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EVALUATION SUBJECT:

WARMBOARD™ RADIANT-FLOOR HEATING PANEL

1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 1997 *Uniform Building Code*™ (UBC)

Properties evaluated:

- Span rating
- Diaphragm construction

2.0 USES

Subfloor sheathing to accommodate radiant floor tubing.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 General:

Warmboard™ radiant-floor heating panels are used as subfloor sheathing, and have grooves to accommodate radiant-floor tubing. Warmboard™ panels are manufactured from APA-rated Sturd-I-Floor plywood. The panels have a nominal thickness of $1\frac{3}{32}$ inches (27.78 mm) and an actual thickness of 1.075 inches (27.3 mm). The panels are 4 feet by 8 feet (1219 mm by 2438 mm) and have tongue-and-groove edges. One face of each panel has channel grooves routed into the face surface, to accommodate radiant-floor tubing. Grooves are approximately 0.68 inch (17.3 mm) deep and 0.68 inch (17.3 mm) wide, and are spaced 12 inches (305 mm) on center, parallel to the length of the panel. Nine inches (229 mm) from the panel edge, the grooves bend at 90 degrees and 180 degrees to permit the radiant-floor tubing to return to the field of the panel. Panels have an overlay of 0.025-inch-thick (0.64 mm) aluminum bonded to the grooved surface.

4.0 DESIGN

4.1 Allowable Spans and Loads:

Warmboard™ is a wood structural panel meeting the requirements of IBC Section 2303.1.4, IRC Section R503.2 and UBC Standard 23-3, DOC PS-2, and Section 2312 of the

UBC. The panel single-floor span rating is 24 inches (610 mm) on center. The span rating applies to panels at least 24 inches (610 mm) wide. The allowable total and live loads at the maximum 24-inch (610 mm) span are 110 psf (5.3 kN/m²) and 100 psf (4.2 kN/m²), respectively. The span rating and allowable loads are based on panels installed with the grooves perpendicular to the joists. Panels shall be installed with grooves perpendicular to the joists.

4.2 Allowable Diaphragm Values:

Warmboard™ panels used in horizontal diaphragms may be used to resist horizontal forces not exceeding those set forth in Table 1 of this report. The general requirements for horizontal diaphragms specified in IBC Sections 2306 and 2307, and UBC Section 2315.1, are applicable to Warmboard™ panels.

4.3 Installation:

The dimension of the framing member to which the Warmboard™ panel is attached shall be at least 2 inches (nominal). Panel edges shall be butted together and centered over the framing members. Nails shall be placed not less than $\frac{3}{8}$ inch (9.5 mm) in from the panel edge; shall be spaced not more than 6 inches (152 mm) on center along panel edge bearings; and shall be firmly driven into the framing members. A floor finish material recommended by Warmboard, Inc., shall be installed over the Warmboard™ panel.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Warmboard™ radiant-floor heating panel described in this report complies with, or is a suitable alternative to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1** The Warmboard™ panels are limited to use as structural subflooring or as combined subfloor underlayment.
- 5.2** The panels are installed in accordance with this report.
- 5.3** Allowable spans, loads and diaphragm capacities comply with this report.
- 5.4** The panels are manufactured for Warmboard™ in Willits, California, under a quality control program with inspections by APA—The Engineered Wood Association (AA-649).

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

- 6.1** Data in accordance with UBC Standard 23-3 and DOC PS-2.
- 6.2** A quality control manual.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

Each panel shall bear a stamp identifying the evaluation report holder (Warmboard, Inc.), product name, span rating, nominal panel thickness, Exposure 1 rating, evaluation report number (ESR-1421), and inspection agency (APA—The Engineered Wood Association). See Figure 2 for details.

TABLE 1—ALLOWABLE SHEAR (in pounds per foot) FOR HORIZONTAL WOOD STRUCTURAL WARMBOARD™ PANEL DIAPHRAGMS WITH FRAMING OF DOUGLAS FIR-LARCH OR SOUTHERN PINE¹

PANEL GRADE	COMMON NAIL SIZE	MINIMUM NAIL PENETRATION INTO FRAMING (inches)	MINIMUM NOMINAL PANEL THICKNESS (inches)	MINIMUM NOMINAL WIDTH OF FRAMING MEMBER (inches)	BLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS				UNBLOCKED DIAPHRAGMS	
					Nail Spacing at Diaphragm Boundaries (all cases), at Continuous Panel Edges Parallel to Load (Cases 3 and 4), and at all Panel Edges (Cases 5 and 6)				Nails Spaced a Maximum of 6 Inches at Supported Edges	
					× 25.4 for mm				Case 1 (No unblocked edges or continuous joints parallel to load)	All other configurations (Cases 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)
					6 inches	4 inches	2 1/2 inches ²	2 inches ²		
					Nail spacing at other panel edges					
× 25.4 for mm										
× 0.0146 for N/mm										
Warmboard	10d	1 5/8	1 3/32	2	320	425	640	730	285	215
				3	360	480	720	820	320	240

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm, 1 pound/foot = 14.6 N/m.

¹These values are for short-term loads due to wind or earthquake and shall be reduced 25 percent for normal loading. Space nails 12 inches on center along intermediate framing members. For framing of other species: (1) Find specific gravity for species of lumber in AFPA National Design Specification. (2) Find shear value from table above for nail size for actual grade and multiply value by the following adjustment factor: Specific Gravity Adjustment Factor = [1-(0.5-SG)], where SG = Specific Gravity of the framing member. This adjustment factor shall not be greater than 1.

²Framing at adjoining panel edges shall be 3 inches nominal or wider, and nails shall be staggered where nails are spaced 2 inches or 2 1/2 inches on center.

³Framing at adjoining panel edges shall be 3 inches nominal or wider, and nails shall be staggered where 10d nails having penetration of more than 1 5/8 inches into framing are spaced 3 inches or less on center.

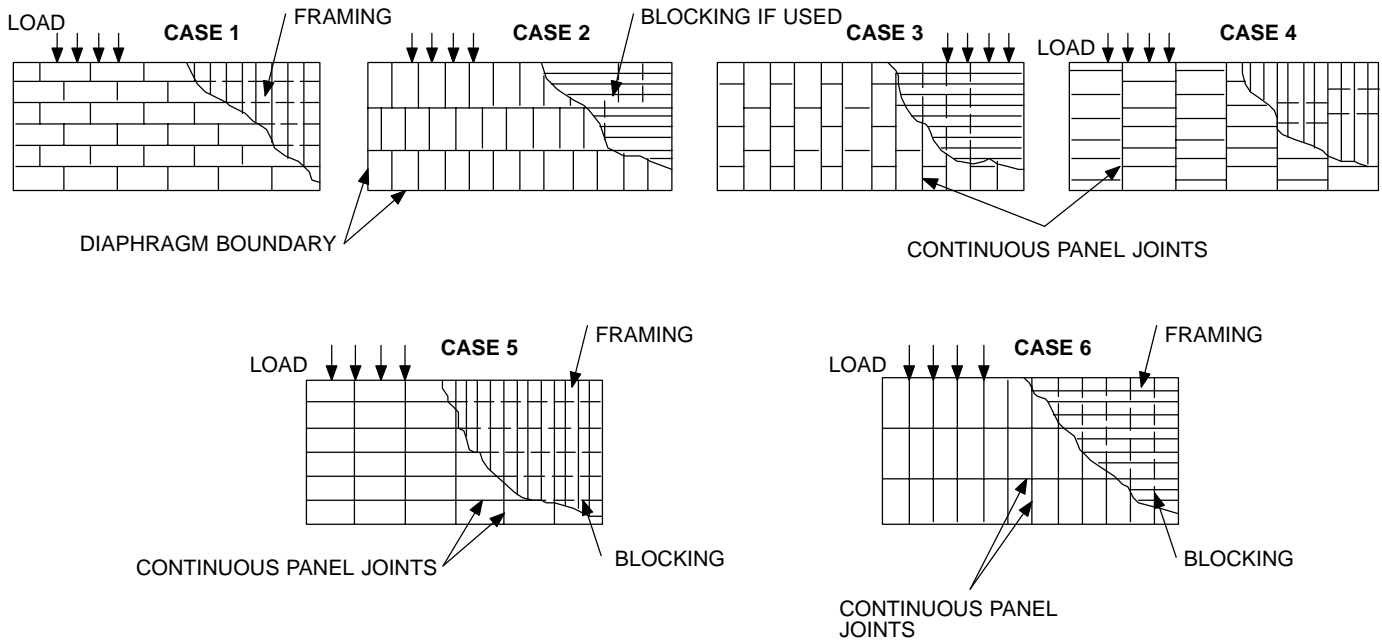


FIGURE 1

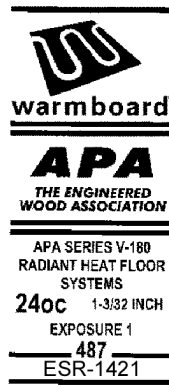


FIGURE 2