

# FORTRESS BUILDING PRODUCTS TEST REPORT

**SCOPE OF WORK** STRUCTURAL PEFORMANCE TESTING ON THE AVANT VERTICAL CABLE GUARDRAIL SYSTEM

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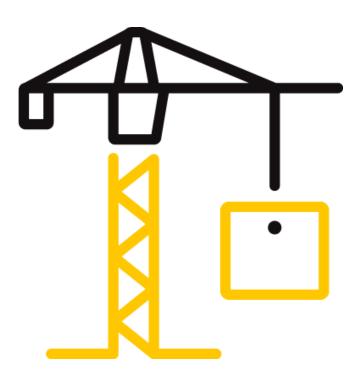
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#### **SECTION 1**

#### SCOPE

Intertek Building & Construction (B&C) was contracted by Fortress Building Products to perform structural performance testing in accordance with the 2018 IRC on their 8 ft wide by 42 in high *AVANT Vertical Cable* aluminum guardrail system. All tests performed were to evaluate structural performance of the guardrail assembly to carry and transfer imposed loads to the supporting structure. The test specimens evaluated included the infill, rails, rail brackets, and support posts. Anchorage of support posts to the supporting structure is not included in the scope of this testing and would need to be evaluated separately.

Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test method(s). Testing was conducted at Intertek test facility in York, Pennsylvania. This report does not constitute certification of this product nor an opinion or endorsement by this laboratory.

#### **SECTION 2**

#### SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

The specimens met the 2018 IRC design load performance requirements.

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# TEST METHOD(S)

The specimens were evaluated in accordance with the following:

2018, International Residential Code<sup>®</sup>, International Code Council

Structural tests were performed according to Chapter 17 (Structural Tests and Special Inspections) of IBC 2018.

#### SECTION 4

#### **MATERIAL SOURCE/INSTALLATION**

Test samples were provided by the client.

The 8 ft by 42 in level guardrail assembly was installed and tested as a single railing section by directly securing (surface-mounting) the base of the post mounts to a rigid steel test frame (simulated concrete). The 8 ft by 42 in stair guardrail assembly was installed and tested as a single railing section by directly securing the posts into a rigid steel test fixture, which rigidly restrained the posts from deflecting. Transducers mounted to an independent reference frame were located to record movement of reference points on the guardrail system components (ends and midpoint) to determine net component deflections. See photographs in Section 11 for individual test setups.

# SECTION 5

### EQUIPMENT

The guardrail was tested in a self-contained structural frame designed to accommodate anchorage of the guardrail assembly and application of the required test loads. The specimens were loaded using an electric winch mounted to a rigid steel test frame. High strength steel cables, nylon straps, and load distribution beams were used to impose test loads on the specimens. Applied load was measured using an electronic load cell located in-line with the loading system. Electronic linear motion transducers were used to measure deflections.

#### **SECTION 6**

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#### **TEST PROCEDURE**

Each test specimen was inspected prior to testing to verify size and general condition of the materials, assembly, and installation. No potentially compromising defects were observed prior to testing.

An initial load, not exceeding 50% of design load, was applied and transducers were zeroed. Load was then applied at a steady uniform rate until reaching 2.0 times design load in no less than 10 seconds. After reaching 2.0 times design load, the load was released. After allowing a minimum period of one minute for stabilization, load was reapplied to the initial load level used at the start of the loading procedure, and deflections were recorded and used to analyze recovery. Load was then increased at a steady uniform rate until reaching 2.5 times design load or until failure occurred. The testing time was continually recorded from the application of initial test load until the ultimate test load was reached.

Deflection and permanent set were component deflections relative to their end-points; they were not overall system displacements. All loads and displacement measurements were horizontal, unless noted otherwise.



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#### **SECTION 8**

#### **TEST SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION**

Fortress Building Products provided the fully assembled test specimens with the following details:

PRODUCT	AVANT Vertical Cable Aluminum Railing System					
MATERIALS	- Stainless steel					
	- Aluminum					
RAIL LENGTH	- Level: 93-3/4 in (inside of post to inside of post)					
	- Stair: 96-1/2 in (inside of post to inside of post)					
RAIL HEIGHT	- Level: 38-1/2 in (top of top rail to bottom of bottom rail)					
	- Stair: 40-1/2 in (top of top rail to bottom of bottom rail; measured					
	parallel to the balusters)					
TOP RAIL	Level: - 1-5/16 in wide by 1-3/8 in high aluminum extrusion with					
	0.100 in thick wall "closed box" section					
	- 1-7/16 in wide by 1-3/8 in high aluminum extrusion with					
	0.040 in thick wall inverted "U"-shaped cap					
	Stair: - 1-5/16 in wide by 1-5/16 in high aluminum extrusion wit					
	0.100 in thick wall "open box" section					
	- 1-7/16 in wide by 1-3/8 in high aluminum extrusion with					
	0.040 in thick wall inverted "U"-shaped cap					
BOTTOM RAIL	Level: 1-7/16 in wide by 1-7/16 in high aluminum extrusion with					
	0.100 in thick wall "closed box" section					
	Stair: 1-7/16 in wide by 1-7/16 in high aluminum extrusion with 0.100					
	in thick wall "open box" section					
IN-FILL	- 1/8 in diameter, 1x19, stainless steel vertical cable (twenty-one					
	(level) and fifteen (stair) equally spaced in groups of three)					
	- Intermediate Support Baluster: 5/8 in diameter with 0.125 in thick					
	wall vertical support baluster (six equally spaced)					
SUPPORT BLOCK	5/8 in square by 2 in high cast aluminum					
RAIL BRACKETS	Level: Cast aluminum collar bracket					
	Stair: Two-piece hinged cast aluminum collar bracket					
POST	2-1/2 in square by 0.150 in thick aluminum tube connected to a 4-					
	1/4 in square by 3/8 in thick aluminum base plate with a 1/4 in					
	continuous fillet weld; the base plate included four 3/8 in diameter					
	holes and one 3/4 in diameter hole					



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#### **Fastening Schedule**

CONNECTION	FASTENER				
Rail Bracket to Post	Two, 1/4-14 by 1" (0.157 in minor diameter), Torx drive, flat-				
	head, self-drilling, steel screws				
Rail Bracket to Rail*	One, #12-24 by 3/4", Torx drive, flat-head, Type F				
	thread cutting point, steel screw				
Hinged Bracket Connection	Two-piece fastener consisting of one, 1-1/2 in long pan head				
	smooth outside shank female threaded pin and one, #8-32 by				
	1/4" pan head screw				
Intermediate Support	One, 1/4-24 by 1-1/8", allen drive, pan-head, stainless steel				
Baluster to Top/Bottom Rail	machine screw with washer				
Cable Infill to Top Rail	Level: Stainless steel swage connector with 5/16 in threaded				
	end, nylon lock nut and washer				
	Stair: Stainless steel swage connector with 5/16 in threaded				
	end, nut and cast aluminum angled washer				
Cable Infill to Bottom Rail	Level: Stainless steel swage connector with snap ring				
	Stair: Stainless steel swage connector with snap ring and cast				
	aluminum washer				
Support Block to Bottom	Two, #8-18 by 3/4" (0.110 in minor diameter) Phillips drive, flat				
Rail	head, Type A point, stainless steel screws				
Support Block to Deck	One, #8-18 by 3/4" (0.110 in minor diameter) Phillips drive, flat				
Surface	head, Type A point, stainless steel screw				
Post Mount to Substructure	Four, 3/8 in Grade 5 hex-head bolts with washer				

\* 5/32 in diameter pre-drill used



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**TEST RESULTS** 

#### Key to Test Results Tables:

Load Level: Target test load

Test Load: Actual applied load at the designated load level (target).

<u>Elapsed Time (E.T.)</u>: The amount of time into the test with zero established at the beginning of the loading procedure.

#### Test Series No. 1

8 ft (93-3/4 in) by 42 in *AVANT Vertical Cable* Level Guardrail System IRC - One- and Two-Family Dwellings

#### Test No. 1 - 06/12/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Center of In-fill (on 3 Vertical Cables)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	102	00:19		0.80		
Initial Load	25	01:45		0.03		
96% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	126	02:00	Achieved Load without Failure			

#### Test No. 2 - 06/12/20

## Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Bottom of In-fill (on 3 Vertical Cables)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)				
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET <sup>1</sup>	
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00			
2.0x Design Load	100	00:12		0.66			
Initial Load	25	01:43		0.01			
98% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load							
2.5x Design Load	129	01:56	Achieved Load without Failure				



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# Test No. 3 - 06/12/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Center of In-fill (on Intermediate Support Baluster)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	102	00:18		0.66		
Initial Load	25	01:47		0.03		
95% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	127	02:05	Achieved Load without Failure			

#### Test No. 4 - 06/12/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Bottom of In-fill (on Intermediate Support Baluster)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	102	00:20		0.49		
Initial Load	25	01:46		0.03		
94% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	130	01:56	Achieved Load without Failure			

# Test No. 5 - 06/12/20

#### Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Horizontal Load at Midspan of Top Rail

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	RAIL DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET <sup>1</sup>
Initial Load	50	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0x Design Load	405	01:02	0.69	3.43	0.94	2.62
Initial Load	50	02:43	0.05	0.19	0.06	0.14
95% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	500	03:22	Achieved Load without Failure			

<sup>1</sup> Net displacement was mid-rail displacement relative to the rail at the support posts.



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# Test No. 6 - 06/12/20

Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Horizontal Load at Ends of Top Rail (Brackets)

LOAD LEVEL <sup>1</sup>	TEST LOAD	E.T.	RAIL DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	RAIL END #1	RAIL END #2		
Initial Load	80	00:00	0.00	0.00		
(2.0x Design Load) x 2	803	00:44	1.52	2.03		
Initial Load	80	02:16	0.15	0.22		
90% (Rail End #1) and 89% (Rail End #2) Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
(2.5x Design Load) x 2	esign Load) x 2 1004 03:12 Achieved Load without Failur					

<sup>1</sup> A spreader beam was used to impose loads on both ends of the railing system; therefore, loads were doubled.

#### Test No. 7 - 06/12/20

#### Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Load at Top of Stand-Alone<sup>1</sup> Post (42 in high)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD (lb)	E.T. (min:sec)	POST DISPLACEMENT (in)				
Initial Load	50	00:00	0.00				
2.0x Design Load	408	00:34	1.21				
Initial Load	50	02:06	0.00				
100% Recovery from	100% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	503	02:25	Achieved Load without Failure				

<sup>1</sup> Post was conservatively tested without a railing attached.

#### Test Series No. 2

# 96-1/2 in by 42 in by 30° *AVANT Vertical Cable* Stair Guardrail System IRC - One- and Two-Family Dwellings

#### Test No. 1 - 06/15/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Center of In-fill (on 3 Vertical Cables)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)					
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET		
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00				
2.0x Design Load	101	00:23		1.19				
Initial Load	25	01:49		0.13				
89% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load								
2.5x Design Load	129	02:02	Achieved Load without Failure					



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# Test No. 2 - 06/15/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Bottom of In-fill (on 3 Vertical Cables)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	101	00:27		1.12		
Initial Load	25	02:07		0.02		
98% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	127	02:24	Achieved	Load with	out Failure	

## Test No. 3 - 06/15/20

Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Center of In-fill (on Intermediate Support Baluster)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	101	00:21		1.01		
Initial Load	25	02:07		0.02		
98% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	127	02:23	Achieved Load without Failure			

## Test No. 4 - 06/15/20

#### Design Load: 50 lb / 1 square ft at Bottom of In-fill (on Intermediate Support Baluster)

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD	E.T.	DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET
Initial Load	25	00:00		0.00		
2.0x Design Load	102	00:25		0.95		
Initial Load	25	01:56		0.00		
100% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	126	02:11	Achieved Load without Failure			



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# Test No. 5 - 06/15/20

Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Horizontal Load at Midspan of Top Rail

LOAD LEVEL	TEST LOAD E.T.	RAIL DISPLACEMENT (in)				
	(lb)	(min:sec)	END	MID	END	NET <sup>1</sup>
Initial Load	50	00:00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.0x Design Load	401	00:51	0.04	4.00	0.18	3.89
Initial Load	50	02:41	0.00	0.48	0.01	0.48
88% Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
2.5x Design Load	501	03:24	Achieved Load without Failure			

<sup>1</sup> Net displacement was mid-rail displacement relative to the rail at the support posts.

#### Test No. 6 - 06/15/20

#### Design Load: 200 lb Concentrated Horizontal Load at Ends of Top Rail (Brackets)

LOAD LEVEL <sup>1</sup>	TEST LOAD	E.T.	RAIL DISPLACEMENT (in)			
	(lb)	(min:sec)	RAIL END #1	RAIL END #2		
Initial Load	80	00:00	0.00	0.00		
(2.0x Design Load) x 2	813	00:31	0.41	0.75		
Initial Load	80	02:08	0.04	0.08		
90% (Rail End #1) and 89% (Rail End #2) Recovery from 2.0 x Design Load						
(2.5x Design Load) x 2	1009	02:57	Achieved Load without Failure			

<sup>1</sup> A spreader beam was used to impose loads on both ends of the railing system; therefore, loads were doubled.

### SECTION 10

#### CONCLUSION

Using performance criteria of withstanding an ultimate load of 2.5 times design load, the test results substantiate compliance with the design load requirements of the referenced building codes for the 8 ft by 42 in level and stair railing assemblies (*AVANT Vertical Cable*) reported herein. Anchorage of support posts to the supporting structure is not included in the scope of this testing and would need to be evaluated separately.



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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo No. 1 In-Fill Load Test at Center of Vertical Cable



Photo No. 2 In-Fill Load Test at Bottom of Intermediate Support Baluster



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Photo No. 3 Concentrated Load Test at Midspan of Top Rail



Photo No. 4 Concentrated Load Test at Ends of Top Rail (Brackets)



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Photo No. 5 Concentrated Load Test at Top of Stand-Alone Post (42 in high)



Photo No. 6 Support Block Attached to Bottom Rail



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Photo No. 7 Cast Aluminum Bracket for Level Top Rail



Photo No. 8 Cast Aluminum Bracket for Stair Top Rail



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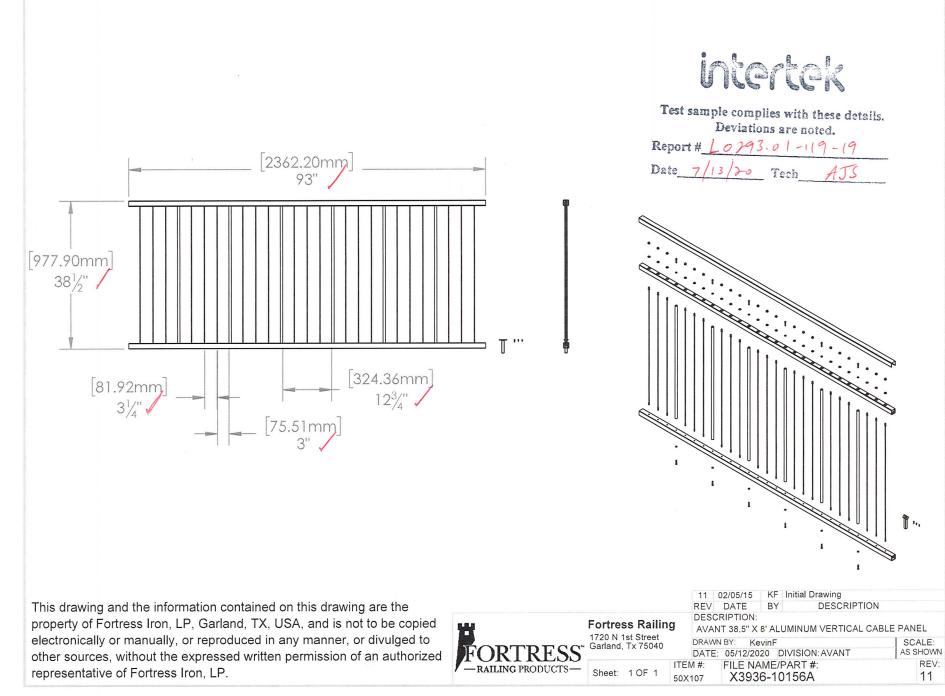
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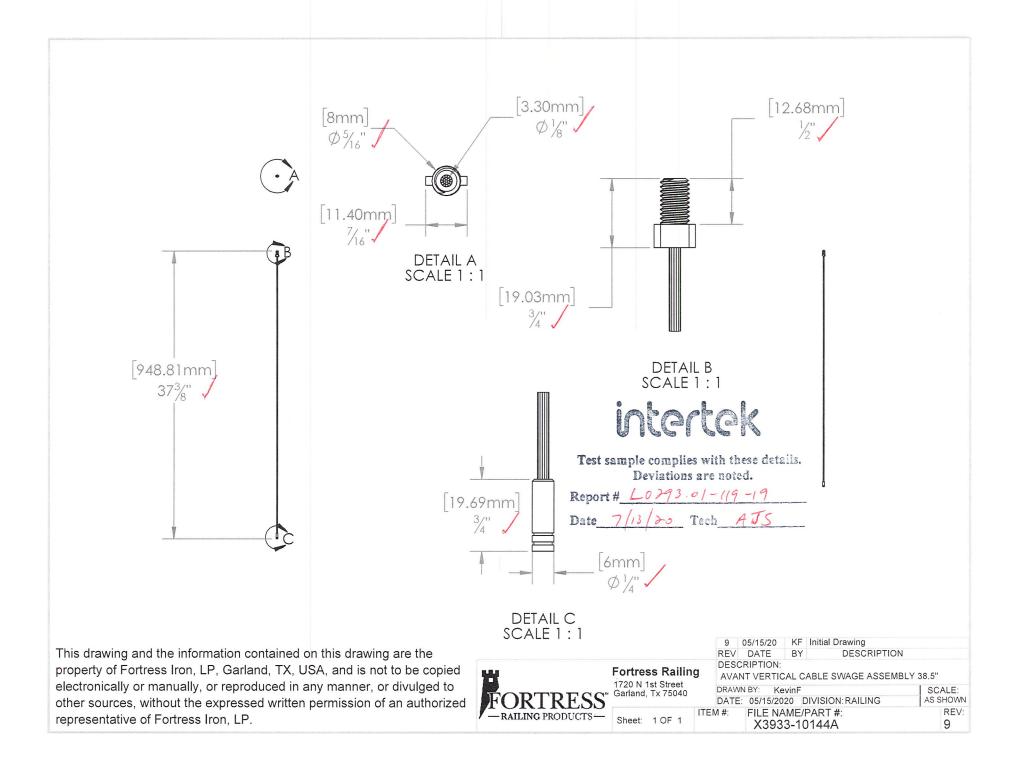
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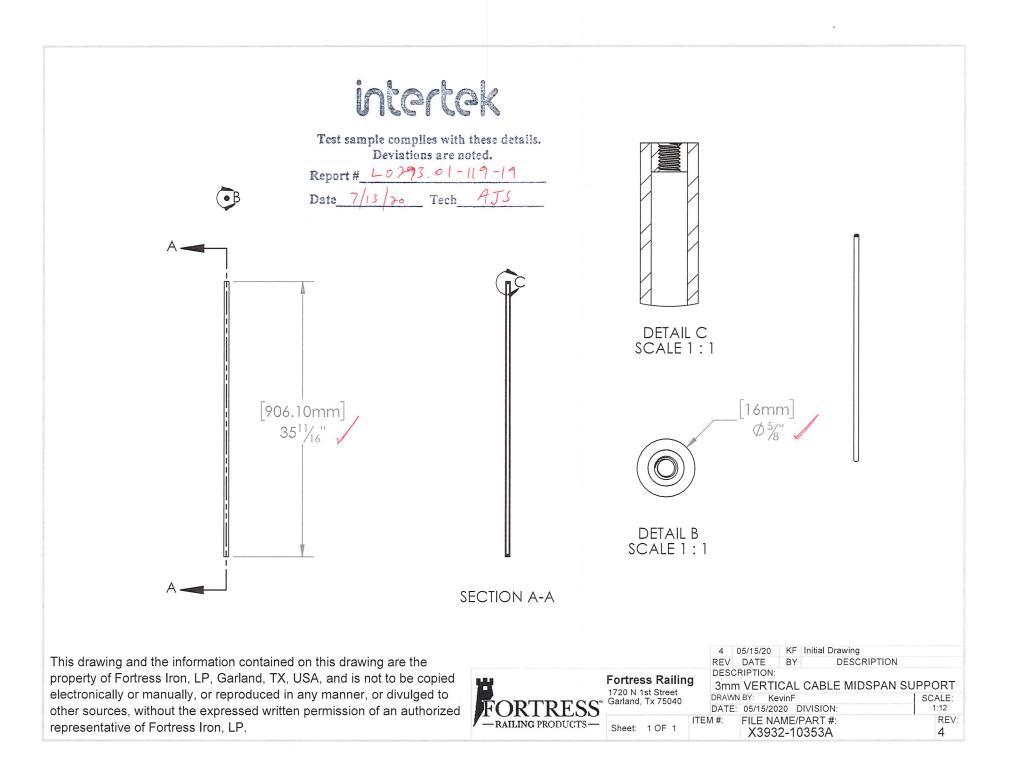
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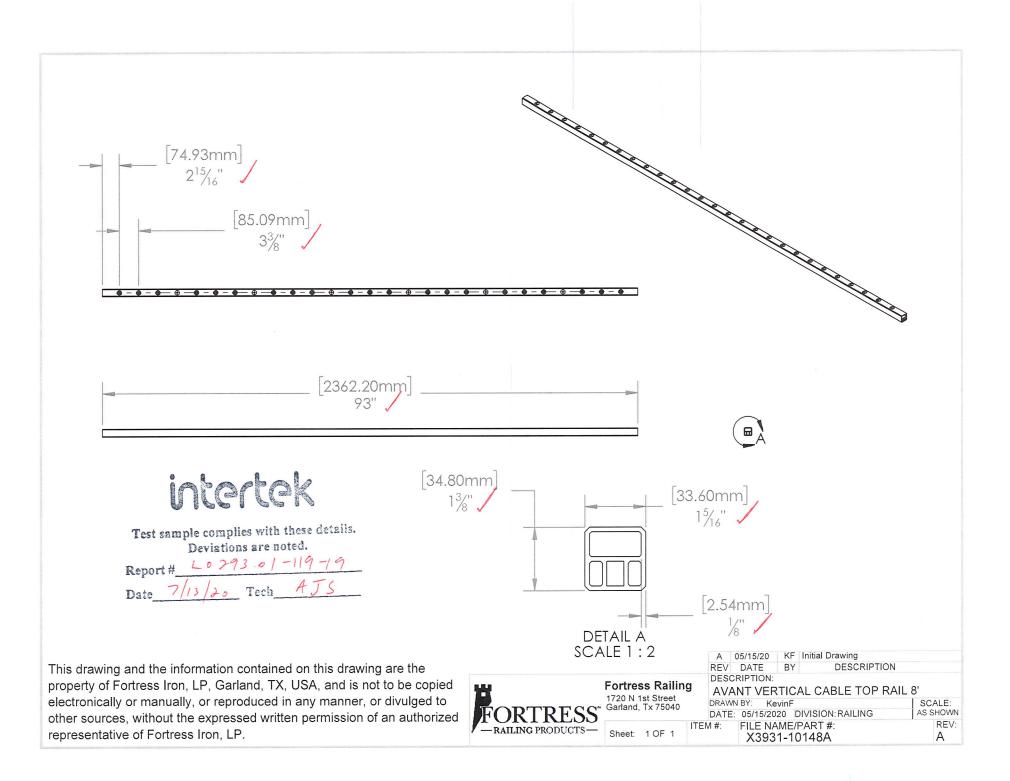
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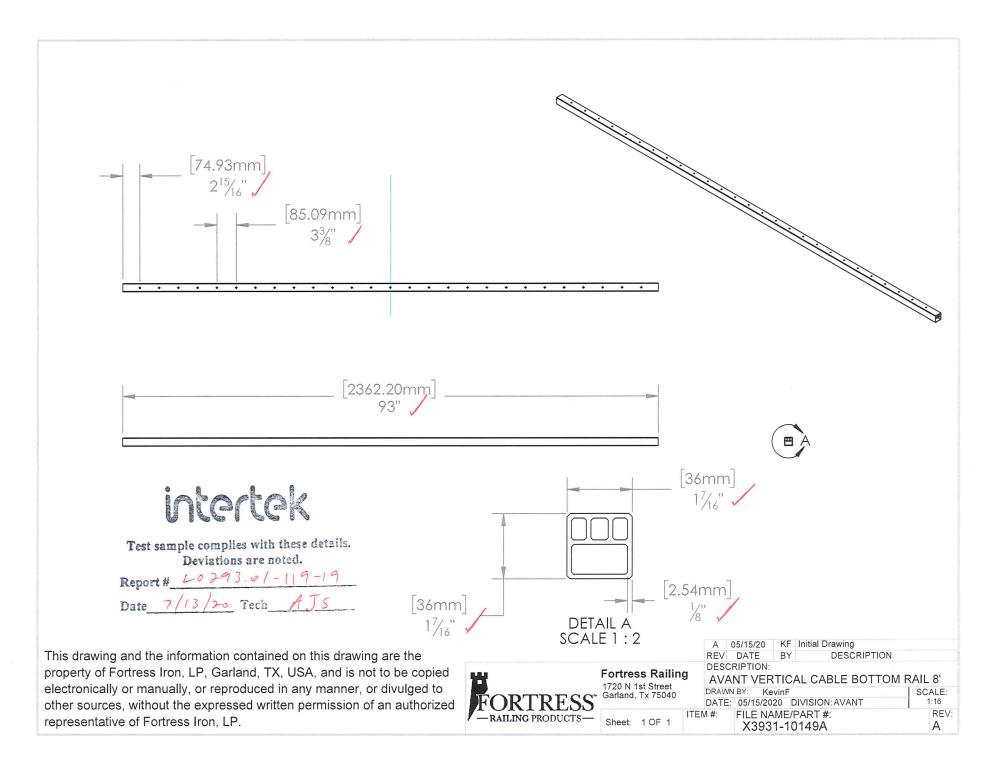


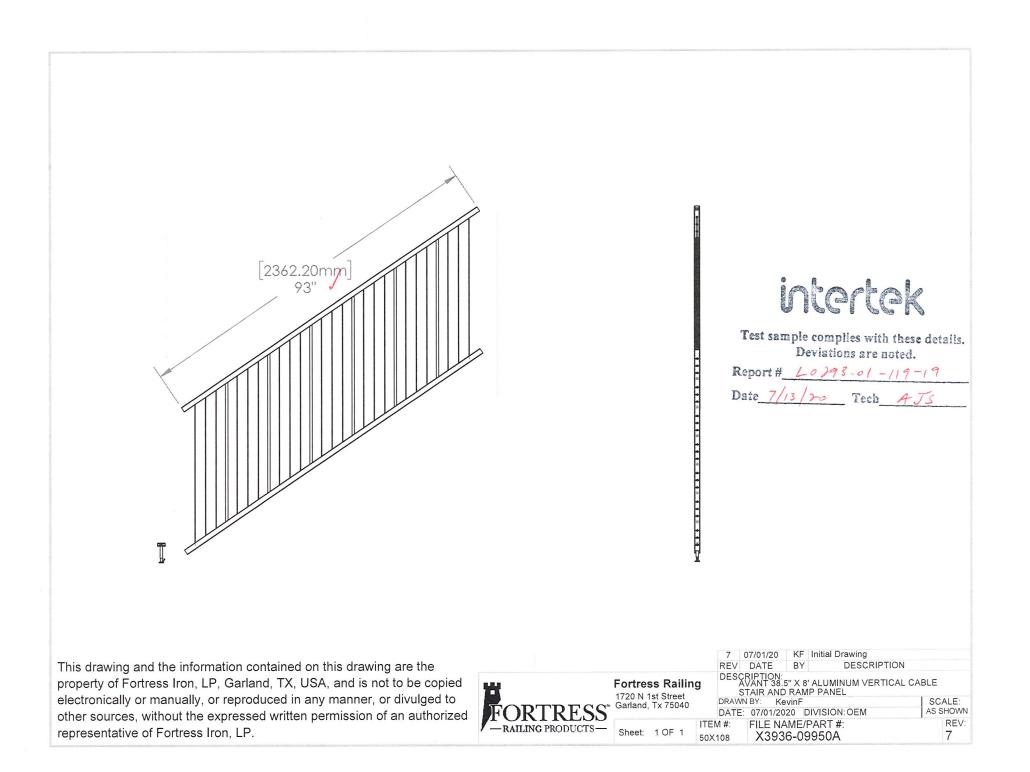
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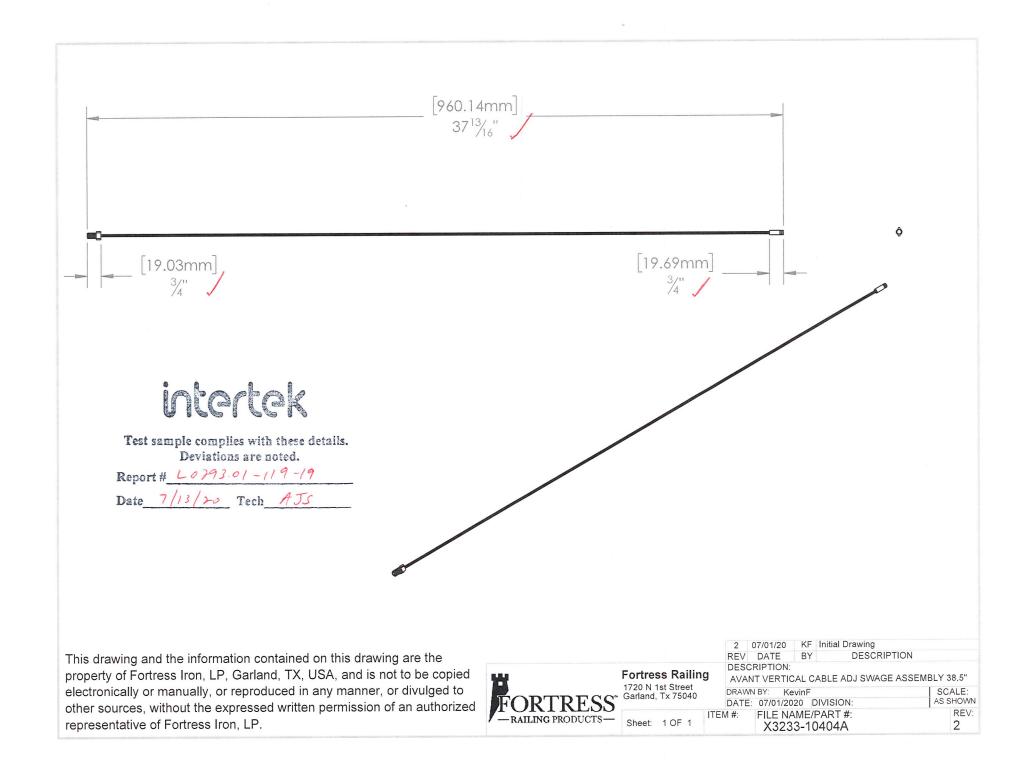




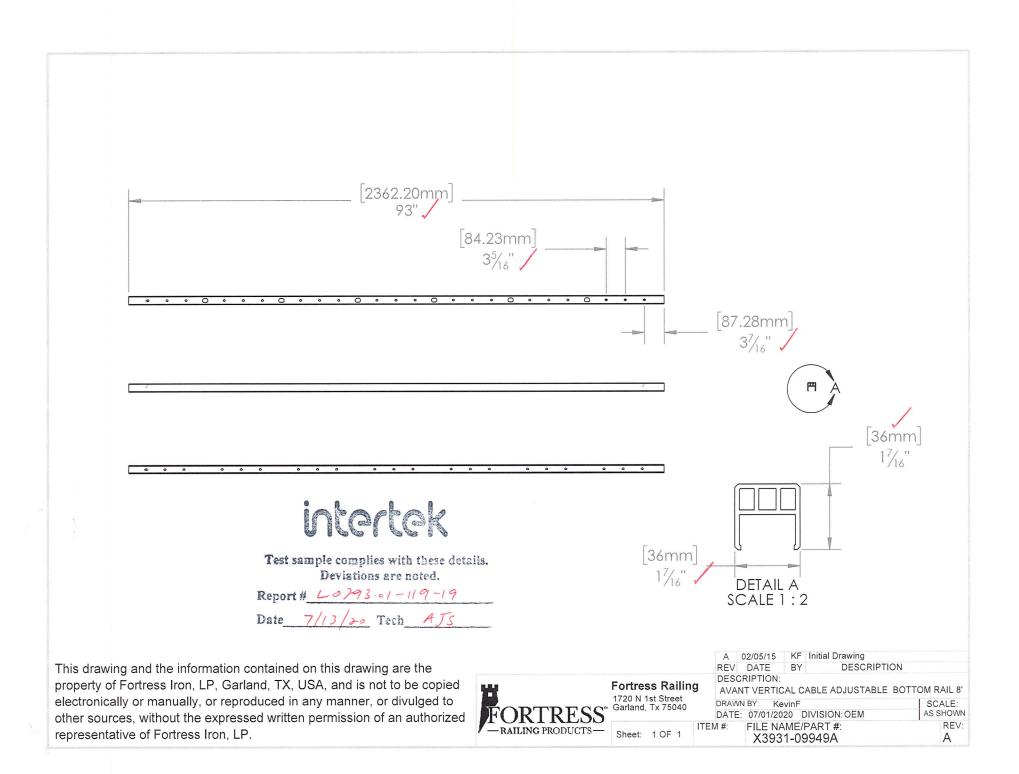


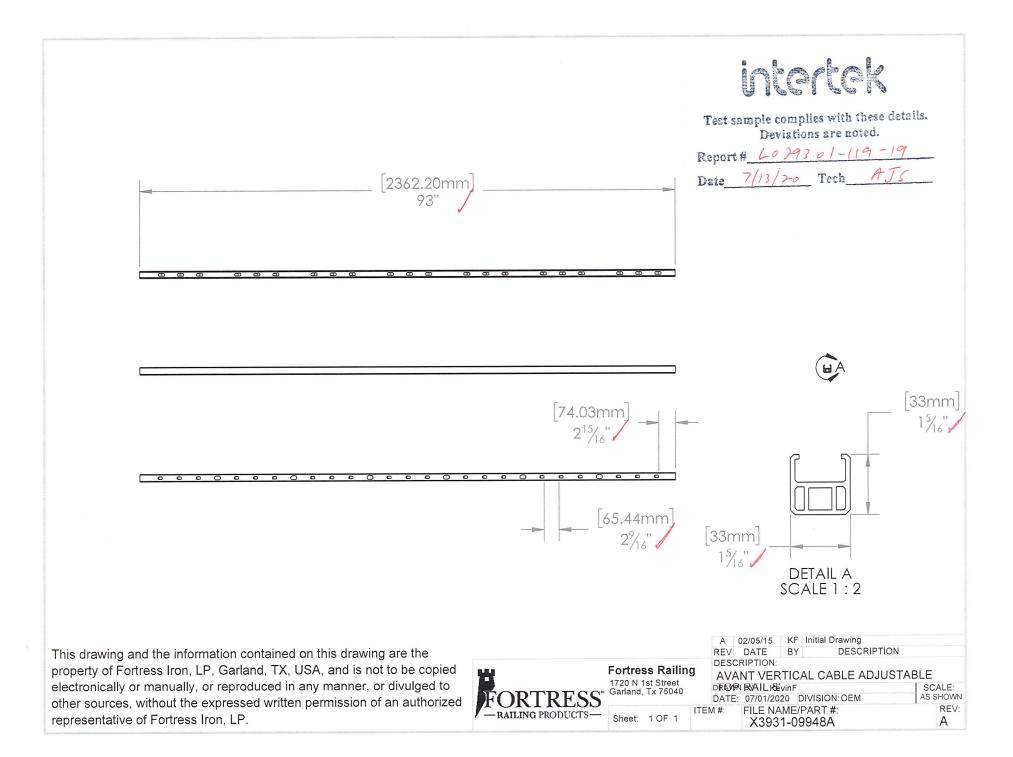


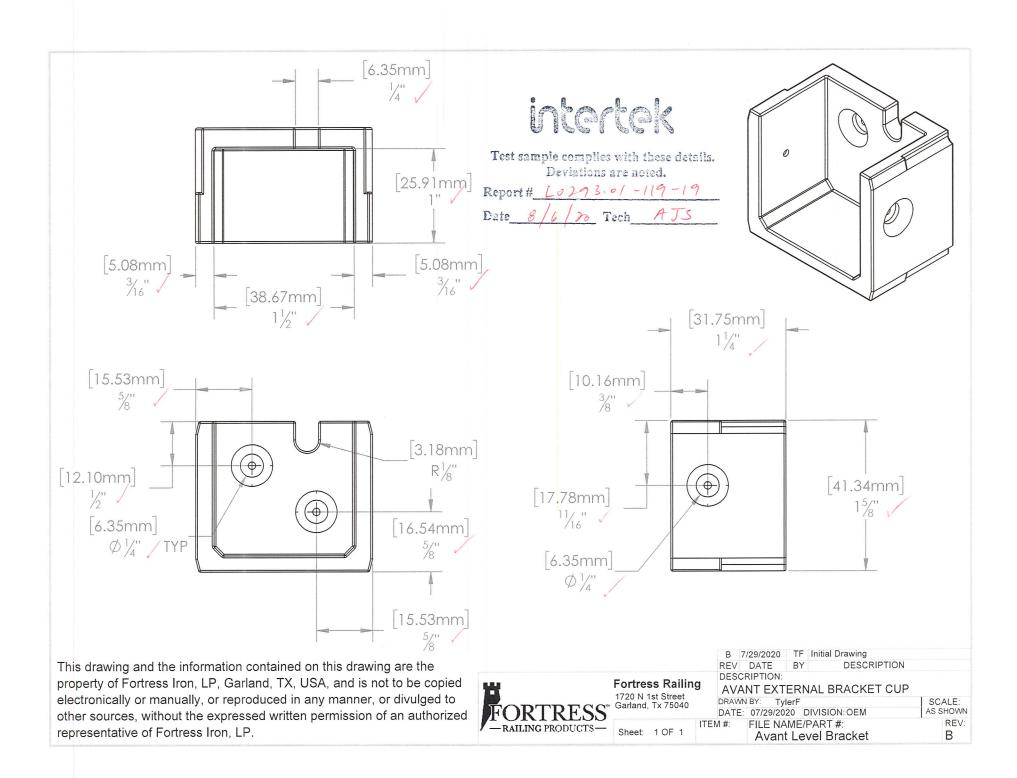


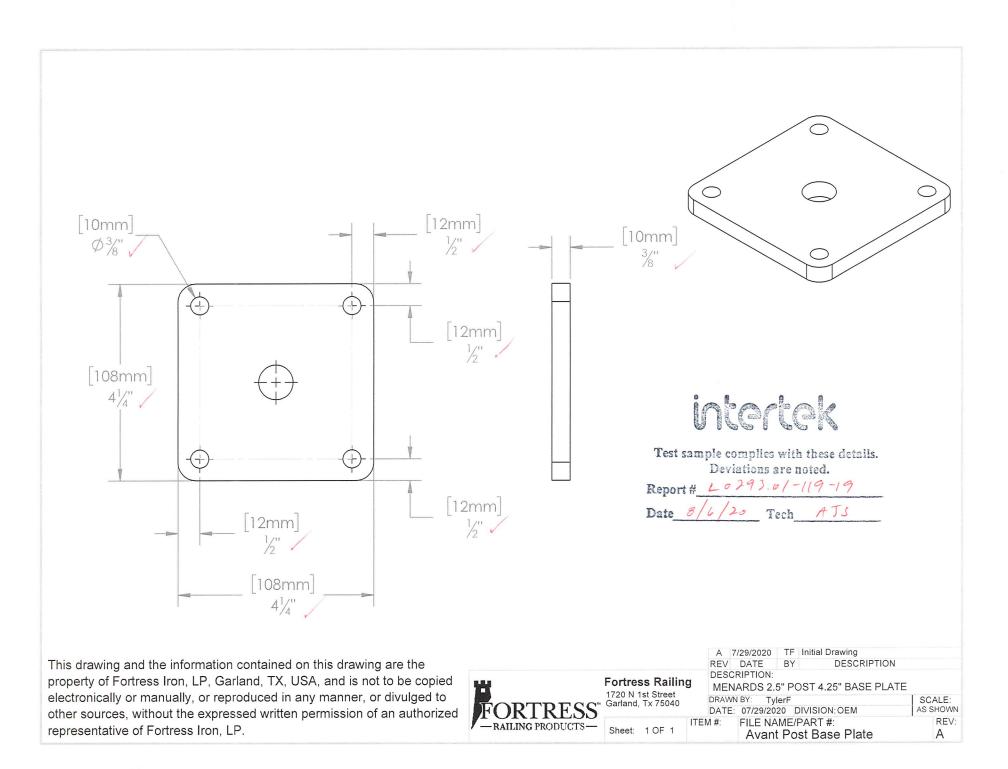


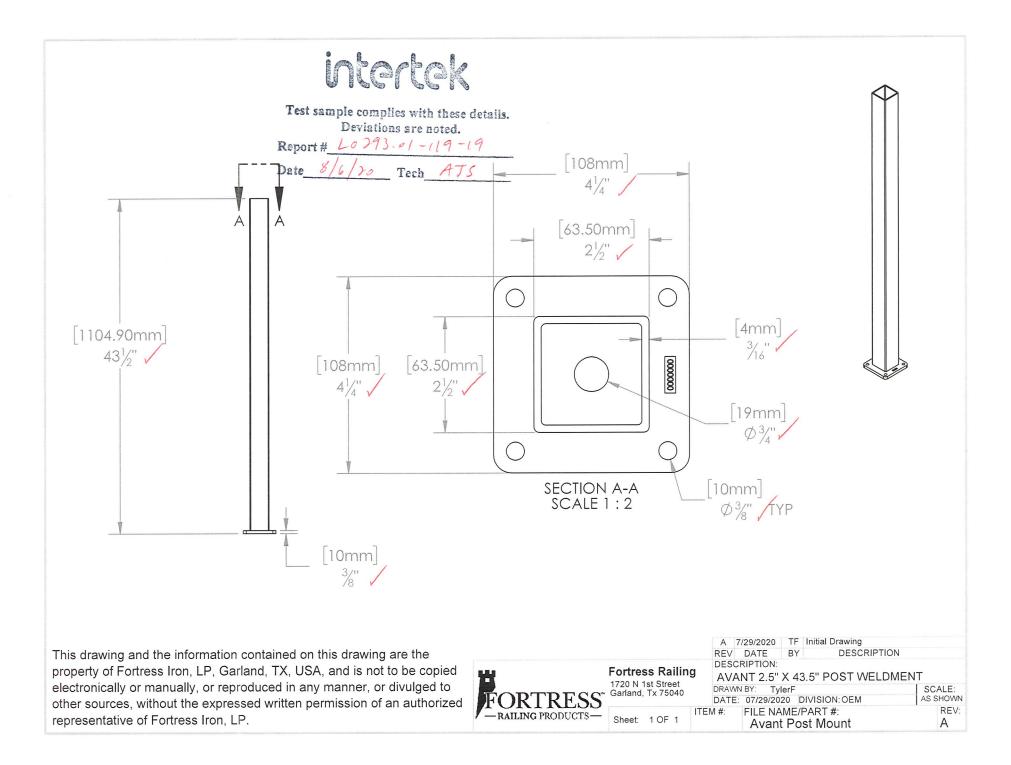
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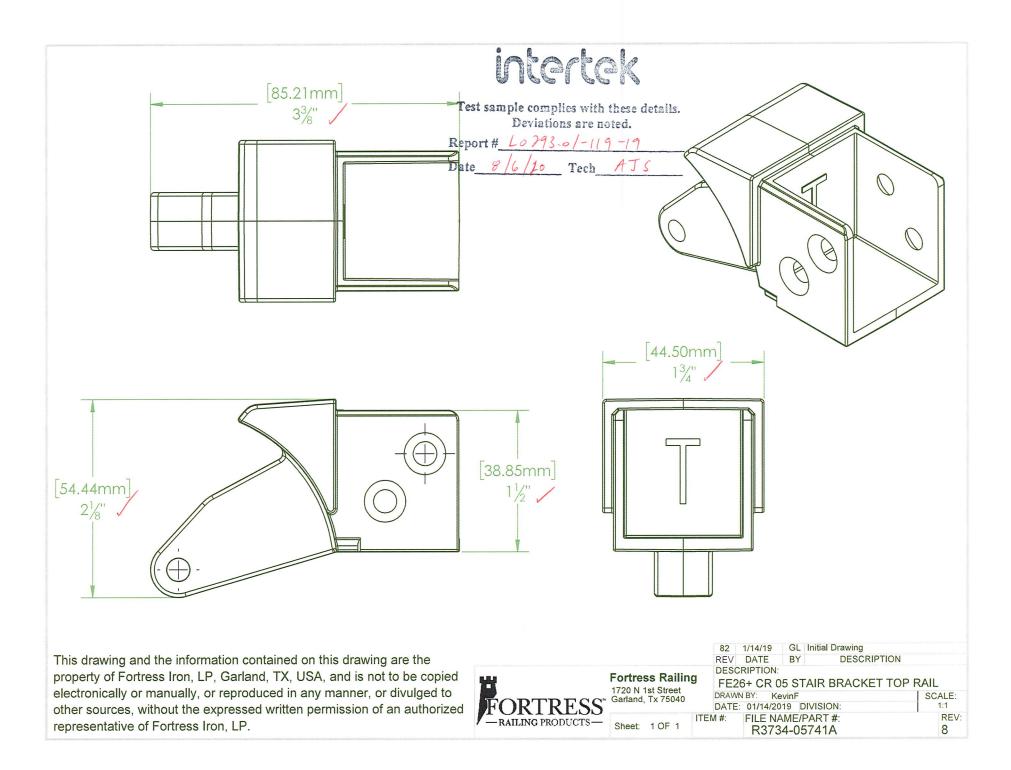


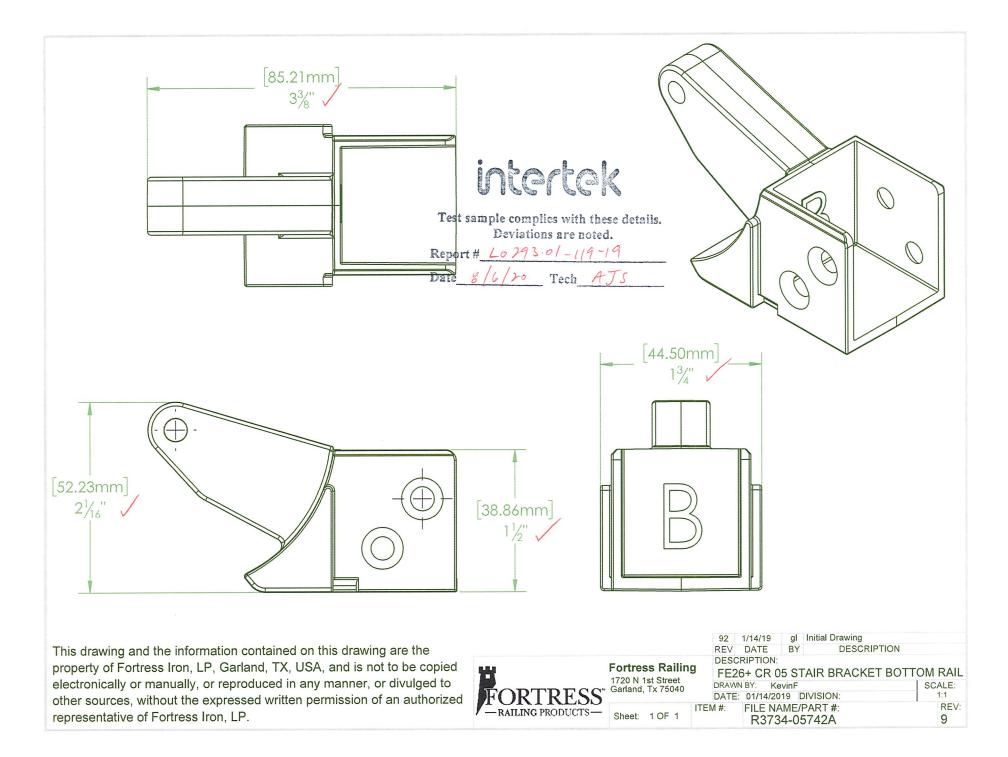


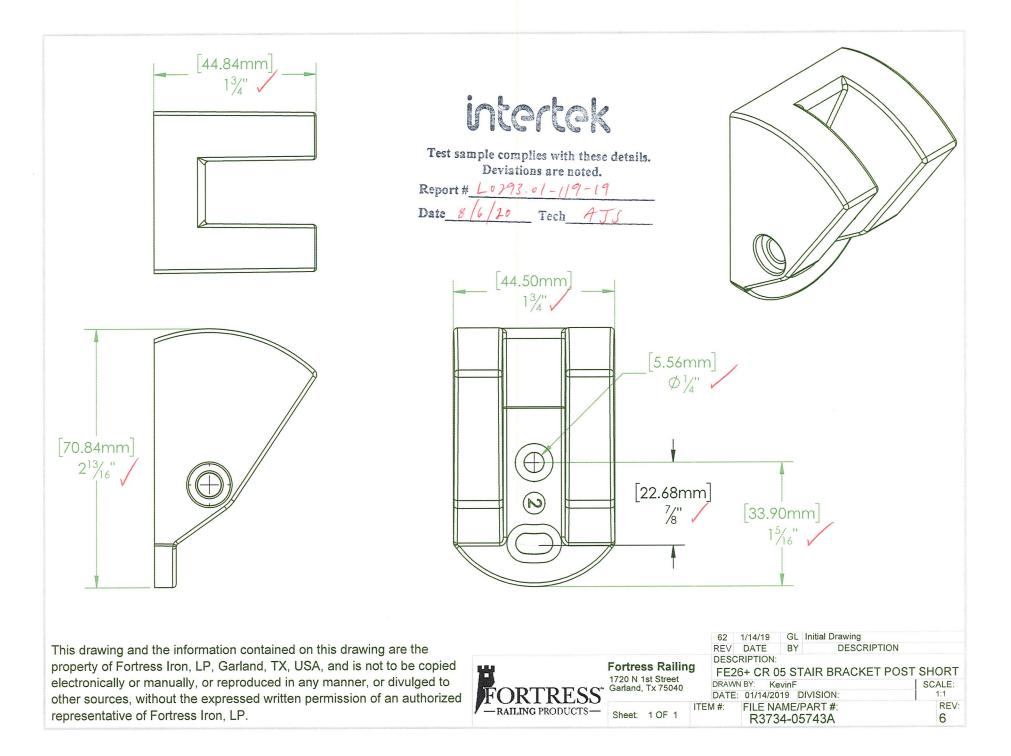


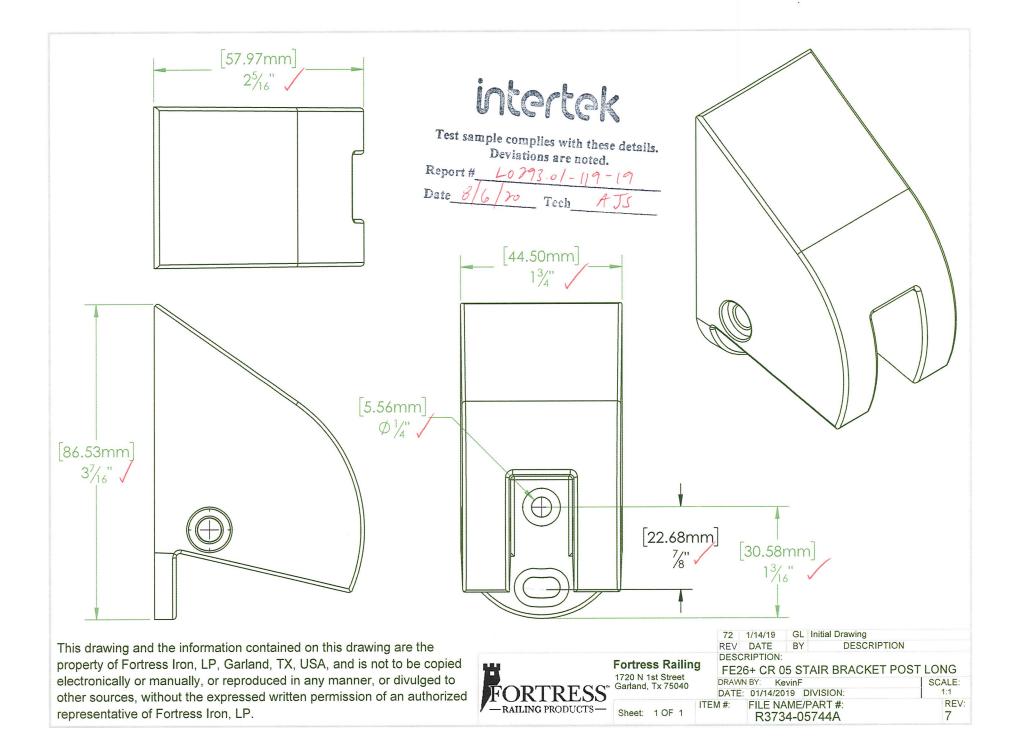


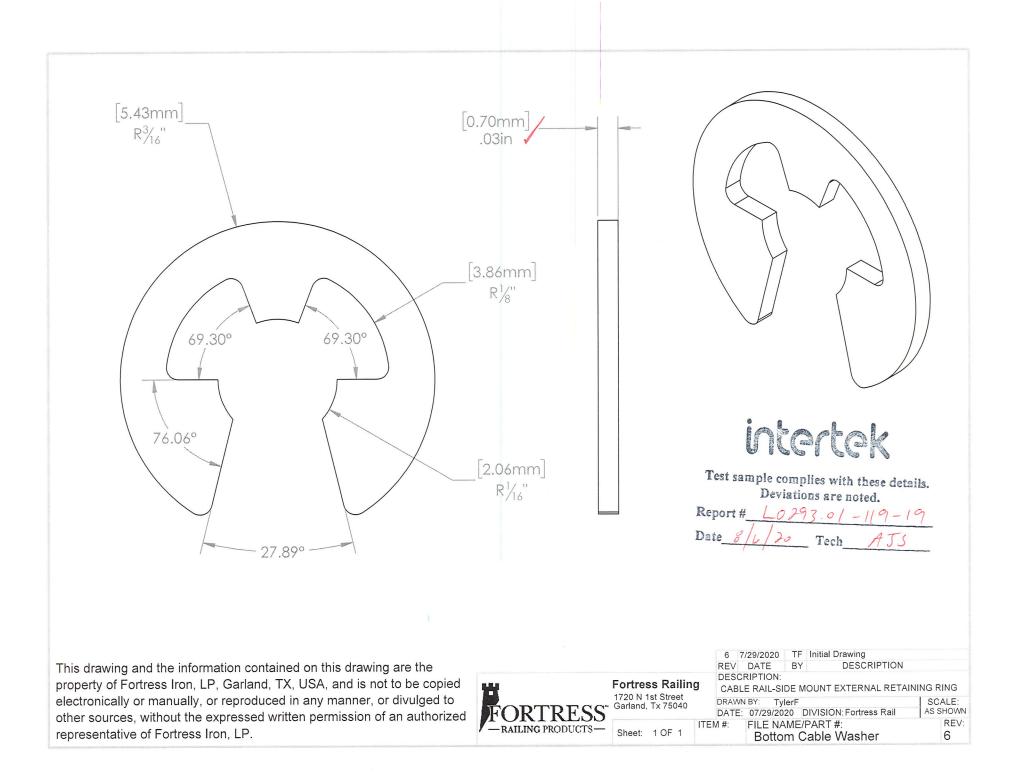














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