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## **Technical Evaluation Report**

**TER 1306-05**

Design for Uplift & Lateral Strength  
Using TimberLOK® Screws to Connect  
Walls to Rim Joists

**OMG, Inc.**  
**DBA FastenMaster®**

### **Product:**

**FastenMaster® TimberLOK®**  
**Heavy Duty Wood Screw**

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

- 1.1 FastenMaster® TimberLOK® Heavy Duty Wood Screw

## 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 *ANSI/AWC SDPWS: Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic*
- 2.2.3 *ASTM A153: Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*
- 2.2.4 *ASTM A510: Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel*
- 2.2.5 *ASTM D1761: Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Fasteners in Wood*
- 2.2.6 *AWC TR 12: General Dowel Equations for Calculating Lateral Connection Values*

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<sup>1</sup> Building codes require data from valid [research reports](#) be obtained from [approved sources](#). Agencies who are accredited through ISO/IEC 17065 have met the [code requirements](#) for approval by the [building official](#). 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.

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

### 3 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

- 3.1 TimberLOK® fasteners were evaluated using their tested allowable design values as an alternate means of attaching the top and bottom plates of walls to rim joists. The following conditions were evaluated:
  - 3.1.1 Withdrawal strength of TimberLOK® fasteners for use as an alternative to metal hurricane and seismic clips/straps or nails loaded in tension (uplift) applications.
  - 3.1.2 Shear strength of TimberLOK® fasteners for use as an alternative to hurricane and seismic clips/straps or nails in shear (lateral) loaded applications either parallel or perpendicular to wood grain.
  - 3.1.3 Head pull-through strength of TimberLOK® fasteners for use as an alternative to hurricane and seismic clips/straps or nails in tension (uplift) loaded application.
- 3.2 Any code compliance issues not specifically addressed in this section are outside the scope of this TER.
- 3.3 Any engineering evaluation conducted for this TER was performed on the dates provided in this TER and within DrJ's professional scope of work.

### 4 PRODUCT DESCRIPTION AND MATERIALS

- 4.1 TimberLOK® fasteners (Figure 1) are manufactured of 1022 carbon steel or 10B21 wire conforming to *ASTM A510*.

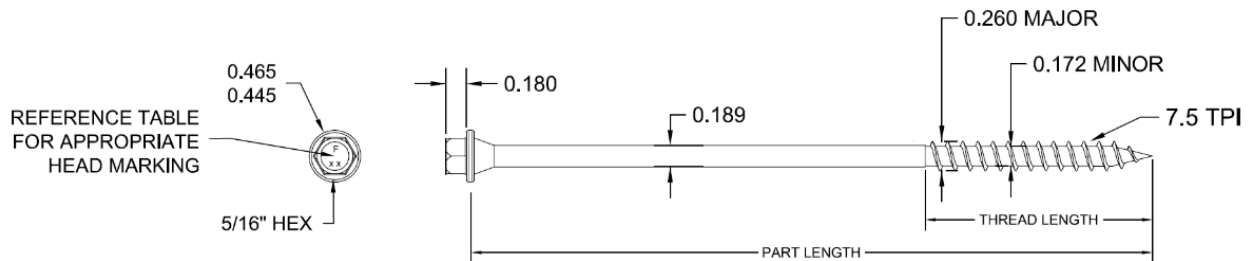


FIGURE 1: TIMBERLOK® FASTENER

- 4.2 TimberLOK® fasteners are manufactured using a standard cold-formed process followed by a heat-treating process.
- 4.3 Fasteners are approved for use in interior and exterior conditions and in chemically treated or untreated lumber.
  - 4.3.1 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>4</sup> and IRC Section 317.3)*, which allows for its use in alkaline copper quaternary (ACQ) pressure-treated wood.
- 4.4 Fasteners are approved for use in fire retardant treated (FRT) lumber, provided the conditions set forth by the FRT lumber manufacturer are met, including appropriate strength reductions.
- 4.5 In-plant quality control procedures, under which the TimberLOK® fasteners are manufactured, are audited through an inspection process performed by an approved agency.
- 4.6 The TimberLOK® fasteners evaluated in this report are designated in Table 1.

<sup>4</sup> 2012 *IBC* Section 2304.9.5

TABLE 1. FASTENER DESIGNATION FOR THE TIMBERLOK® FASTENERS EVALUATED IN THIS REPORT

Product Name	Fastener Designation	Head Marking	Overall Length (in)	Thread Length (in)
TimberLOK® 4"	TLOK04	F4.0	4	2
TimberLOK® 6"	TLOK06	F6.0	6	2

1. Fastener designations are found on the product packaging. Individual fasteners may be marked according to this table.

## 5 APPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Wood-Framed Construction

- 5.1.1 TimberLOK® fasteners are used to attach minimum 1½"-wide rim board to wood walls that meet the requirements of IBC Section 2308 or IRC Section R602 for wood structural framing members. The fasteners provide resistance to uplift or lateral loads applied parallel and/or perpendicular to the wall or structural framing member.
- 5.1.2 Walls shall consist of either a single or double top plate designed in accordance with IBC Section 2308.5.3.2<sup>5</sup> or IRC Section R602.3.2.
- 5.1.3
- 5.1.4 See Section 6 for installation requirements.
- 5.1.5 TimberLOK® fasteners are used in buildings requiring wind design in accordance with IBC Section 1609 or analysis in accordance with IRC Section R301.2.1.
- 5.1.6 Use of TimberLOK® fasteners in buildings requiring seismic analysis in accordance with IRC Section R301.2.2 is outside the scope of this TER.
- 5.1.7 Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience and technical judgment.

### 5.2 Design Concepts and Allowable Design Loads

- 5.2.1 Allowable design loads for uplift and lateral resistance are provided in Table 2 for TimberLOK® fasteners. Allowable design loads are listed for selected load durations and specific gravities and are applicable to fasteners installed in accordance with the procedures described in Section 6.

<sup>5</sup> 2012 IBC 2308.9.2.1

TABLE 2. ALLOWABLE LOADS FOR UPLIFT & LATERAL RESISTANCE FOR SELECTED LOAD DURATIONS & WOOD-SPECIFIC GRAVITIES USING TIMBERLOK® FASTENERS

Fastener Designation	Minimum Penetration into Truss/Rafter/Wood Structural Support (in)	Species Group (Specific Gravity)	Uplift (lbf)			Lateral (lbf)					
						F1 – Parallel to Wall			F2 – Perpendicular to Wall		
			1.0	1.33	1.60	1.0	1.33	1.60	1.0	1.33	1.60
TimberLOK® TLOK04 or TLOK06	2	So. Pine (0.55)	390	520	620	255	340	410	280	375	450
		Douglas Fir-Larch (0.50)	340	450	540	240	320	385	265	350	425
		Spruce-Pine-Fir/Hem-Fir (0.42)	260	350	420	210	280	340	230	305	370

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 psf = 0.000048 MPa

1. Wood truss joist, rim board and rafter members shall be a minimum of 2" nominal thickness. Design of wood members by others.
2. Equivalent specific gravity of structural composite lumber (SCL) shall be equal to or greater than the specific gravities provided in this table. Refer to product information from SCL manufacturer.
3. Uplift and F2 lateral load values have been adjusted using Hankinson's equation per NDS®.
4. For applications involving members with different specific gravities, use the allowable load corresponding to the lowest specific gravity.
5. Allowable uplift and lateral loads for applications in which the controlling load duration is two months (i.e., 115%) or seven days (i.e., 125%) may be obtained by multiplying the corresponding tabular value in the column marked "1.0" by 1.15 or 1.25, respectively.

5.2.2 Allowable loads (plf) parallel to the wall are listed in Table 3 for the given fastener spacing.

TABLE 3. ALLOWABLE LOADS IN POUNDS PER LINEAL FOOT (PLF) BY FASTENING PATTERN

Wood Species	Specific Gravity	On-Center Spacing Between Fasteners (in)						
		4"	6"	8"	12"	16"	18"	24"
Southern Pine	0.55	1235	820	615	410	310	275	205
Douglas Fir-Larch	0.50	1150	770	575	385	290	255	195
Spruce Pine-Fir/Hem-Fir	0.42	1015	680	510	340	255	225	170

SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm, 1 lb/ft = 0.0146 kN/mSI: 1 in = 25.4 mm

1. Wood truss joist, rim board and rafter members shall be a minimum of 2" nominal thickness. Design of wood members to be by others.
2. A load duration factor of 1.6 has been applied to these tables for wind loading per NDS® Table 2.3.2. Adjustments to lower this factor may be made at the engineer's discretion. No further increases are allowed.
3. Table values are based on the weakest loading direction (i.e., parallel to wall).
4. Equivalent specific gravity of SCL shall be equal to or greater than the specific gravities provided in this table. Refer to product information from SCL manufacturer.
5. For applications involving members with different specific gravities, use the allowable load corresponding to the lowest specific gravity.

5.2.3 Where it is anticipated that loads will be applied to a single fastener simultaneously in more than one direction, additional evaluation is required to account for the combined effect of these loads using accepted engineering practice.

5.2.3.1 Consult a professional engineer as needed for complex design conditions.

5.2.4 Design example to transfer lateral loads to a shear wall below:

5.2.4.1 Shear force: 10,000 lbs (wind)

5.2.4.2 Length of Wall: 24' long

5.2.4.3 Shear load to be transferred from the wall above to the rim board: 10,000 lbs/24 ft = 416.67 plf

5.2.4.4 Assuming the top plate of the wall is Spruce Pine-Fir, Table 3 indicates that the fasteners must be spaced at 0'-8" o.c. (510 plf allowable load).

## 6 INSTALLATION

6.1 Installation shall comply with the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer's installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.

### 6.2 Installation Procedure

#### 6.2.1 TimberLOK® fasteners:

6.2.1.1 Select the appropriate length of fastener from Table 1 so that the 2" of thread is fully embedded into the main member(s).

6.2.1.2 Locate the fastener at the centerline of the narrow edge of the rim board, as shown in Figure 2.

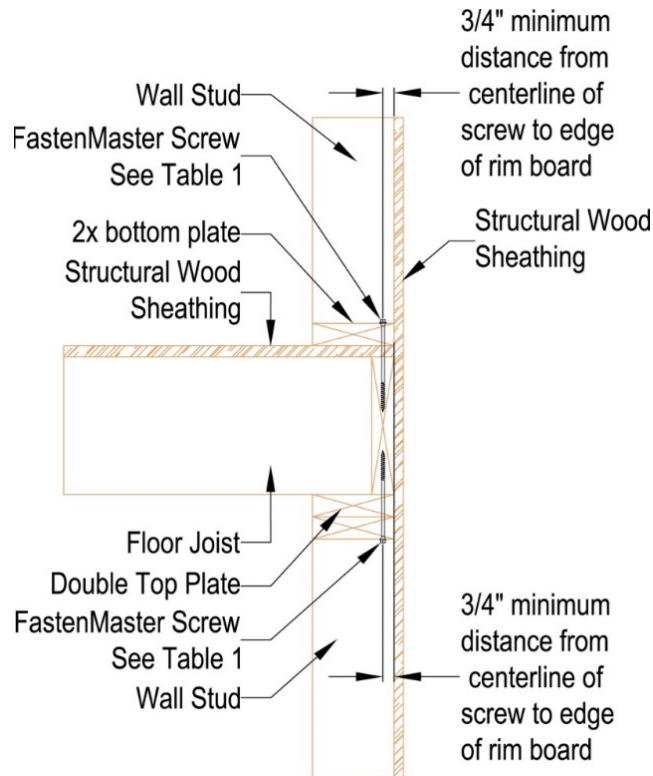


FIGURE 2: RIM BOARD APPLICATIONS TO SHEAR WALLS

6.2.1.3 Install the required number of fasteners to achieve the required lateral capacity and the uplift loads, using the TimberLOK® design capacities for the resistance to the uplift and lateral loads from Table 2 and Table 3.

6.2.1.4 When installed downward into the rim board, center the screw on the floor rim board and drive vertically until the head of the fastener is flush to the top of the bottom plate of the upper wall. Do not overdrive.

6.2.1.5 When installed upward into the rim board, center the screw on the floor rim board and drive vertically until the head of the fastener is flush to the bottom of the top plate of the lower wall. Do not overdrive.

## 7 TEST ENGINEERING SUBSTANTIATING DATA

### 7.1 FastenMaster® TimberLOK® data for determining:

7.1.1 Comparative equivalency for use as an alternative material in accordance with IBC Section 104.11 and IRC Section R104.11.

7.1.2 Uplift capacity of TimberLOK® fasteners as evaluated for head pull-through and withdrawal of fasteners.



- 7.1.3 TimberLOK® heavy duty wood screw performance when used as a truss hold-down, supplemented with top plate to stud withdrawal resistance testing.
- 7.1.4 TimberLOK® heavy duty wood screw performance when loaded laterally.
- 7.1.5 Testing to *ASTM D1761* for verifying edge and end distances.
- 7.2 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
- 7.3 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 and installed in accordance with this TER and the manufacturer's installation instructions, the product(s) listed in Section 1.1 are approved for the following:
  - 8.1.1 Use as an acceptable alternative to toe-nail connections, metal hurricane and seismic clips/straps or nails to resist the uplift and lateral loads as provided for in Table 2;
  - 8.1.2 Use as an acceptable alternative to provide resistance to uplift loads due to wind pressure applied from the wall above lifting up on the rim board, per Table 2;
  - 8.1.3 Use as an acceptable alternative to provide resistance to uplift loads due to wind pressure applied from the rim board above lifting up on the wall below, per Table 2;
  - 8.1.4 Use as an acceptable alternative to provide resistance to lateral loads applied parallel or perpendicular to the wall, per Table 2;
- 8.2 For joist/rafter and truss to top plate connections, see TER No. 1105-02: Use of FastenMaster® TimberLOK® Fasteners to Provide Uplift & Lateral Resistance to Trusses & Rafters Attached to the Tops of Walls.
- 8.3 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*.
- 8.4 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.
  - 8.4.1 No known variations





## 9 CONDITIONS OF USE

- 9.1 Structural framing members (e.g., wood, masonry, concrete, steel, etc.) connected with TimberLOK® fasteners shall be designed in accordance with the requirements of their specific design standards/specifications as referenced in the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.
- 9.2 Loads applied shall not exceed those recommended by the manufacturer or as defined in this TER. In the event of a conflict, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 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 TimberLOK® fasteners described in this TER 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](http://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](http://drjcertification.org).
- 11.2 For information on the current status of this TER, contact [DrJ Certification](http://DrJ Certification).

