and washers on each post were used to install the specimen for testing.

## 4 Testing and Evaluation Methods

The evaluation was conducted in general accordance with the testing procedures of ASTM E935-13e1, *Standard Test Methods for Performance of Permanent Metal Railing Systems and Rails for Buildings.* The test specimens were loaded at a rate to achieve the specified loads between 10



seconds and 5 minutes. The specified test loads were held for one minute before the load was released. For each test, deflection measurements were taken at the point of load application. As per Section 4.1.5.14 of the 2010 NBC and 2012 OBC, the following tests were conducted:

#### 4.1 2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: SECTION 4.1.5.14 LOADS ON GUARDS

- The minimum specified horizontal load applied inward or outward at the minimum required height of every guard shall be 0.75 kN/m or a concentrated load of 1.0 kN applied at any point.
- 2) Individual elements within the *guard*, including solid panels and pickets, shall be designed for a concentrated load of 0.5 kN applied over an area of 100 mm x 100 mm located at any point in the element or elements so as to produce the most critical effect.
- 3) The minimum specified load applied vertically at the top of every required *guard* shall be 1.5 kN/m.
- 4) None of the loads specified above need be considered to act simultaneously.

Notes: A safety factor of 2.5 was applied to the above loads.

#### 4.2 2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: SECTION 9.8.8.3 HEIGHT OF GUARDS

1) All guards shall be not less than 1070 mm high.

#### 4.3 2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: SECTION 9.8.8.5 OPENINGS IN GUARDS

1) Openings through any guard shall be of a size that will prevent the passage of a spherical object having a diameter of 100 mm unless it can be shown that the location and size of openings that exceed this limit do not present a hazard.

#### 4.4 2010 NBC / 2012 OBC: SECTION 9.8.8.6 DESIGN OF GUARDS TO NOT FACILITATE CLIMBING / GUARDS DESIGNED NOT TO FACILITATE CLIMBING

- 1) Guards except those in industrial occupancies and where it can be shown that the location and size of openings do not present a hazard, shall be designed so that no member, attachment or opening facilitates climbing.
- 2) Guards shall be deemed to comply with Sentence (1) where all elements protruding from the vertical and located within the area between 140 mm and 900 mm above the floor or walking surface protected by the guard conform to one of the following clauses:
  - a) they are located more than 450mm horizontally and vertically, or
  - b) they provide not more than 15 mm horizontal offset,
  - c) they do not provide a toe-space more than 45mm horizontally and 20 mm vertically, or
  - d) they present more than a 1-in-2 slope on the offset.

#### 4.5 IN-FILL LOAD TEST

A load of 1.25 kN (281 lbf) was applied using a 100 mm x 100 mm square block on the center of the railing system normal to the in-fill. After release of the load, the system was evaluated for failure, any evidence of disengagements of any component and visible cracks in any component.



#### 4.6 UNIFORM LOAD TEST

A uniform load of 3.75 kN/m (257 plf) was applied vertically to the top of the guardrail system. A uniform load of 1.88 kN/m (128 plf) was applied horizontally to the top of the guardrail system. The loads were applied using quarter point loads. After release of the load, the system was evaluated for failure, any evidence of disengagements of any component and visible cracks in any component.

#### 4.7 CONCENTRATED LOAD TEST

The top of the guardrail system was subjected to three separate tests where a concentrated load of 2.5 kN (562 lbs) was applied:

- horizontally at the midspan of the top of the guard,
- horizontally at the top of the guard adjacent to the post connection to verify the connection capacity, and
- horizontally at the top of post.

The top of post concentrated load also was taken to ultimate failure.

#### 4.8 HEIGHT OF GUARDS

The railing formed a protective barrier not less than 1070 mm (42 in.) high.

#### 4.9 **OPENINGS IN GUARDS**

An opening of 64 mm (2.5 in.) under the glass panel prevented a sphere 4 in. (100 mm) in diameter to pass.

#### 4.10 DESIGN TO PREVENT CLIMBING

No member, attachment or opening located between 140 mm and 900 mm above the floor or walking surface protected by the guards facilitated climbing.



## 5 Testing and Evaluation Results

#### 5.1. RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS

The product test results are shown in Table 2. A copy of the test data is located in Appendix A.

	Table 2. Test Results							
Section	Property	Result	Requirement	Pass/Fail				
	In-fill Load	281 lbs	281 lbs	Pass				
	Vertical Uniform Load	257 plf	257 plf	Pass				
	Horizontal Uniform Load 128 plf Mid-span Concentrated Load 562 lbs	128 plf	128 plf	Pass				
41514		562 lbs	562 lbs	Pass				
4.1.3.14	Adjacent to Post Connection Concentrated Load	562 lbs	562 lbs	Pass				
	Top of Post Concentrated Load 562 lbs	562 lbs	Pass					
	Top of Post – Ultimate Load (Outward)	640 lbs	As Reported	As Reported				
	Top of Post – Ultimate Load (Inward)	622 lbs	As Reported	As Reported				
9.8.8.3	Height of Guards	1070 mm	≥ 1070 mm	Pass				
9.8.8.5	Openings in Guards	Under Glass Panel: 64 mm	< 100 mm	Pass				
9.8.8.6	Design to Not Facilitate Climbing	No elements protruding from the vertical between 140 mm and 900 mm that facilitate climbing	No elements from the vertical between 140 mm and 900 mm that facilitate climbing	Pass				

## 6 Conclusion

The Vista Railing Systems Inc. 4 ft. Vista<sup>™</sup> Frameless Railing System identified in this test report has complied with the requirements as specified in the following:

- 2010 National Building Code of Canada (NBC)
  - Section 4.1.5.14, Loads On Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.3, Height of Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.5, Openings in Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.6, Design of Guards to Not Facilitate Climbing
- 2012 Ontario Building Code (OBC)
  - Section 4.1.5.14, Loads On Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.3, Height of Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.5, Openings in Guards
  - Section 9.8.8.6, Guards Designed Not to Facilitate Climbing

The product test results are presented in Section 5 of this report.

## INTERTEK TESTING SERVICES NA LTD.

Reported by:

Chris Chang, P.Eng. Engineer, Building Products

Reviewed by:

Dan Lungu, P. Eng. Engineer, Manufactured Housing

Reviewed by:

Kal Kooner, P. Eng. Manager, Building Products





APPENDIX A: Test Data (4 pages)





#### Test Data Package Page 1 of 4

Company	Vista Railing Systems Inc.	Technician(s)	Kevin Penner / Chris Chang
Project No.	G101539476	Reviewer	Riccardo DeSantis
Models	Vista Frameless Railing System	Start/End Date	January 14, 2015
Product Name	Same as above	Sample ID	VAN1501141519-001
Standard	2010 NBC/2012 OBC, Section 4.1.5.14 Loads on Guards		

#### Test Data Package

#### Table of Contents

Sheet	Page
Table of Contents (This Sheet)	1
ProBuilt Windscreen - Load Testing (Outward)	2
ProBuilt Windscreen - Load Testing (Inward)	3
ProBuilt Windscreen - Dimensional Checks	4

# Intertek

Test:	Loads on Guards - Outward		Project <sup>.</sup>	G101539476
Date:	14-Jan-15		Eng/Tech:	Kevin Penner
Client:	Vista Railing Systems Inc.		U	Blair Hendry
Product:	Vista Frameless Railing System		Reviewer:	Riccardo DeSantis
Post Spacing:	4.083 ft	1.24 m		
Height of Guard:	42 in	1067 mm		
Opening in Guard:	2 in	51 mm		
Method:	2010 National Building Code of Can	ada, 4.1.5.14 Loads on Guards		
	2012 Ontario Building Code, 4.1.5.1	4 Loads on Guards		
Safety Factor:	2.50			
Equipment:	Artech 5000 lbf Load Cell (Intertek li	D# P60691, cal due November	2015)	
	Vaisala Temp/RH Indicator (Intertek	ID# 9-0176, cal due July 2015)		
	Stopwatch (Intertek ID# P60624, ca	l due July 2015)		
	Mitutoyo Digital Caliper (Intertek ID#	P60005, cal due May 2015)		
Time/Temp/RH:	10:25AM / 23.0°C / 50.0%			

Direction	Test	Design Load (Inward/ Outward) (Ibf)	Factored Load	Calculated Moment (lbf-ft)	Equivalent Quarter- Point Load (lbf)	Required Proof Load (lbf)	Deflections (in.)	Pass/Fail	
	Individual Elements (over 4 in. x 4 in.) (most critical location)	112	281	-	-	281	1.106	Pass	
	Vertical Uniform Load (per ft)	103	257	535	524	1049	0.366	Pass	
	Horizontal Uniform Load (per ft)	51	128	268	262	524	1.701	Pass	
Outward	Midspan Horizontal Concentrated Load	225	562	-	-	562	1.958	Pass	
	Top Rail Adjacent to Connection Concentrated Load	225	562	-	-	562	2.082	Pass	
	Top of Post	225	562	-	-	562	2.037	Pass	Ultimate Load: 639.5 lbs

Design Equivalent Load Calculated Required Quarter-Factored Deflections Direction Test (Inward/ Moment Proof Load Pass/Fail Point Load Load (mm) Outward) (kNm) (kN) (kN) (kN) Individual Elements (over 100 mm in. x 100 mm) 0.5 1.25 --1.25 28.1 Pass (most critical location) Vertical Uniform Load 1.5 3.75 0.73 2.33 4.67 9.3 Pass (per m) Horizontal Uniform Load 0.75 1.88 0.36 1.17 2.33 43.21 Pass (per m) Outward Midspan Horizontal 1 2.50 -2.50 49.73 Pass -Concentrated Load Top Rail Adjacent to Connection Concentrated 2.50 2.50 52.89 1 --Pass Load Top of Post 1 2.50 2.50 51.75 Pass --

# Intertek

Toet:	Loads on Guards - Inward		Project	G101539476			
Date:	14-lan-15		Eng/Tech	Kevin Penner			
Client:	Vista Railing Systems Inc.		Eng/10011.	Blair Hendry			
Product:	Vista Frameless Railing System		Reviewer:	Riccardo DeSantis			
Post Spacing:	4.083 ft	1.24 m					
Height of Guard:	42 in	1067 mm					
Opening in Guard:	2 in	51 mm					
Method:	2010 National Building Code of Cana	ada, 4.1.5.14 Loads on Guards					
	2012 Ontario Building Code, 4.1.5.14	Loads on Guards					
Safety Factor:	2.50						
Equipment:	Artech 5000 lbf Load Cell (Intertek IE	0# P60691, cal due November	2015)				
	Vaisala Temp/RH Indicator (Intertek	ID# 9-0176, cal due July 2015)					
	Stopwatch (Intertek ID# P60624, cal	due July 2015)					
	Mitutoyo Digital Caliper (Intertek ID# P60005, cal due May 2015)						
Time/Temp/RH:	10:25AM / 23.0°C / 50.0%						

Direction	Test	Design Load (Inward/ Outward) (lbf)	Factored Load	Calculated Moment (lbf-ft)	Equivalent Quarter- Point Load (lbf)	Required Proof Load (lbf)	Deflections (in.)	Pass/Fail	
	Individual Elements (over 4 in. x 4 in.) (most critical location)	112	281	-	-	281	1.129	Pass	
	Vertical Uniform Load (per ft)	103	257	535	524	1049	0.401	Pass	
laward	Horizontal Uniform Load (per ft)	51	128	268	262	524	1.685	Pass	
Inward	Midspan Horizontal Concentrated Load	225	562	-	-	562	2.213	Pass	
	Top Rail Adjacent to Connection Concentrated Load	225	562	-	-	562	2.204	Pass	
	Top of Post	225	562	-	-	562	2.166	Pass	Ultimate Load: 622 lb

Design Equivalent Required Load Calculated Quarter-Factored Deflections Direction Test (Inward/ Moment Proof Load Pass/Fail Point Load Load (mm) Outward) (kNm) (kN) (kN) (kN) Individual Elements (over 100 mm in. x 100 mm) 0.5 1.25 --1.25 28.67 Pass (most critical location) Vertical Uniform Load 1.5 3.75 0.73 2.33 4.67 10.19 Pass (per m) Horizontal Uniform Load 0.75 1.88 0.36 1.17 2.33 42.79 Pass (per m) Inward Midspan Horizontal 1 2.50 -2.50 56.2 Pass -Concentrated Load Top Rail Adjacent to Connection Concentrated 2.50 2.50 55.99 1 --Pass Load Top of Post 1 2.50 2.50 55.02 Pass --



Test:	Dimensional Checks	Project:	G101539476
Date:	14-Jan-15	Eng/Tech:	Chris Chang
Client:	Vista Railing Systems Inc.	Reviewer:	Riccardo DeSantis
Product:	Vista Frameless Railing System		
Post Spacing:	4.083 ft	1.24	m
Height of Guard:	42 in	1070	mm
Opening in Guard:	2.5 in	64	mm
Method:	2010 National Building Code of Canada		
	2012 Ontario Building Code		
	9.8.8.3 Height of Guards		
	9.8.8.5 Openings in Guards		
	9.8.8.6 Design of Guards to Not Facilitate Climbing / Guards D	esigned Not to F	acilitate Climbing
Time/Temp./RH:	10:25AM / 23.0°C / 50.0%		

Equipment:

Vaisala Temp/RH Indicator (Intertek ID# 9-0176, cal due July 2015) Tape Measure (Intertek ID# P60494, cal due August 2015)

Descri	iption	Measured Dimension (mm)	Requirement (mm)	Pass/Fail
9.8.8.3 Height of Guards		1070	≥ 1070	Pass
9.8.8.5 Openings in Guards	Under Bottom Rail	64	< 100	Pass

Description	Result	Requirement	Pass/Fail
9.8.8.6 Design of Guards to Not Facilitate Climbing / Guards Designed Not to Facilitate Climbing	No elements protruding from the vertical between 140 mm and 900 mm that facilitate climbing	No elements protruding from the vertical between 140 mm and 900 mm that facilitate climbing	Pass



APPENDIX B: Drawings (11 pages)























