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Manufacturer  
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Product Series, Model and/or Description  
Solatube Brighten Up® Series Model 160 DS TDD  
Solatube Brighten Up® Series Model 290 DS TDD

**Code:** Current Edition of the Florida Building Code

## Compliance Methods:

- Product Approval Rule 61G20-3.005(1)(d) – Product Evaluation Report by a Licensed Professional Engineer

**Product Description:** Products covered by this evaluation include the following.

- Solatube Brighten Up® Series Model 160 DS (10-inch Tube Dia.) TDD
- Solatube Brighten Up® Series Model 290 DS (14-inch Tube Dia.) TDD

**Product Testing Results:** testing by Architectural Testing, Inc. (Fresno, CA) – Testing shown below includes other Solatube Models not included in this evaluation (specifically the 330 DS and 750 DS)

- 97759.01-30-44-R2
  - 330 DS-O & C, 750 DS-O & C and 290 DS
    - AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08
    - DP = +/-70 psf, SF = 3 for negative and 2 for positive test pressures
    - Water penetration tested; WTP = 12.11 psf (equates to + 80 psf DP)
    - Air Infiltration tested; 1.57 psf
- 97744.01-301-26-R0
  - 160 DS
    - ASTM 283-04
  - 290 DS
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 331-00
    - ASTM E 547-00
  - Water penetration tested; WTP = 12 psf (equates to + 80 psf DP)
  - Air Infiltration tested; 1.57 psf
- 81605 01-301-26-R1
  - 160 DS (Cyro)
    - ASTM E 283-04
  - 290 DS (Cyro)
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00
    - ASTM E 331-00
    - ASTM E 330-02
  - 330DS-O (Arkema)
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00
    - ASTM E 331-00
    - ASTM E 330-02
  - 330DS-O (Cyro)
    - ASTM E 330-02
  - 330DS-C (Cyro and Arkema)
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00



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- ASTM E 331-00
- 750DS-O (Arkema)
  - ASTM E 283-04
  - ASTM E 547-00
  - ASTM E 331-00
  - ASTM E 330-02
- 750DS-O (Cyro)
  - ASTM E 330-02
- 750DS-C (Arkema)
  - ASTM E 283-04
  - ASTM E 547-00
  - ASTM E 331-00
- DP = +/-70 psf, SF = 3 for negative and 2 for positive test pressures
- Water penetration tested; WTP = 12 psf (equates to + 80 psf DP)
- Air Infiltration tested; 1.57 psf
- 81604.01-301-26-R2
  - 160 DS
    - ASTM E283-04
  - 290 DS
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00
    - ASTM E 331-00
    - ASTM E 330-02
  - 330 DS-0
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00
    - ASTM E 331-00
    - ASTM E 330-02
  - 330 DS-C
    - ASTM E 283-04
    - ASTM E 547-00
    - ASTM E 331-00
  - DP = +70/-70 psf, SF = 3 for negative and 2 for positive test pressures
  - Water penetration tested; WTP = 10.7 psf (equates to + 70 psf DP)
  - Air Infiltration tested; 1.57 psf

**Product Installation Instructions:** See the following manufacturer's product drawings included with this product approval document.

- Model 160 DS TDD - Product Drawing Package
  - 160-PF-HC-STD, Product Drawing
  - 160-290-ESR, Product Details
- Model 290 DS TDD - Product Drawing Package
  - 290-PF-HC-STD, Product Drawing
  - 160-290-ESR, Product Details
  - 290-6F-BDECK, Commercial Roof Assembly Detail
  - 290-6F-TYPE II\_III, TYPE II & III Roof Assembly Detail
  - 290-CURB-BDECK, Commercial Roof Assembly Detail
  - 290-CURB-TYPE II-III, TYPE II & III Roof Assembly Detail
  - 290-PF-TYPE IV, Type IV (T & G) Roof Assembly Detail



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## Performance Testing:

- AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08, North American Fenestration Standard/Specification for windows, doors, and skylights.
- ASTM E283-04 & 99, Standard Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen
- ASTM E330-02, Standard Test Method for Structural Performance of Exterior windows, Doors, Skylights and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference.
- ASTM E331-00, Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Uniform Static Air Pressure Difference
- ASTM E547-00, Standard Test Method for Water Penetration of Exterior Windows, Skylights, Doors, and Curtain Walls by Cyclic Static Air Pressure Difference

## Plastics Testing:

The Current Edition of the Florida Building Code, Chapter 26 defines requirements for Approved Plastics. The following table summarizes plastics testing for applicable components. See Reference 3.b for Code Conformance Evaluation to The Current Edition of the FBC for the testing standards mentioned below.

OUTER DOME, DOME RING, TOP TUBE CLIP AND INNER DOME testing for High Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Outdoor Exposure	2.b.i	ASTM G155-05a and D638-03	9.25%	+/- 10% difference in tensile strength	
Rate of Burning	2.b.ii	ASTM D635-06	CC2	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.b.iii	ASTM D1929-96	982°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.b.iv	ASTM E84-06	400	≤ 450	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

OUTER DOME, DOME RING, TOP TUBE CLIP AND INNER DOME testing for High Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Outdoor Exposure	2.c.i	ASTM G155-00ae1 and D638-03	3.3%	+/- 10% difference in tensile strength	
Rate of Burning	2.c.ii	ASTM D635-06	CC1	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.c.iii	ASTM D1929-96(2001)e1	930°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.c.iv	ASTM D2843-99	5.8	≤ 75	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					



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EFFECT LENS testing for PET-GAG (PET-Polyethylene Terephthalate, High Frequency Welding Grade-GAG)					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Rate of Burning	2.d.ii	ASTM D635-06	CC1	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.d.iii	ASTM D1929-96(2001)e1	765°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.d.iv	ASTM E84-09a	95	≤ 450	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

CEILING RING AND DRESS RING testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Outdoor Exposure	2.e.iv	ASTM G155-05a and D638-03	9.25%	+/- 10% difference in tensile strength	
Rate of Burning	2.e.i	ASTM D635-06	CC2	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.e.ii	ASTM D1929-96	982°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.e.iii	ASTM E84-06	400	≤ 450	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

CEILING RING AND DRESS RING testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))					
Attribute	Report Reference	ICC-ES Report	Result	Acceptance Criteria	Comment
Rate of Burning	2.f.i & 2.f.ii	ICC-ES ER-1084 and ESR-1653	CC2	CC1 or CC2	IBC - 2606 has same requirements as Current Edition of the FBC, Chapter 26
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.f.i & 2.f.ii		Conformance per ICC-ES ER-1084 and ESR-1653	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.f.i & 2.f.ii		≤ 450		
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

DIFFUSER PANEL testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Rate of Burning	2.g.i	ASTM D635-06	CC2	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.g.ii	ASTM D1929-96	992°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.g.iii	ASTM E84-06	350	≤ 450	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

DIFFUSER PANEL testing for Polycarbonate Sheet					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Rate of Burning	2.h.i	ASTM D635-74	CC2	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.h.ii	ASTM D1929-68(1975)	896°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.h.iii	ASTM D2843-93	38	≤ 75	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					



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ACRYLIC LENS AND TRIM RING testing for Acrylic					
Attribute	Report Reference	ASTM	Result	Acceptance Criteria	
Rate of Burning	2.i.i	ASTM D635-14	CC2	CC1 or CC2	
Self-Ignition Temperature	2.i.i	ASTM D1929-16	878°F	≥ 650°F	
Smoke Density	2.i.i	ASTM D2843-16	13.4	≤ 75	
<b>Conclusion: ACCEPTABLE</b>					

## References:

1. Product Installation Instructions. See the following manufacturer's product drawings included with this product approval document.
  - a. Model 160 DS TDD - Product Drawing Package
    - i. 160-PF-HC-STD, Product Drawing
    - ii. 160-290-ESR, Product Details
  - b. Model 290 DS TDD - Product Drawing Package
    - i. 290-PF-HC-STD, Product Drawing
    - ii. 160-290-ESR, Product Details
    - iii. 290-6F-BDECK, Commercial Roof Assembly Detail
    - iv. 290-6F-TYPE II\_III, TYPE II & III Roof Assembly Detail
    - v. 290-CURB-BDECK, Commercial Roof Assembly Detail
    - vi. 290-CURB-TYPE II-III, TYPE II & III Roof Assembly Detail
    - vii. 290-PF-TYPE IV, Type IV (T & G) Roof Assembly Detail
2. Testing
  - a. Performance Testing, Architectural Testing, Inc. (Fresno, CA)
    - i. 97759.01-30-44-R2 for 330 DS-O & C, 750 DS-O & C and 290 DS
    - ii. 97744.01-301-26-R0 for 160 DS and 290 DS
    - iii. 81605 01-301-26-R1 for 160 DS, 290 DS, 330DS-O, 330DS-C, 750DS-O and 750DS-C
    - iv. 81604.01-301-26-R2 for 160 DS, 290 DS, 330DS-O and 330DS-C
  - b. OUTER DOME, DOME RING, TOP TUBE CLIP AND INNER DOME testing for High Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))
    - i. Intertek Test Report No. 3143957-004, dated 9/24/08, testing to ASTM G155-05a and D638-08 in accordance with ASTM D2565-99.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-01-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D635-06.
    - iii. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-02-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D1929-96.
    - iv. SWRI Test Report No. 01.12693.01.139, dated 4/5/07, testing to ASTM E84-06.
  - c. OUTER DOME, DOME RING, TOP TUBE CLIP AND INNER DOME testing for High Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))
    - i. Architectural Testing Inc. Test Report No. 58735.01-106-18, dated 1/4/07, testing to ASTM G155-00ae1 and D638-03.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 177:002666-03, dated 1/2/07, testing to ASTM D635-06.
    - iii. SGS Test Report No. 177:002666-01, dated 1/13/07, testing to ASTM D1929-96(2001)e1.
    - iv. SGS Test Report No. 177:002666-02, dated 1/2/07, testing to ASTM D2843-99.
  - d. EFFECT LENS, PET-GAG (PET – Polyethylene Terephthalate, High Frequency Welding Grade - GAG) testing
    - i. SGS Test Report No. 2138368-1, dated 8/27/10, testing to ASTM D635-06.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 2138368-3, dated 2/2/10, testing to ASTM D1929-96(2001)e1.



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- iii. SGS Test Report No. 2138368-2, dated 8/31/10, testing to ASTM E84-09a.
  - e. CEILING RING AND DRESS RING testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))
    - i. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-01-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D635-06.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-02-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D1929-96.
    - iii. SWRI Test Report No. 01.12693.01.139, dated 4/5/07, testing to ASTM E84-06.
    - iv. Intertek Test Report No. 3143957-004, dated 9/24/08, testing to ASTM G155-05a and D638-08 in accordance with ASTM D2565-99.
  - f. CEILING RING AND DRESS RING testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))
    - i. ICC-ES Report No. ER-1084 demonstrates compliance to I-Codes for use in skylight applications. Report No. ER-1084 and Current Edition of the FBC requirements same based on review of documented results.
    - ii. ICC-ES Report No. ESR-1635 demonstrates compliance to I-Codes for use in skylight applications. Report No. ESR-1635 and Current Edition of the FBC requirements same based on review of documented results.
  - g. DIFFUSER PANEL testing for Medium Impact Acrylic PMMA (Poly(methyl methacrylate))
    - i. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-03-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D635-06.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 177:013002-04-R1, dated 6/10/08, testing to ASTM D1929-96.
    - iii. SWRI Test Report No. 01.13536.01.060, dated 1/30/08, testing to ASTM E84-06.
  - h. DIFFUSER PANEL testing for Polycarbonate
    - i. SGS Test Report No. 153367-2, dated 4/2/01, testing to ASTM D635-74.
    - ii. SGS Test Report No. 153367-1, dated 4/2/01, testing to ASTM D1929-68(1975).
    - i. SGS Test Report No. 153367-3, dated 4/2/01, testing to ASTM D2843-93.
  - i. Acrylic Lens and Trim Ring (Various in BOM of Optional Diffusers) testing for Acrylic Material
    - i. Intertek/ATI Test Report No. G3786.01-106-24, dated 4/28/17 for Huashuaite Clear Acrylic Sheet Material, testing to ASTM D635-14, ASTM D1929-16 and ASTM D2843-16
3. Reports:
- a. Engineering Analysis: Anchorage and product verification has been substantiated by calculation prepared, signed and sealed by Robert J. Amoruso, P.E. in accordance with the current edition of the Florida Building Code.
  - b. PTC Report No. 2399-EER, Rev. 3, *Solatube Brighten Up® Series Model 160 DS and Model 290 DS Tubular Daylight Device – Referenced Testing Standards Evaluation Report*, dated 11/17/20, signed and sealed by Robert J. Amoruso, P.E.

## Limitations & Conditions of Use:

- This product has not been evaluated for use inside the HVHZ (High Velocity Hurricane Zone)
- This product is not Impact Resistance.
- Refer to Table 1 below for Maximum Design Pressures
- Refer to Table 2 below for installation Anchorage Schedule
- Site wind pressures shall be determined by a licensed professional engineer in accordance with the current edition of the Florida Building Code (and/or ASCE 7 as referenced in the current edition of the Florida Building Code) for components and cladding based on allowable stress design.
- Site conditions not covered in this product evaluation document are subject to additional engineering analysis by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect as required by the authority having jurisdiction.
- Adequacy of the existing structural substrates as a main wind force resisting system capable of withstanding and transferring applied product loads to the foundation is the responsibility of the licensed professional engineer or registered architect acting as the design professional of record for the project of installation.



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**Table 1 – Maximum Allowable Design Pressures<sup>2</sup>**

Model Series	Model No	Dia. (inch)	Dome Thickness (inch)	Wind Loads <sup>3</sup> (psf)
Solatube Brighten-Up® Series	160 DS	10	0.125	+70
	290 DS	14	0.125	-70

1. Positive (+) loads are directed inward; negative (-) are directed outward.
2. All positive design pressures were tested to a safety factor of 2. All negative design pressures were tested to a safety factor of 3.
3. Allowable design loads for consideration of water penetration are limited to those values indicated above.

**Table 2 - Anchorage Schedule**

Model #s	Anchorage	Substrate	Anchor Description and Quantity
160 DS 290 DS	Metal Flange to wood curb	SPF (S.G. ≥ .42) wood curb	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Screw
	Metal Flange to wood deck	5/8" Type 2 Plywood	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Screw
	Metal Flange to Metal Deck	22-gauge steel 33ksi Min Yield	Qty 8 #10 TEKS
	Metal Flange to wood curb	SPF (S.G. ≥ .42) wood curb	Qty 8 #10 x 2" Screw

**Certificate of Independence per Product Approval Rule 61G20-3.009**

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