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## **Technical Evaluation Report**

**TER 1501-08**

FastenMaster® FlatLOK™ Fasteners

**OMG, Inc.  
DBA FastenMaster®**

**Product:**

**FastenMaster® FlatLOK™  
Fasteners**

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## 1 PRODUCT EVALUATED<sup>1</sup>

- 1.1 FastenMaster® FlatLOK™ Fasteners

## 2 APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS<sup>2,3</sup>

### 2.1 Codes

- 2.1.1 *IBC—12, 15, 18: International Building Code®*
- 2.1.2 *IRC—12, 15, 18: International Residential Code®*

### 2.2 Standards and Referenced Documents

- 2.2.1 *ANSI/AWC NDS: National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction*
- 2.2.2 *ASTM A153: Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*
- 2.2.3 *ASTM A510: Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel*
- 2.2.4 *ASTM D1761: Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Fasteners in Wood*

## 3 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- 3.1 FlatLOK™ fasteners were tested and evaluated to determine their structural resistance properties, which are used to develop reference design values for allowable stress design (ASD). The following conditions were evaluated:

- 3.1.1 Withdrawal strength in accordance with *ASTM D1761*.

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<sup>1</sup> Building codes require data from valid research reports be obtained from approved sources. An approved agency, which is an approved source, is defined as "an established and recognized agency that is regularly engaged in...furnishing product certification where such agency has been approved..." Being approved, defined as "acceptable to the building official," is accomplished via accreditation using ISO/IEC 17065 evaluation procedures meeting code requirements of independence, adequate equipment, and experienced personnel. DrJ is an ISO/IEC 17065 ANSI-Accredited Product Certification Body - Accreditation #1131.

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<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all references in this TER are from the 2018 version of the codes and the standards referenced therein (e.g., *ASCE 7*, *NDS*, *ASTM*). This material, design, or method of construction also complies with the 2000-2015 versions of the referenced codes and the standards referenced therein. As required by code, where this TER is not approved, the building official shall respond in writing stating the reasons this TER was not approved. For any variations in state and local codes, see Section 8.

<sup>3</sup> All terms defined in the applicable building codes are italicized.

- 3.1.2 Shear strength for use as an alternative to metal straps, ties, or fasteners in shear (lateral) loaded applications either parallel or perpendicular to wood grain in accordance with *ASTM D1761*.
- 3.1.3 Head pull-through in accordance with *ASTM D1761*.
- 3.2 Use in wet service conditions is outside the scope of this evaluation.
- 3.3 Any code compliance issues not specifically addressed in this section are outside the scope of this TER.
- 3.4 Any engineering evaluation conducted for this TER was performed on the dates provided in this TER and within Dr.J's professional scope of work.

**4 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND MATERIALS**

4.1 The product evaluated in this TER is shown in Figure 1.

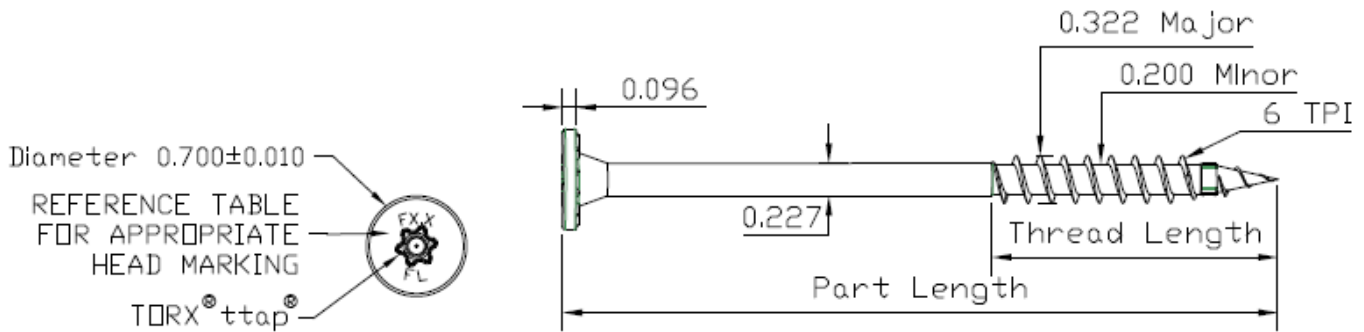


FIGURE 1. FASTENMASTER® FLATLOK™

- 4.2 FlatLOK™ fasteners are manufactured using a standard cold-formed process followed by a heat-treating process.
- 4.3 Fasteners are coated with a proprietary coating that exceeds the protection provided by hot-dipped galvanized coatings conforming to *ASTM A153*.
- 4.4 Fasteners are approved for use in interior conditions and in chemically treated or untreated lumber where *ASTM A153* coatings are approved for use in accordance with *IBC Section 2304.10<sup>4</sup>* and *IRC Section R317.3*.
  - 4.4.1 The proprietary coating has been tested and found to exceed the protection provided by code-approved hot-dipped galvanized coatings meeting *ASTM A153* (*IBC Section 2304.10.5<sup>5</sup>* and *IRC Section R317.3*), allowing for its use in pressure treated (ACQ) wood.
  - 4.4.2 Fasteners are approved for use in fire-retardant-treated lumber, provided the conditions set forth by the fire-retardant-treated lumber manufacturer are met, including appropriate strength reductions.
- 4.5 The fasteners evaluated in this TER are set forth in Table 1.

<sup>4</sup> 2012 *IBC Section 2304.9*

<sup>5</sup> 2012 *IBC Section 2304.9.5*

TABLE 1. FASTENER DIMENSIONS &amp; STRENGTH DETAILS

Fastener Name	Head (in)			Fastener Length <sup>1</sup> (in)	Shank Diameter <sup>2</sup> (in)	Thread Length <sup>1</sup> (in)	Thread Diameter (in)		Nominal Bending Yield, <sup>3</sup> f <sub>yb</sub> (psi)	Allowable Fastener Strength (lbf)	
	Marking	Diameter	Thickness				Minor	Major		Tensile	Shear
FlatLOK™	F2.9FL	0.70	0.095	2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	0.227	1.75	0.200	0.322	171,600	1940	1230
	F3.5FL			3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>		2.00					
	F4.0FL			4							
	F4.5FL			4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>							
	F5.0FL			5							
	F6.0FL			6							
	F6.75FL			6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>							

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N, 1 psi = 0.00689 MPa

1. Fastener length is measured from the topside of the head to the tip. Thread length includes tapered tip (see Figure 1).
2. Shank diameter based on manufactured thickness. Finished dimensions are larger, due to the proprietary coatings added.
3. Bending yield determined at shank diameter.

## 5 APPLICATIONS

### 5.1 General

5.1.1 FlatLOK™ fasteners are used to attach wood framing members in conventional light-frame construction and provide resistance to lateral and withdrawal loads applied parallel and/or perpendicular to the structural framing member. See Section 6 for installation requirements.

5.1.2 FlatLOK™ fasteners are installed without lead holes, as prescribed in *NDS*.

5.1.3 Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience, and technical judgment.

#### 5.1.4 Design:

5.1.4.1 Design of FlatLOK™ fasteners is governed by the applicable code and the provisions for dowel-type fasteners in *NDS*.

5.1.4.2 Unless otherwise noted, adjustment of the design stresses for duration of load shall be in accordance with the applicable code.

### 5.2 FlatLOK™ Reference Lateral Design Values – Face Grain Applications

5.2.1 The reference lateral design values for shear load perpendicular and parallel to grain for FlatLOK™ fasteners, as depicted in Figure 2, are specified in Table 2, Table 3, Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6.

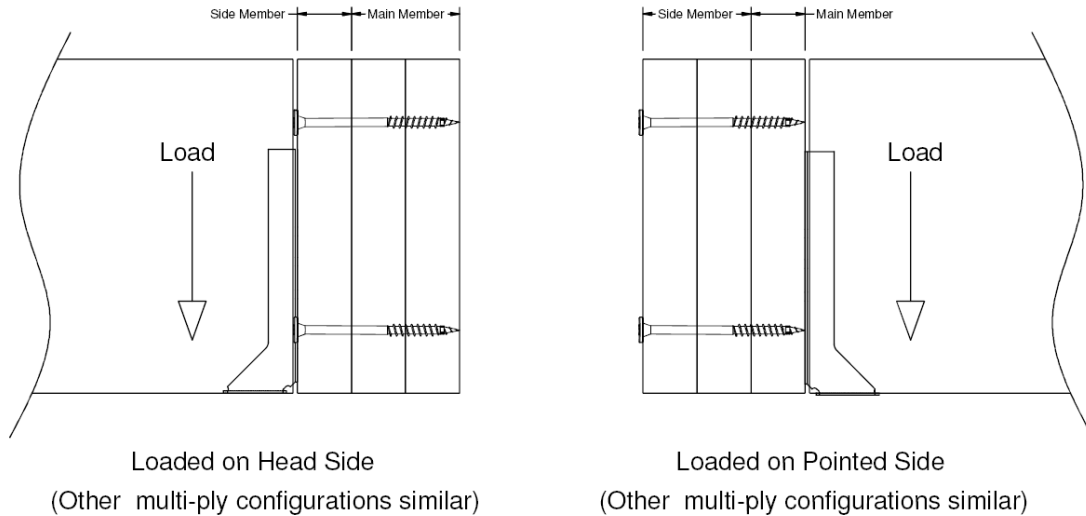


FIGURE 2. LOADING DIAGRAM FOR SHEAR PERPENDICULAR TO GRAIN

TABLE 2. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE LATERAL DESIGN VALUES – DIMENSIONAL LUMBER WITH HEAD SIDE LOADING

FlatLOK™ Fastener	Fastener Length (in)	Side Member Thickness (in)	Min. Penetration into Main Member (in)	Lateral Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity) & Load Orientation					
				SPF (0.42)		D.Fir (0.50)		S.Pine (0.55)	
				Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para
FL278	2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	200	150	240	235	270	270
FL312	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2	200	150	240	235	270	270
FL004	4	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	200	150	240	235	270	270
FL412	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	320	245	480	350	550	440
FL005	5	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	320	245	480	350	550	440
FL006	6	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	320	245	480	350	550	440
FL634	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	320	245	480	350	550	440

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS*.

TABLE 3. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE LATERAL DESIGN VALUES – DIMENSIONAL LUMBER WITH POINT SIDE LOADING

FlatLOK™ Fastener	Fastener Length (in)	Side Member Thickness (in)	Min. Penetration into Main Member (in)	Lateral Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity) & Load Orientation					
				SPF (0.42)		D.Fir (0.50)		S.Pine (0.55)	
				Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para
FL412	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	200	-	260	-	290	-
FL006	6	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	200	-	260	-	290	-

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS*.

**TABLE 4. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE LATERAL DESIGN VALUES – ENGINEERED LUMBER IN FACE GRAIN APPLICATIONS WITH HEAD SIDE LOADING**

FlatLOK™ Fastener	Fastener Length (in)	Side Member Thickness (in)	Min. Penetration into Main Member (in)	Lateral Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity) & Load Orientation			
				LVL (0.50)		LSL (0.50)	
				Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para
FL278	2 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>8</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	375	235	435	235
FL312	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	375	235	435	235
FL005	5	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	560	350	480	350
FL634	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5	560	350	480	350
FL634	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	560	350	480	350

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS*.

**TABLE 5. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE LATERAL DESIGN VALUES – ENGINEERED LUMBER WITH POINT SIDE LOADING**

FlatLOK™ Fastener	Fastener Length (in)	Side Member Thickness (in)	Min. Penetration into Main Member (in)	Lateral Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity) & Load Orientation			
				LVL (0.50)		LSL (0.50)	
				Z Perp	Z Para	Z Perp	Z Para
FL312	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	330	235	260	235
FL005	5	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	330	235	260	235
FL634	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	5	1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	330	235	260	235
FL634	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	330	235	260	235

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS*.

### 5.3 FlatLOK™ Reference Lateral Design Values – Edge Grain Applications

**TABLE 6. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE LATERAL DESIGN VALUES – DIMENSIONAL & ENGINEERED LUMBER IN EDGE GRAIN APPLICATIONS**

FlatLOK™ Fastener	Fastener Length (in)	Side Member Thickness (in)	Min. Penetration into Main Member (in)	Lateral Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity) Parallel to Grain Loading			
				SPF (0.42)	D.Fir (0.50)	S.Pine (0.55)	LSL <sup>3</sup> (0.50)
FL006	6	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	235	300	285	225

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS*.
- Minimum thickness 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"

#### 5.4 FlatLOK™ Reference Withdrawal Design Values

- 5.4.1 The design provisions for withdrawal noted in *NDS* Table 12.2B apply to FlatLOK™ fasteners, unless otherwise noted in this TER. Reference withdrawal design values for FlatLOK™ fasteners in select lumber species are specified in Table 7, Table 8, and Table 9.

TABLE 7. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE WITHDRAWAL DESIGN VALUES – FACE GRAIN APPLICATIONS

Thread Penetration into Main Member (in)	Reference Withdrawal Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity)				
	SPF (0.42)	D.Fir (0.50)	S.Pine (0.55)	LVL (0.50)	LSL (0.50)
1	90	145	140	140	140
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	125	190	210	210	220
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	160	240	280	275	295
1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	195	285	355	345	375
2	230	335	425	410	450

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS* Section 11.3 for wood screws.
- Fastener penetration is that threaded length embedded in the main member, including the tip.

TABLE 8. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE WITHDRAWAL DESIGN VALUES – EDGE GRAIN APPLICATIONS

Thread Penetration into Main Member (in)	Reference Withdrawal Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity)				
	SPF (0.42)	D.Fir (0.50)	S.Pine (0.55)	LVL (0.50)	LSL (0.50)
1	100	160	125	125	125
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	145	215	190	185	195
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	190	275	260	240	265
1 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	235	330	325	300	335
2	280	390	390	360	405

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS* Section 11.3 for wood screws.
- Fastener penetration is that threaded length embedded in the main member, including the tip.

TABLE 9. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE WITHDRAWAL DESIGN VALUES – END GRAIN APPLICATIONS

Thread Penetration into Main Member (in)	Reference Withdrawal Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity)				
	SPF (0.42)	D.Fir (0.50)	S.Pine (0.55)	LVL (0.50)	LSL (0.50)
2	175	295	285	–	–

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N

- Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per *NDS* Section 11.3 for wood screws.
- Fastener penetration is that threaded length embedded in the main member, including the tip.

5.5 Head Pull-Through Design Values

5.5.1 The reference design values for head pull-through for FlatLOK™ fasteners are specified in Table 10.

TABLE 10. FLATLOK™ REFERENCE HEAD PULL-THROUGH DESIGN VALUES

Min. Side Member Thickness (in)	Head Pull-Through Design Values (lbf) by Species (Specific Gravity)					
	SPF (0.42)	DF (0.50)	SP (0.55)	LVL (0.50)	LSL (0.50)	OSB
1.5	395	530	595	650	750	100

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb = 4.45 N  
 1. Values shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per NDS Section 11.3 for wood screws.

5.5.2 Edge and End Distance:

5.5.2.1 Fastener edge and end distances shall be as specified in Figure 3 and Table 11.

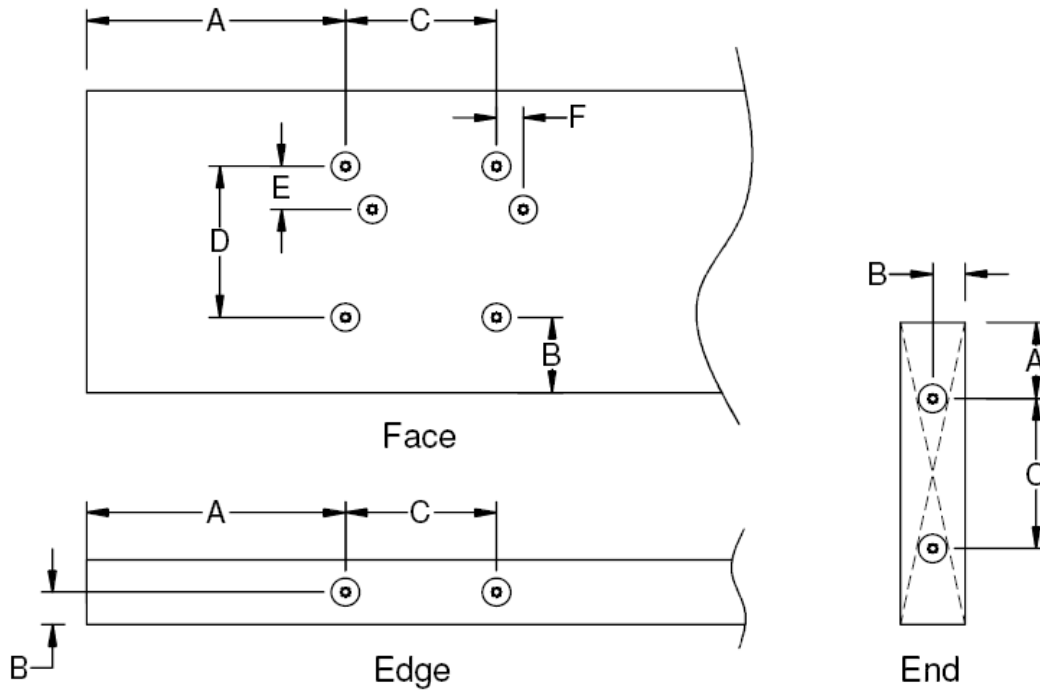


FIGURE 3. FLATLOK™ EDGE AND END DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS



TABLE 11. FLATLOK™ EDGE AND END DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Letter	Installed Condition	Minimum Distance or Spacing (in) <sup>1</sup>		
		Face	Edge	End
A	Min. End Distance	6	6	1¾
B	Min. Edge Distance	1¾	¾	¾
C	Min. Spacing Between Fasteners in a Row	3½	3½	3½
D	Min. Spacing Between Non-Staggered Rows	3½	NA	NA
E	Min. Spacing Between Staggered Rows	5/8	NA	NA
F	Min. Stagger Between Fasteners in Adjacent Rows	5/8	NA	NA

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. Edge distances, end distances, and spacing of fasteners shall be sufficient to prevent splitting of the wood or as shown in this table – whichever is more restrictive

## 6 INSTALLATION

- 6.1 FlatLOK™ fasteners shall be installed in accordance with the applicable code, the approved construction documents, this TER, the manufacturer’s installation instructions, *NDS*, and standard framing practice as applied to wood fasteners.
  - 6.1.1 In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer’s installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 6.2 Use a ½" low RPM/high torque drill to drive the fastener head flush with the surface of the framing member using the driver bit included with the fasteners.

## 7 TEST ENGINEERING SUBSTANTIATING DATA

- 7.1 Testing for withdrawal, shear and head pull through by SBCRI, under contract with Qualtim, Inc., in accordance with *ASTM D1761*.
- 7.2 *ANSI/AWC NDS: National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction*
- 7.3 *ASTM A153: Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*
- 7.4 *ASTM A510: Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel*
- 7.5 Some information contained herein is the result of testing and/or data analysis by other sources which conform to *IBC Section 1703* and relevant professional engineering law. DrJ relies on accurate data from these sources to perform engineering analysis. DrJ has reviewed and found the data provided by other professional sources to be credible.
- 7.6 Where appropriate, DrJ’s analysis is based on design values that have been codified into law through codes and standards (e.g., *IBC*, *IRC*, *NDS®*, and *SDPWS*). This includes review of code provisions and any related test data that aids in comparative analysis or provides support for equivalency to an intended end-use application. Where the accuracy of design values provided herein is reliant upon the published properties of commodity materials (e.g., lumber, steel, and concrete), DrJ relies upon the grade mark, stamp, and/or design values provided by raw material suppliers to be accurate and conforming to the mechanical properties defined in the relevant material standard.

## 8 FINDINGS

- 8.1 When used in accordance with the provisions of this TER and the provisions of the applicable building codes defined in Section 2, FlatLOK™ fasteners have the reference design value properties defined herein and are approved for use as an alternative to those fasteners prescribed by the applicable code.



8.2 IBC Section 104.11 (IRC Section R104.11 and IFC Section 104.9 are similar) states:

**104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment.** The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code, provided that any such alternative has been *approved*. An alternative material, design or method of construction shall be *approved* where the *building official* finds that the proposed design is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this code, and that the material, method or work offered is, for the purpose intended, not less than the equivalent of that prescribed in this code...Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *building official* shall respond in writing, stating the reasons the alternative was not *approved*.

8.3 This product has been evaluated in the context of the codes listed in Section 2 and is compliant with all known state and local building codes. Where there are known variations in state or local codes applicable to this evaluation, they are listed here.

8.3.1 No known variations

## 9 CONDITIONS OF USE

- 9.1 The FlatLOK™ fasteners covered in this TER shall be installed in accordance with this TER and the manufacturer's installation instructions, as provided in Section 6 and at [fastenmaster.com/products/flatlok-structural-wood-screw.html](https://fastenmaster.com/products/flatlok-structural-wood-screw.html).
- 9.2 For conditions not covered in this TER, connections shall be designed in accordance with generally accepted engineering practice.
- 9.3 Where required by the *building official*, also known as the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed, this TER and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of *permit* application.
- 9.4 Any generally accepted engineering calculations needed to show compliance with this TER shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.
- 9.5 Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the *jurisdiction* in which the project is to be constructed and/or by the Building Designer (e.g., *owner* or *registered design professional*).
- 9.6 At a minimum, this product shall be installed per Section 6 of this TER.
- 9.7 This product is manufactured under a third-party quality control program in accordance with IBC Section 104.4 and 110.4 and IRC Section R104.4 and R109.2.
- 9.8 The actual design, suitability, and use of this TER, for any particular building, is the responsibility of the *owner* or the owner's authorized agent. Therefore, the TER shall be reviewed for code compliance by the *building official* for acceptance.
- 9.9 The use of this TER is dependent on the manufacturer's in-plant QC, the ISO/IEC 17020 third-party quality assurance program and procedures, proper installation per the manufacturer's instructions, the *building official's* inspection, and any other code requirements that may apply to demonstrate and verify compliance with the applicable building code.

## 10 IDENTIFICATION

- 10.1 The product(s) listed in Section 1.1 are identified by a label on the board or packaging material bearing the manufacturer's name, product name, TER number, and other information to confirm code compliance.
- 10.2 Additional technical information can be found at [fastenmaster.com](https://fastenmaster.com).

## 11 REVIEW SCHEDULE

- 11.1 This TER is subject to periodic review and revision. For the most recent version of this TER, visit [drjcertification.org](https://drjcertification.org).

For information on the current status of this TER, contact [DrJ Certification](https://drjcertification.org).