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USA Vinyl LLC

ASTM D7032 Guardrail Test
on a new Residential 8' Aluminum
Railing System Design

12/11/2017

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2/16/2018 - Updated Test Specimen Section on page 2 to add clarity.

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1. TITLE

ASTM D7032 Guardrail Test on a new Residential 8' Aluminum Railing System Design

2. OBJECTIVE

To evaluate an Aluminum 8' Guardrail System Design to ASTM D7032 for One and Two Family Dwellings.

This test report pertains only to the specimens tested. It remains the sole responsibility of the manufacturer to provide a product consistent to that which was tested.

3. TESTED FOR

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4. TESTING ORGANIZATION

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See IAS Evaluation Report TL-178 for ISO 17025 Accreditation.

5. TESTING PERSONNEL

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Project Manager
Technician

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- Jacob Bontrager
- Chris Stutzman



6. REFERENCE STANDARDS

ASTM D7032 - 17 - Standard Specification for Establishing Performance Ratings for Wood-Plastic Composite and Plastic Lumber Deck Boards, Stair Treads, Guards, and Handrails

7. TEST EQUIPMENT

- A. Hydraulic Cylinders
- B. Load Cell - (PEI No. 465)
- C. Linear Transducers - (PEI Nos. 850, 890, 1081)
- D. Data Acquisition - (PEI No. 566)

8. TEST SPECIMEN

8' Aluminum Guardrail System Part No. CXR-B42-A8 (Note: the second letter in the product code (X) refers to the railing color, i.e. B=Black, W=White...)

- A. Top Rail - LXAL-BRDTOPPA-X 1.728" wide x 1.654" tall x 0.074" thick aluminum guardrail.
- B. Guardrail Post - Part No. LXAL-POST-2.5-X 2.509" x 2.503" x 0.095" thick aluminum tube.
- C. Top Rail Bracket - Part No. AXAL-STRGHT-BRD 2.280" wide x 2.758" tall x 1.075" deep - plastic.
- D. Bottom Rail Bracket - Part No. AXAL-STRGHT-SQ 2.280" wide x 2.685" tall x 1.075" deep - plastic.
- E. Screws:
 - 1. Bracket to Post: #10 x 3/4" long Torx drive pan head self drilling screws
 - 2. Post Base to Post: 1/4"-20 x 2" long self drilling hex washerhead screw.

The guardrail materials were provided to PEI by the client. See attached picture pages for details.

9. TEST SPECIMEN CONSTRUCTION

- A. A section of Top rail, free from visible defects was selected.
- B. Balusters were inserted into the top rail, aligned with the bottom rail and then inserted. A rubber mallet was used to seat the balusters fully into the top and bottom rails.
- C. The bottom rail bracket positions were marked on the posts, and then the brackets were fastened to the posts with the four (4) provided #10 Torx Screws per bracket.
- D. The top rail bracket positions were marked on the posts, and then the brackets were fastened to the posts with the four (4) provided #10 Torx Screws per bracket.
- E. The section of guardrail was slid into the brackets, and fastened with the two (2) provided #10 Torx Screws per bracket, at the predrilled holes.
- F. The foot block was fastened to the center of the bottom rail.

10. TEST SETUP

Guardrail Testing

The posts of the guardrail system was secured to a vertical non-yielding test fixture for all of the tests performed.

11. TEST PROCEDURE

The Guardrail system was tested for the Infill and Concentrated Load as described below. ASTM D7032 does not give a hold-time, however all required maximum loads were attempted to be applied for at least one minute.

A. In-Fill Load Test

The load was applied to the 12" x 12" plate with a hydraulic cylinder and load cell which was set in line with the test location. Load was applied at an approximate rate of 1" per minute until a force of 125 lbf, plus any applicable end-use adjustment factor, was attained. A deflection reading was taken at the center of the 12" x 12" plate. Testing was performed at two (2) locations; (1) center of the baluster height in contact with the minimum number of balusters covered by the load plate and, (2) at the bottom rail midspan.

B. Concentrated Load Test

A horizontal concentrated load test was conducted on one end and at the midspan of the top guardrail, using a hydraulic cylinder and load cell set in-line with each test location. The load was applied at an approximate rate of 1" per minute until a force of 500 lbf, plus any applicable end-use adjustment factor, was attained. Deflection readings were taken at the midspan of the guardrail and at both posts during the test.

12. TEST RESULTS

See attached data pages and charts.

13. CONCLUSION

The USA Vinyl, LLC 8' Aluminum Guardrail System Part No. CXR-B42-A8 met the IRC requirements of ASTM D7032 for Guardrail Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings.

Date: 12/7/2017
Client: USA Vinyl LLC
Specimen: 8' Aluminum Guardrail

Temperature: 72° F
Rel. Humidity: 17%
End-Use Adjustment Factor: N/A
Effective Guardrail Length (in): 96
Guardrail Height (in): 42
Load Hold Time: 1 Min.

Sample No.: **Aluminum 8'-1**

Test Order	ASTM D7032 Section 6 - Test Information					Test Results				
	Test Type	Loading Location	¹ Design Load	² Required Ultimate Load	³ Allowable Deflection @ Design Load	⁴ Net Deflection @ Design Load	Maximum Load Applied	⁴ Net Deflection @ Max. Load	Comments or Observations	Pass / Fail
1	In-Fill Load Test @ Midspan	Centered on baluster height and contacting the min. No. of balusters	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.46"	196 lbf	2.28"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
2	In-Fill Load Test @ Bottom Rail	Flush to the bottom of the bottom rail at the midspan	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.49"	165 lbf	1.87"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
3	Concentrated Load Test Near Post	Near one end of the guardrail with no contact with the bracket connector	200 lbf	500 lbf	N/A	0.02"	591 lbf	0.06"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
4	Concentrated Load Test @ Midspan	At the midspan of the guardrail	200 lbf	500 lbf	2.75"	1.71"	594 lbf	N/A	No Failure. Deflection gauge removed at 300 lbf. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
See attached charts for load versus deflection										

¹ Minimum code requirements prescribed in 2009 IBC Section 1607.7.1, IRC Section R301.5 and/or ASTM D7032 Section 6.2.

² Infill load requirements are taken from ASTM D7032 Section 6.2.2. Concentrated Load Requirement is the Design Load times a safety factor of 2.5, plus the end-use adjustment factor as prescribed by ASTM D7032.

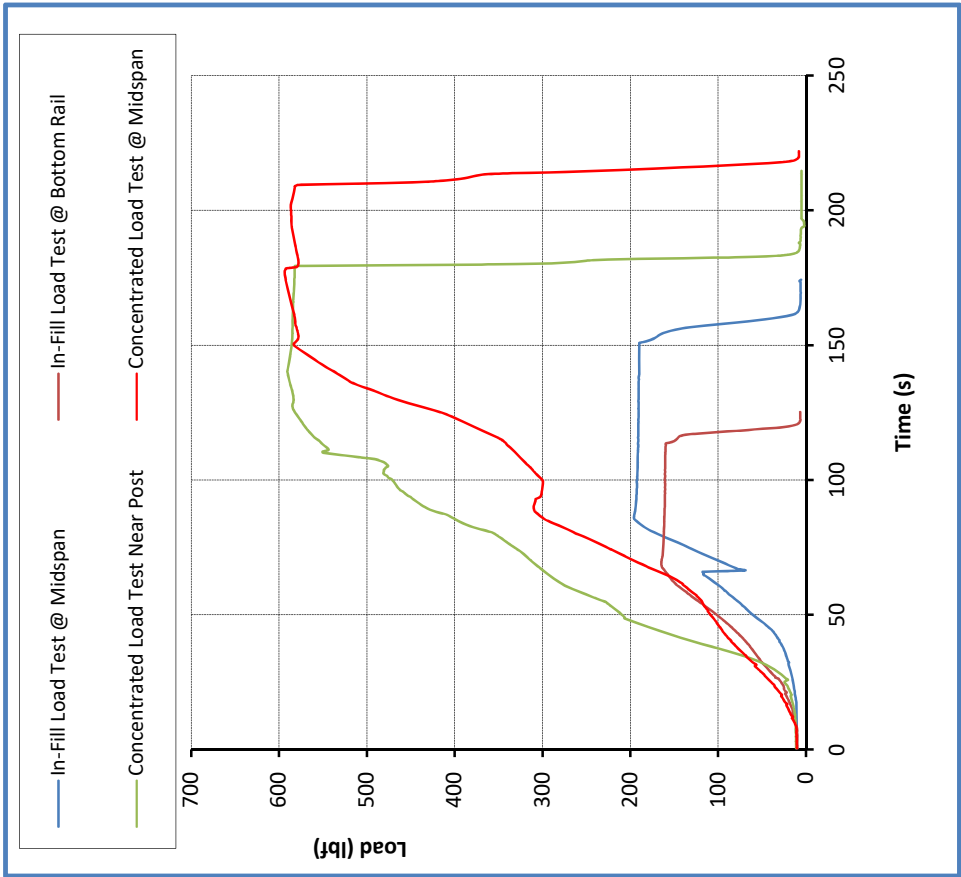
³ The Allowable Deflection is based on the equation $(L/96 + h/24)$ found in ASTM D7032.

⁴ Net deflection equals the deflection at the load point minus the post deflection or average deflection of the posts for uniform load and concentrated load at midspan tests

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 Client: USA Vinyl LLC
 Specimen: 8' Aluminum Guardrail

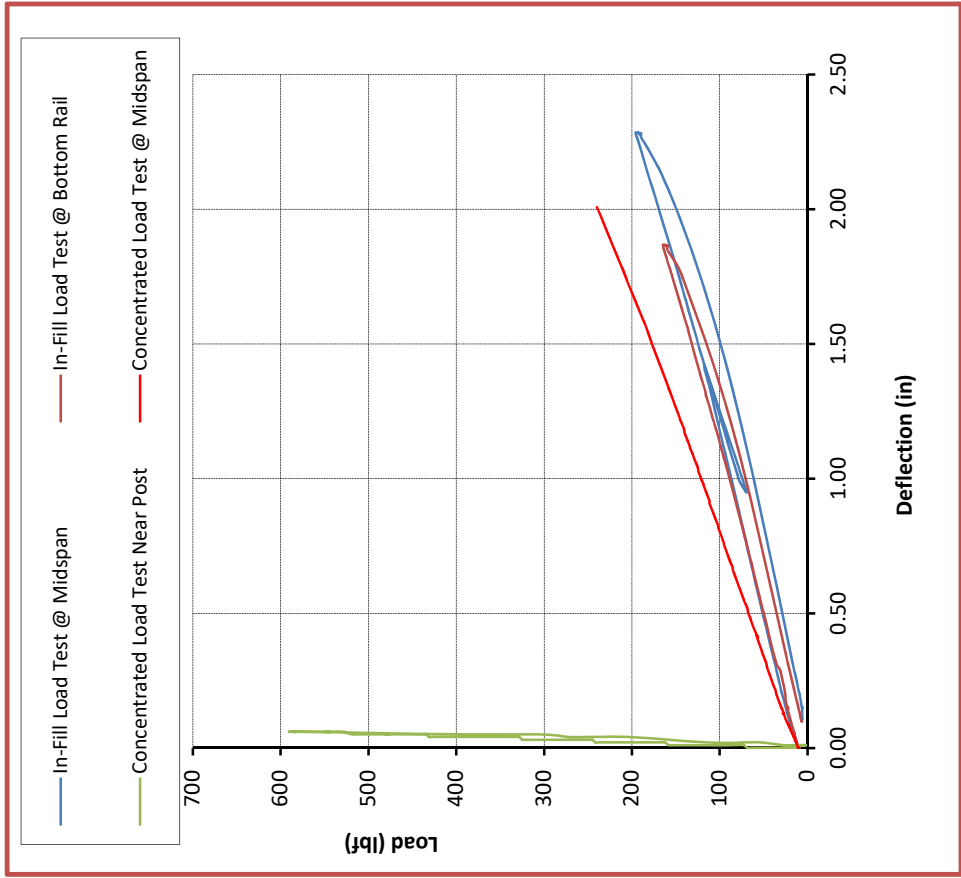
Sample No.: Aluminum 8'-1

Load versus Time



Note: All deflection values are Net Deflection and do not include post deflection.

Load versus Deflection



Date: 12/7/2017
Client: USA Vinyl LLC
Specimen: 8' Aluminum Guardrail

Temperature: 68° F
Rel. Humidity: 23%
End-Use Adjustment Factor: 0%
Effective Guardrail Length (in): 96
Guardrail Height (in): 42
Load Hold Time: 1 Min.

Sample No.: **Aluminum 8'-2**

Test Order	ASTM D7032 Section 6 - Test Information					Test Results				
	Test Type	Loading Location	¹ Design Load	² Required Ultimate Load	³ Allowable Deflection @ Design Load	⁴ Net Deflection @ Design Load	Maximum Load Applied	⁴ Net Deflection @ Max. Load	Comments or Observations	Pass / Fail
1	In-Fill Load Test @ Midspan	Centered on baluster height and contacting the min. No. of balusters	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.53"	155 lbf	1.85"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
2	In-Fill Load Test @ Bottom Rail	Flush to the bottom of the bottom rail at the midspan	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.54"	159 lbf	1.82"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
3	Concentrated Load Test Near Post	Near one end of the guardrail with no contact with the bracket connector	200 lbf	500 lbf	N/A	0.02"	585 lbf	0.07"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
4	Concentrated Load Test @ Midspan	At the midspan of the guardrail	200 lbf	500 lbf	2.75"	1.63"	586 lbf	N/A	Deflection gauge removed at 300 lbf. Load held for 60 seconds. Screws pulled through top post bracket.	PASS
See attached charts for load versus deflection										

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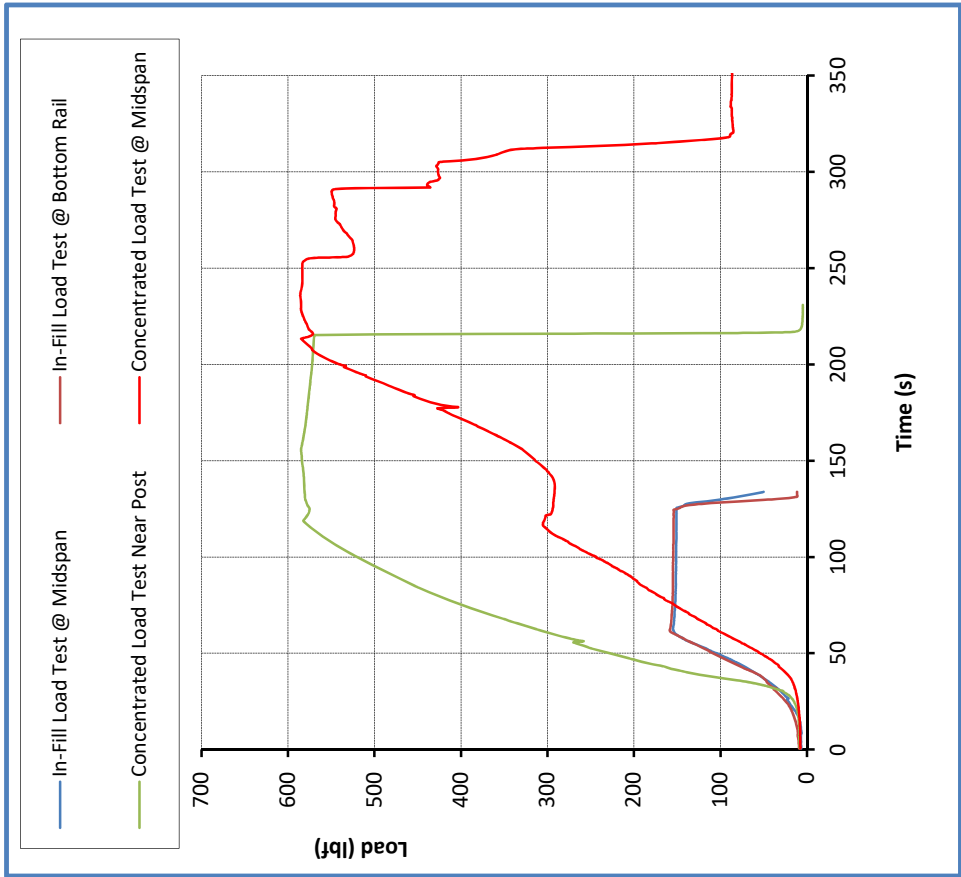
³ The Allowable Deflection is based on the equation $(L/96 + h/24)$ found in ASTM D7032.

⁴ Net deflection equals the deflection at the load point minus the post deflection or average deflection of the posts for uniform load and concentrated load at midspan tests

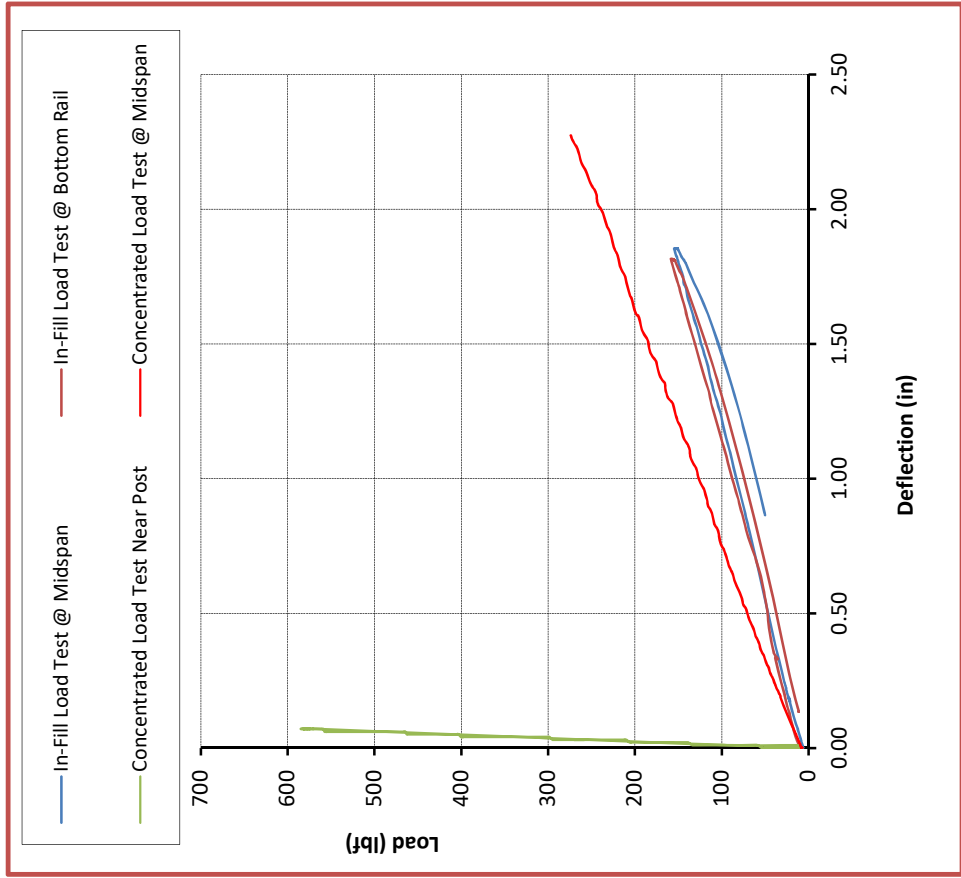
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Sample No.: Aluminum 8'-2

Load versus Time



Load versus Deflection



Date: 12/11/2017
 Client: USA Vinyl LLC
 Specimen: 8' Aluminum Guardrail

Temperature: 68° F
 Rel. Humidity: 23%
 End-Use Adjustment Factor: 0%
 Effective Guardrail Length (in): 96
 Guardrail Height (in): 42
 Load Hold Time: 1 Min.

Sample No.: **Aluminum 8'-3**

Test Order	ASTM D7032 Section 6 - Test Information					Test Results				
	Test Type	Loading Location	¹ Design Load	² Required Ultimate Load	³ Allowable Deflection @ Design Load	⁴ Net Deflection @ Design Load	Maximum Load Applied	⁴ Net Deflection @ Max. Load	Comments or Observations	Pass / Fail
1	In-Fill Load Test @ Midspan	Centered on baluster height and contacting the min. No. of balusters	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.49"	165 lbf	1.96"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
2	In-Fill Load Test @ Bottom Rail	Flush to the bottom of the bottom rail at the midspan	50 psf	125 psf	N/A	0.24"	148 lbf	1.65"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
3	Concentrated Load Test Near Post	Near one end of the guardrail with no contact with the bracket connector	200 lbf	500 lbf	N/A	0.02"	585 lbf	0.07"	No Failure. Load held for 60 seconds.	PASS
4	Concentrated Load Test @ Midspan	At the midspan of the guardrail	200 lbf	500 lbf	2.75"	1.71"	589 lbf	N/A	Deflection gauge removed at 300 lbf. Load held for 52 seconds. Screws pulled through top post bracket.	PASS
See attached charts for load versus deflection										

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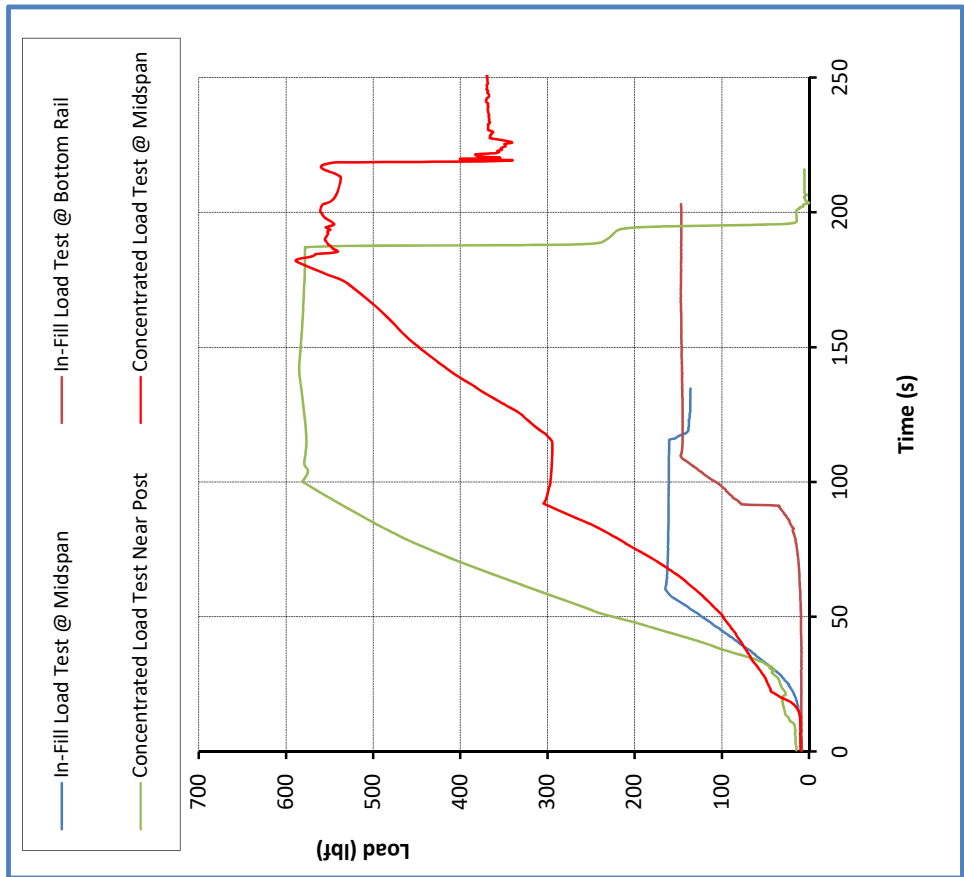
³ The Allowable Deflection is based on the equation $(L/96 + h/24)$ found in ASTM D7032.

⁴ Net deflection equals the deflection at the load point minus the post deflection or average deflection of the posts for uniform load and concentrated load at midspan tests

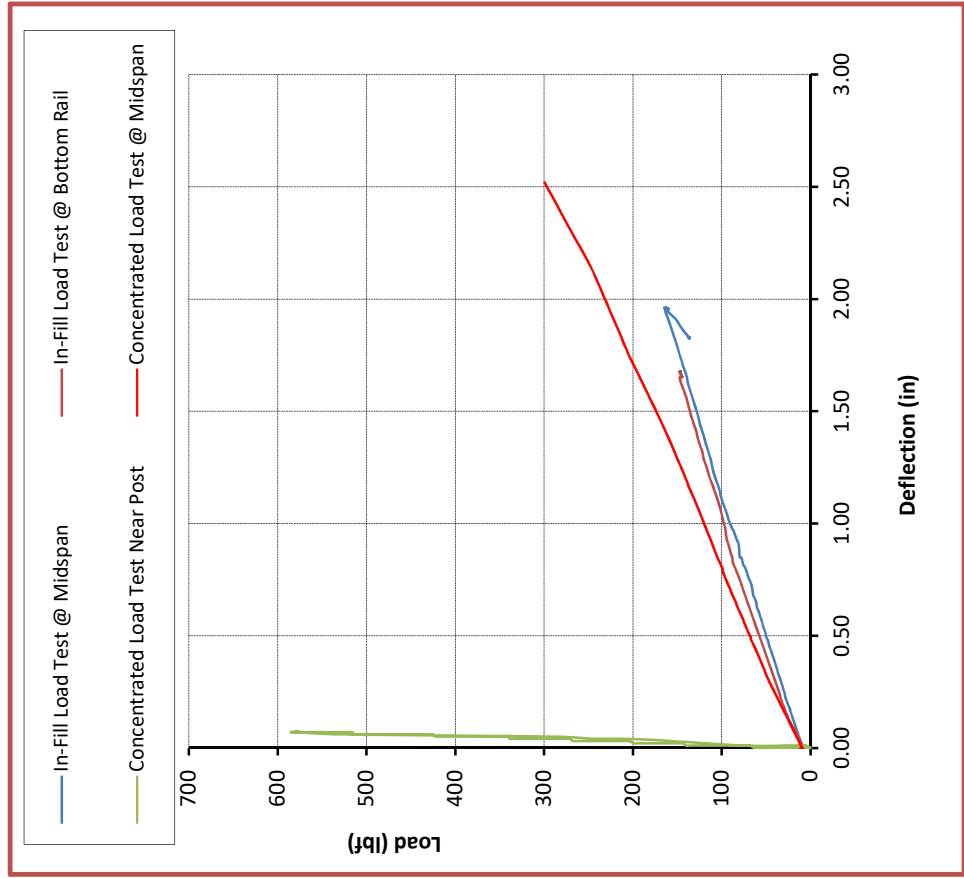
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 Specimen: 8' Aluminum Guardrail

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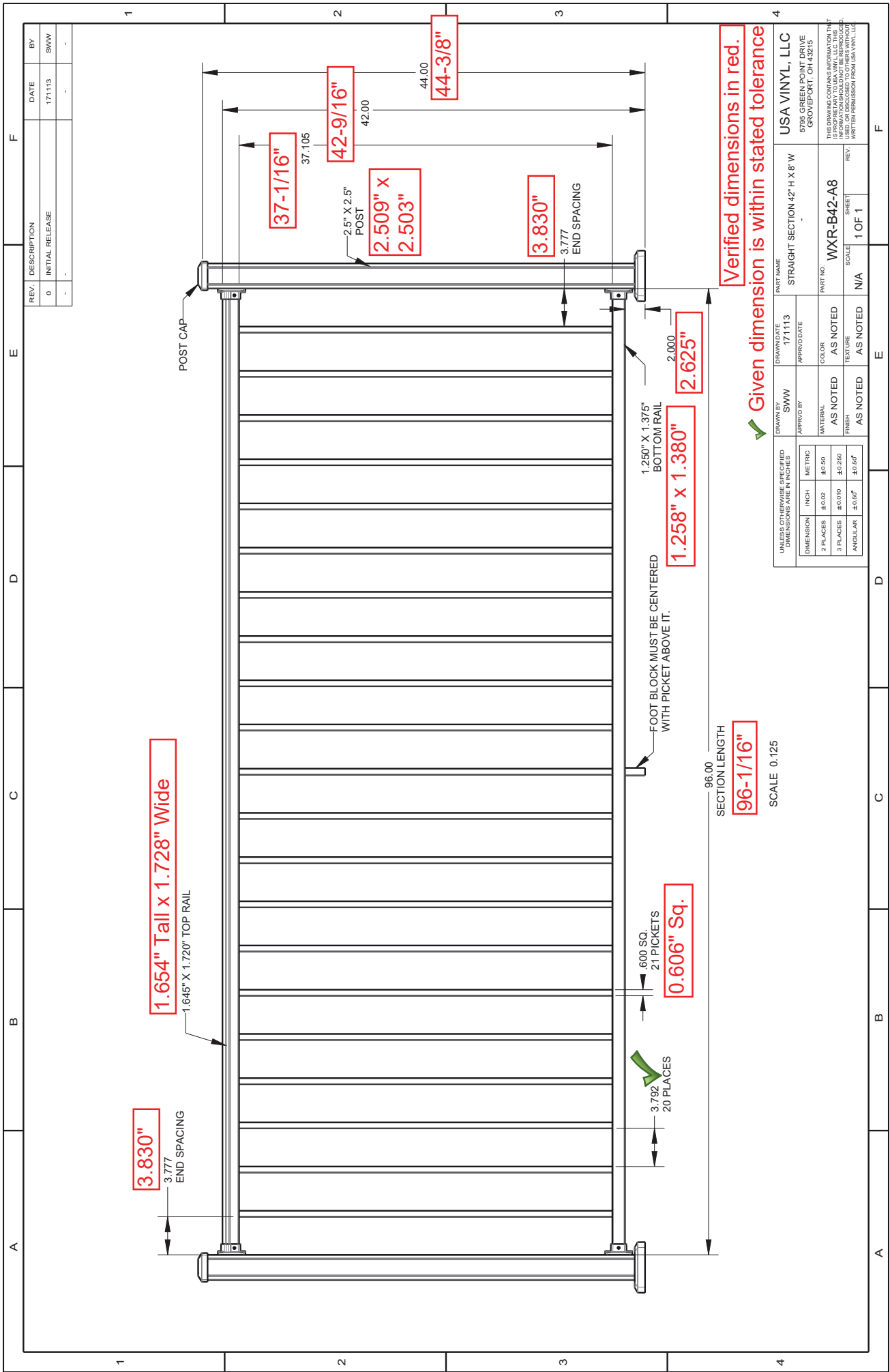
Load versus Time

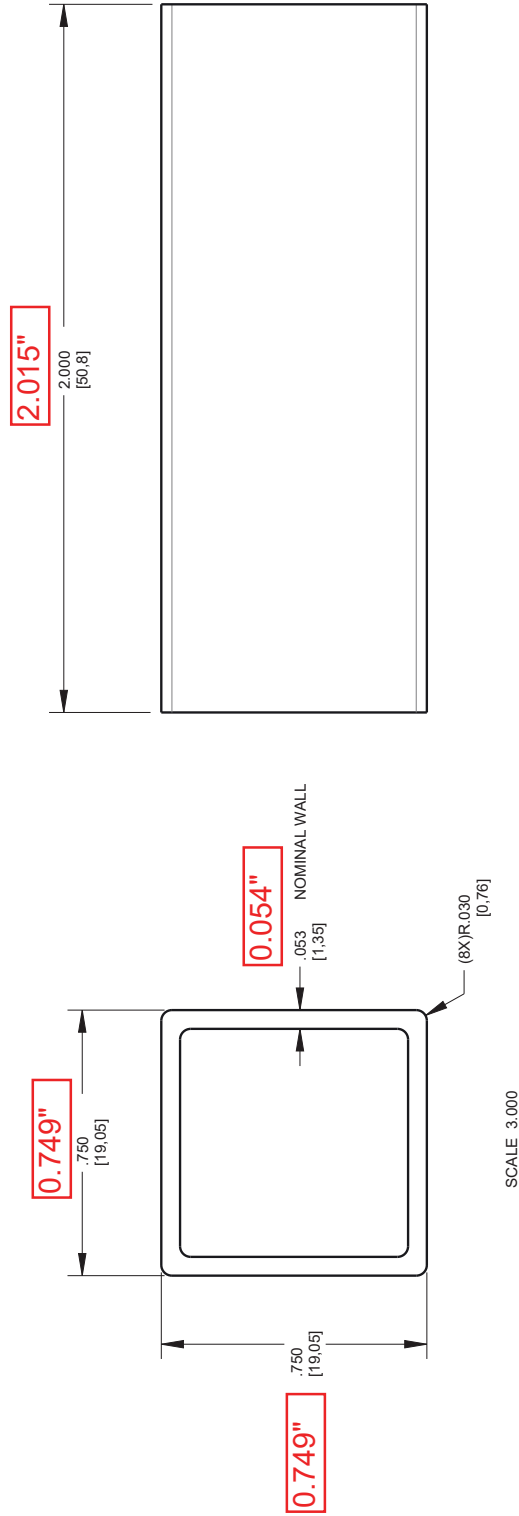


Load versus Deflection



Note: All deflection values are Net Deflection and do not include post deflection.

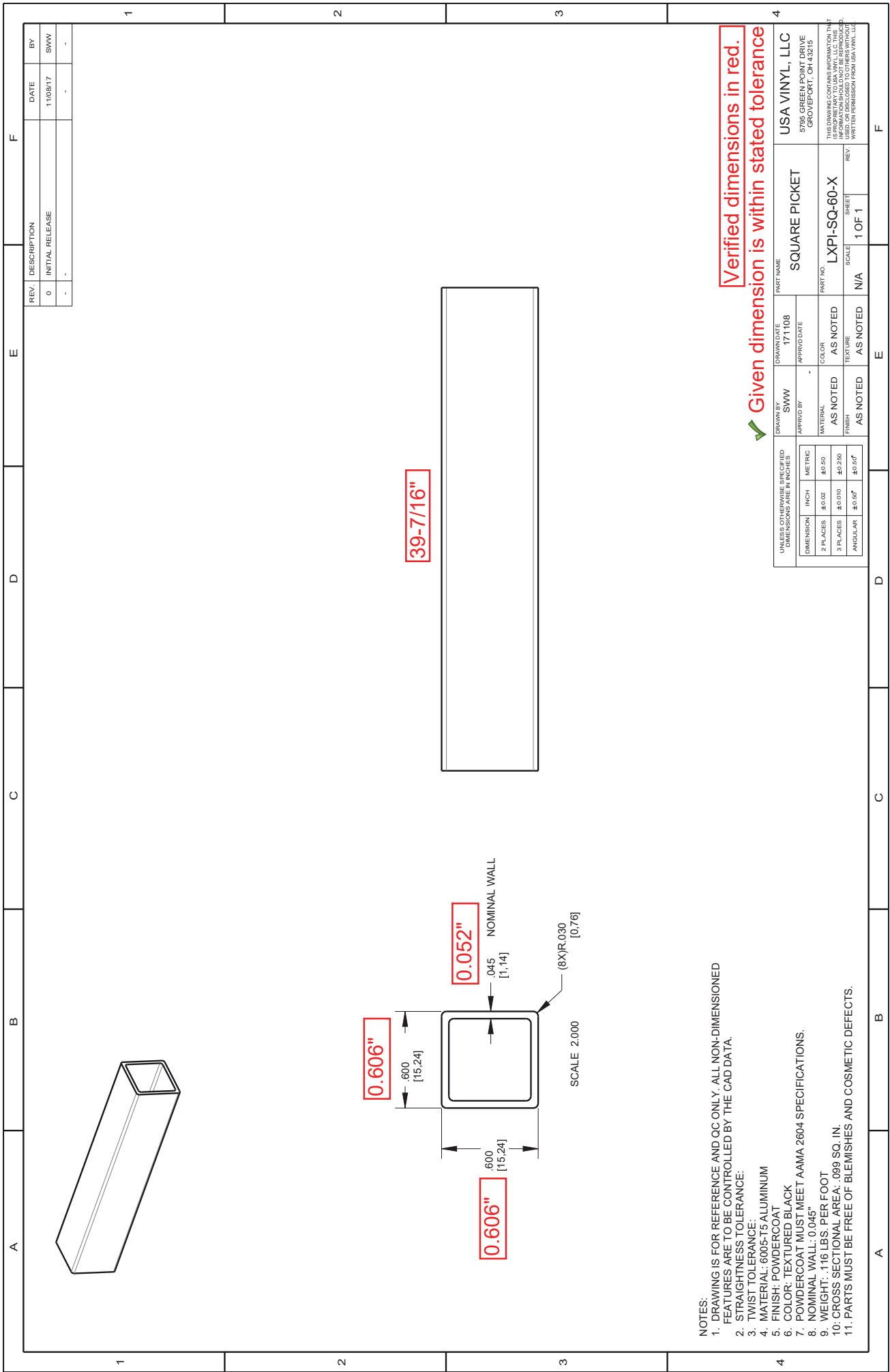


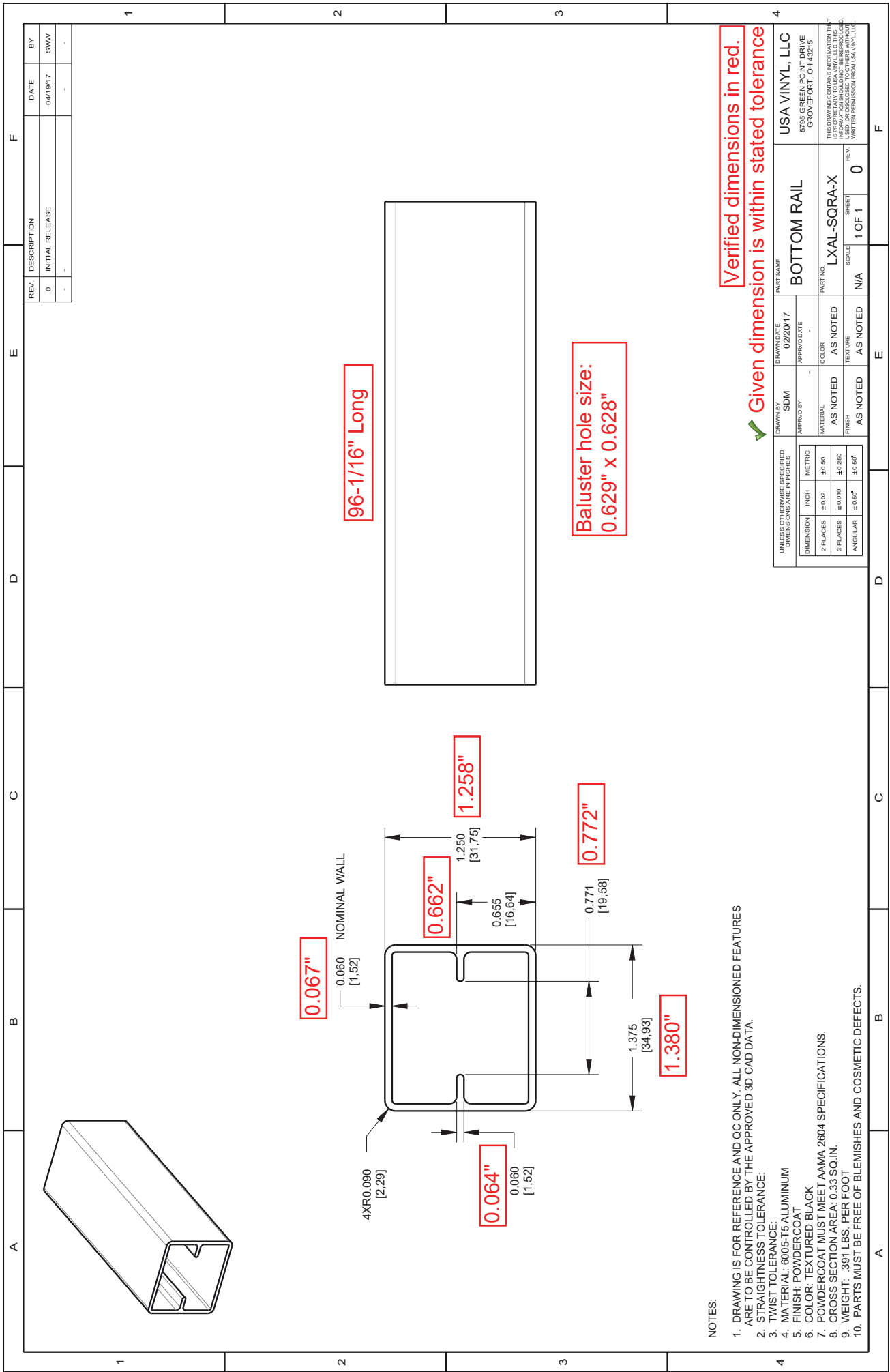


SCALE 3.000

✓ Given dimension is within stated tolerance

UNITS ORDERED (ENTER NUMBER IN FIGURES)				DRAWN BY		DATE		PART NAME	USA VINYL, LLC 5795 GREEN POINT DRIVE GROVEPORT, OH 43215
DIMENSIONS (ENTER IN FIGURES)				SWW		171 108			
				APPROVED BY		-		FOOT BLOCK	
				MATERIAL		COLOR		PART NO.	LXI-SQ-75X
				AS NOTED		AS NOTED			
				FINISH		TEXTURE		SCALE	REV.
				AS NOTED		AS NOTED			
								SHEET	1 OF 1
DIMENSION		INCH		METRIC					
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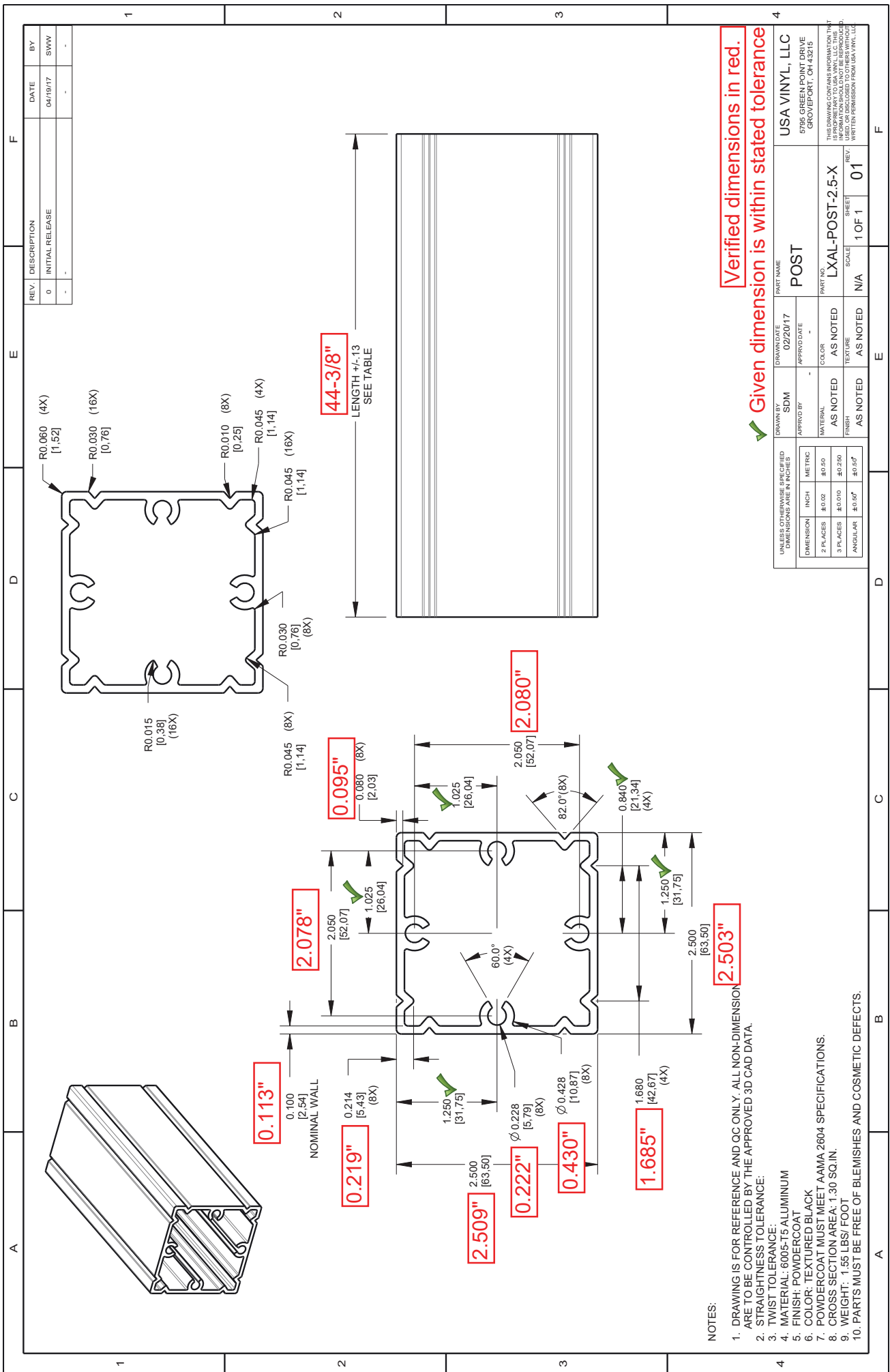


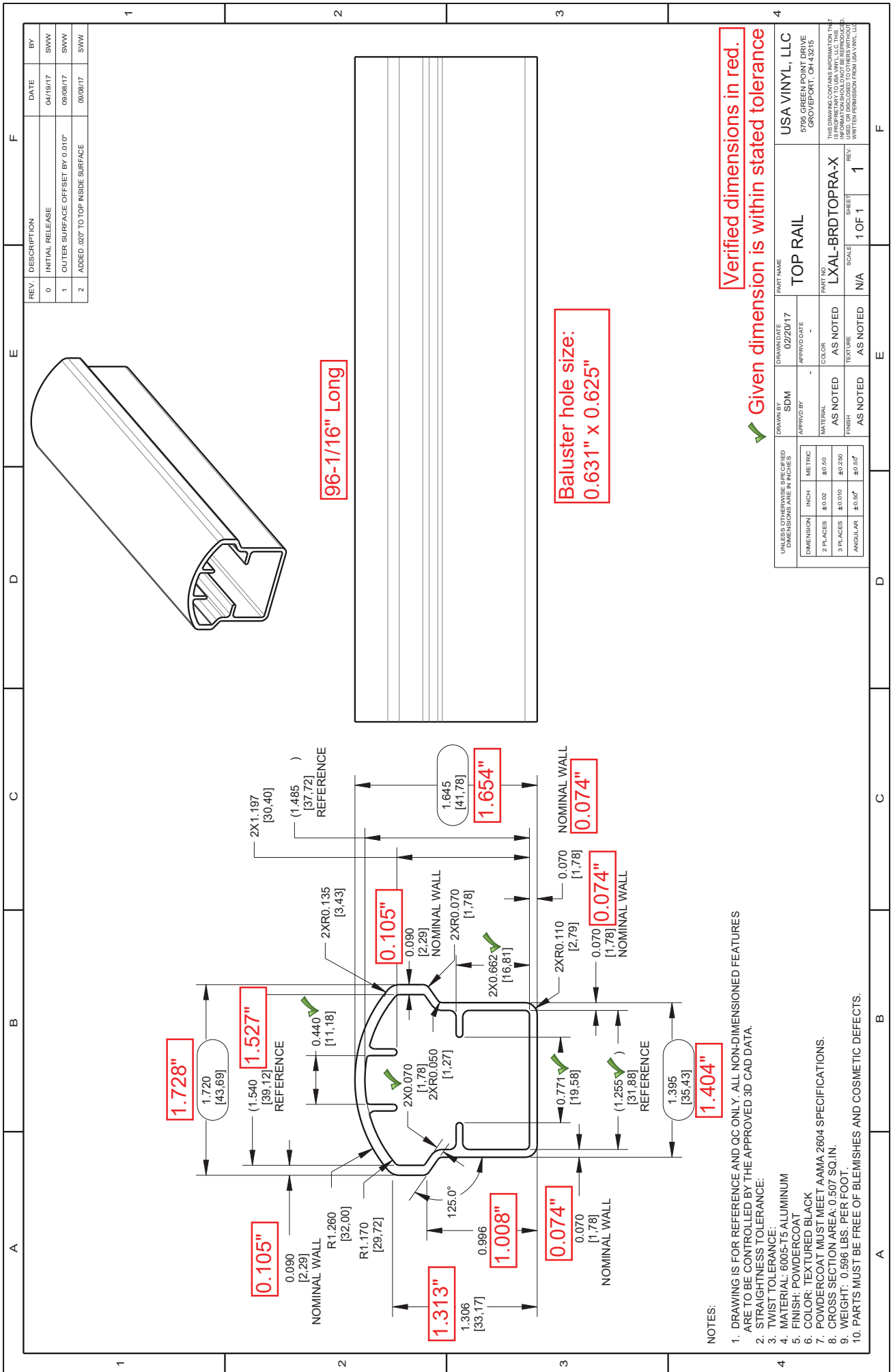
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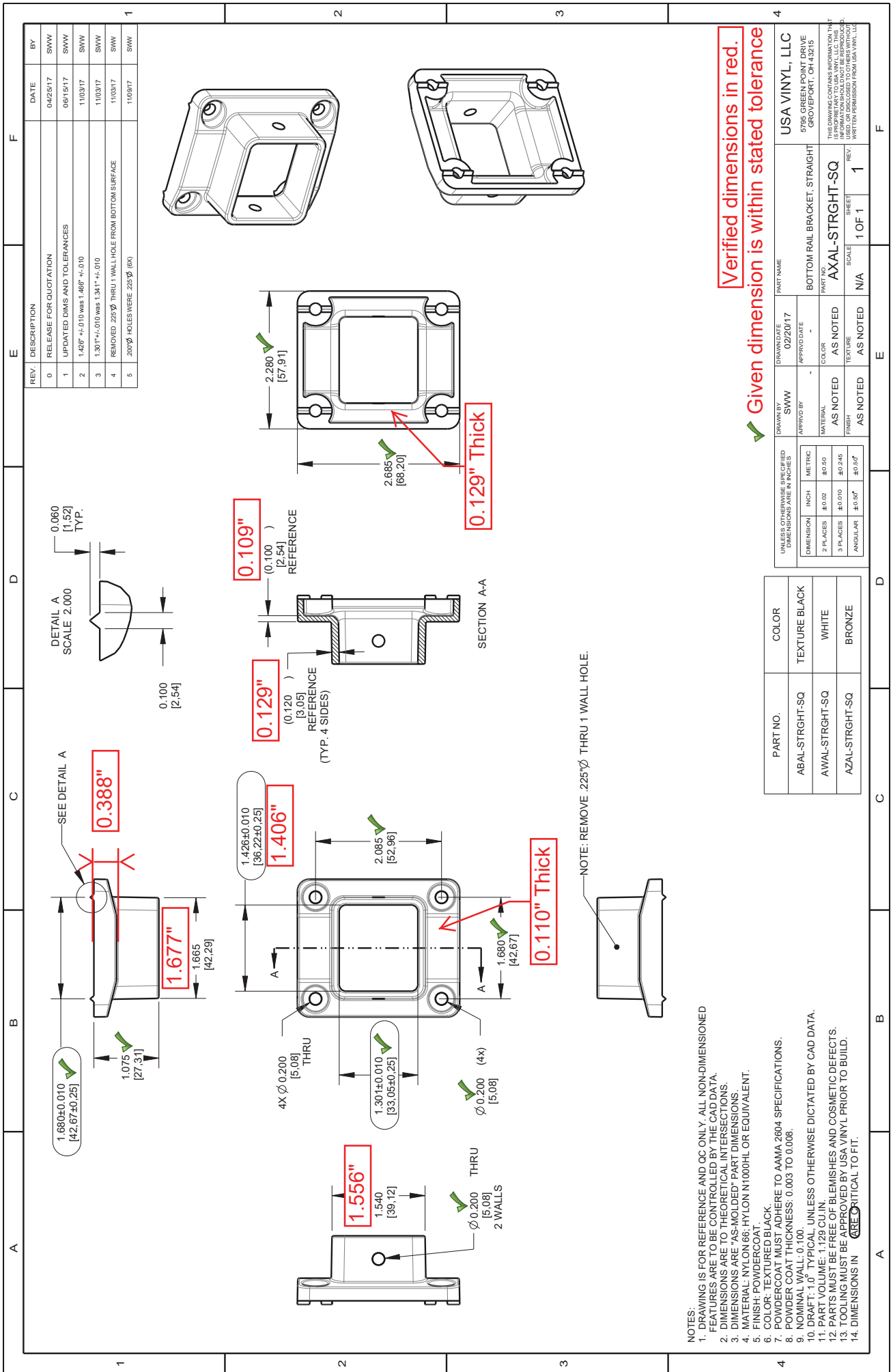
Given dimension is within stated tolerance

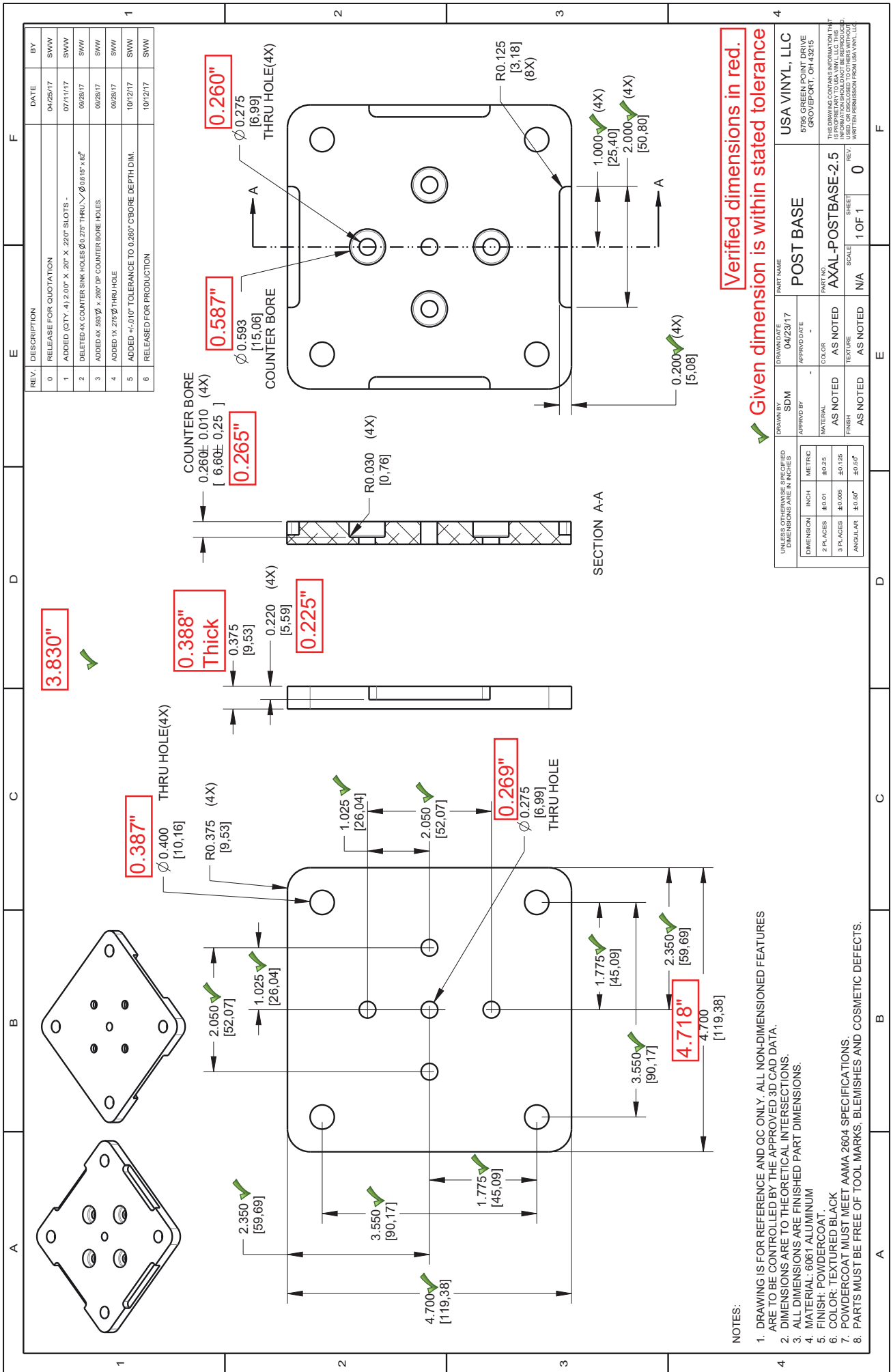
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES		DRAWN BY SDM		DRAWN DATE 02/20/17		PART NAME BOTTOM RAIL		USA VINYL, LLC 5795 GREEN POINT DRIVE GROVEPORT, OH 43215	
DIMENSION	INCH	APPROVED BY	DATE	MATERIAL	COLOR	TEXTURE	SCALE	REV	REV
2 PLACES	±0.02	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	1 OF 1	0	0
3 PLACES	±0.010	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	1 OF 1	0	0
ANGULAR	±0.5°	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	AS NOTED	1 OF 1	0	0

- NOTES:
- DRAWING IS FOR REFERENCE AND QC ONLY. ALL NON-DIMENSIONED FEATURES ARE TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE APPROVED 3D CAD DATA.
 - STRAIGHTNESS TOLERANCE:
 - TWIST TOLERANCE:
 - MATERIAL: 6005-T5 ALUMINUM
 - FINISH: POWDERCOAT
 - COLOR: TEXTURED BLACK
 - POWDERCOAT MUST MEET AAMA 2604 SPECIFICATIONS.
 - CROSS SECTION AREA: 0.33 SQ.IN.
 - WEIGHT: .391 LBS. PER FOOT
 - PARTS MUST BE FREE OF BLEMISHES AND COSMETIC DEFECTS.









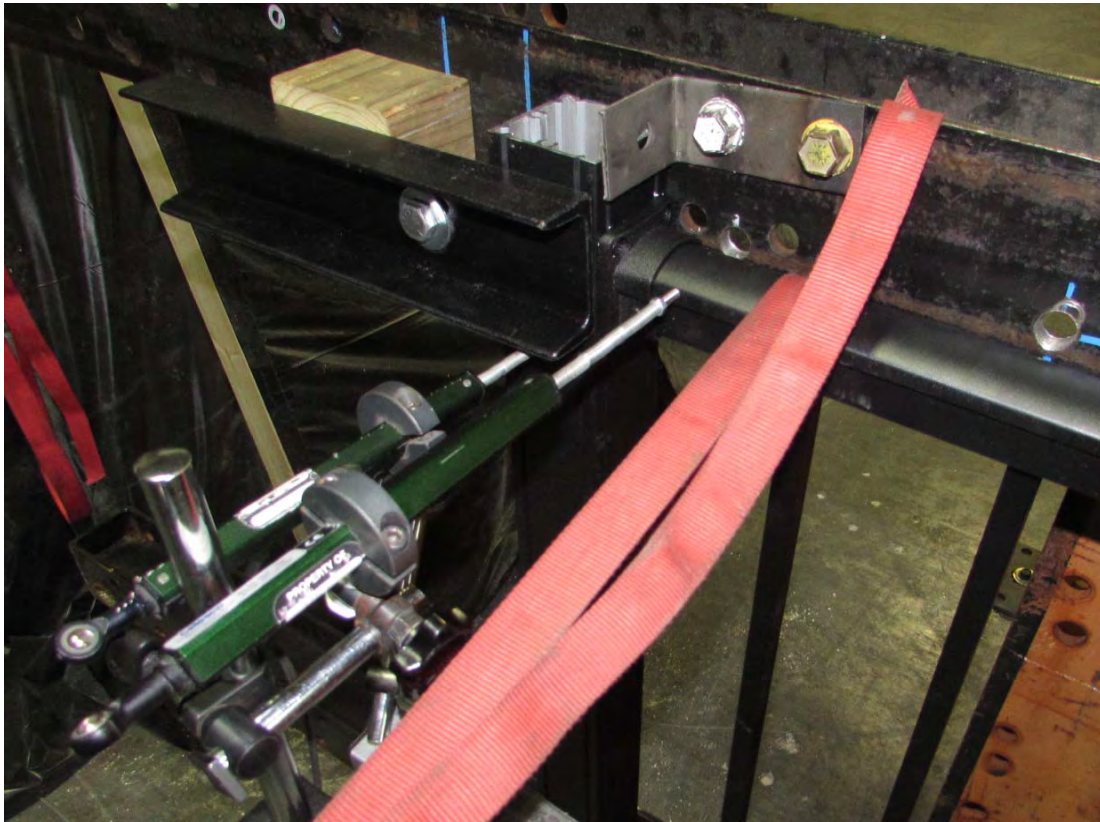
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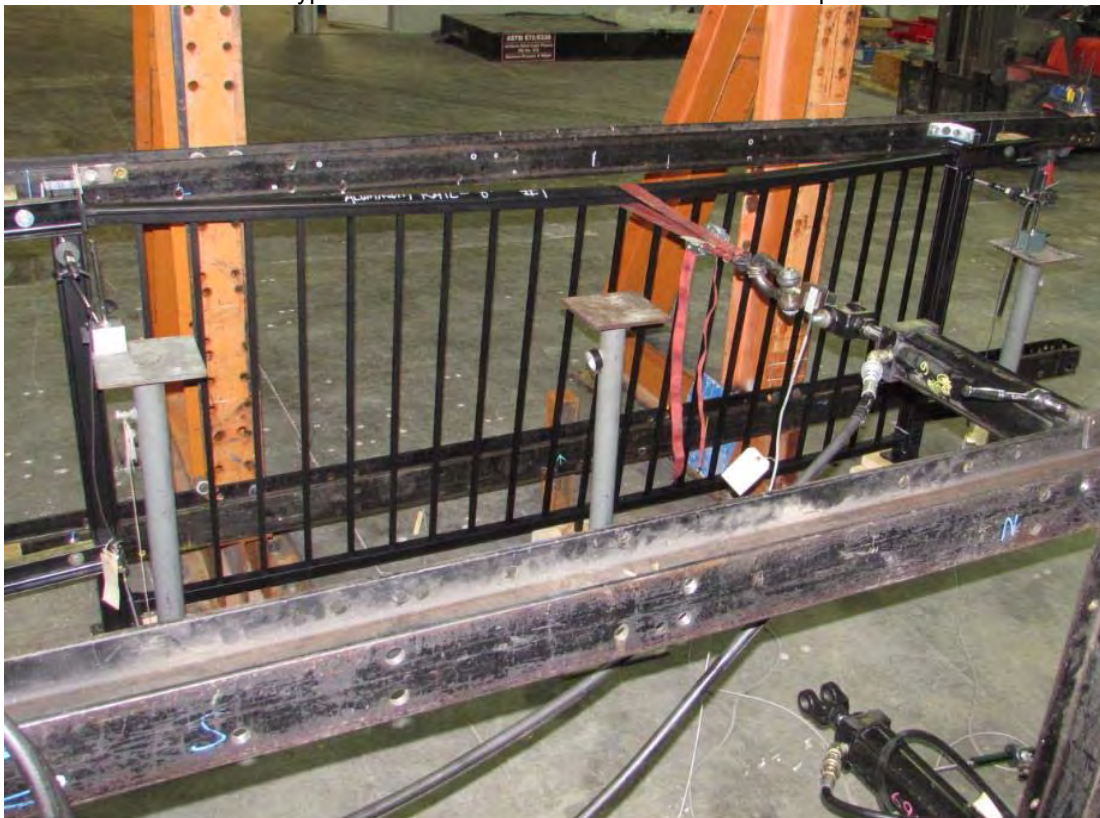
Typical In-fill Load Test Setup



Typical In-fill Load at Bottom Rail Test Setup



Typical Concentrated Load Near Post Test Setup



Typical Concentrated Load at Midspan Test Setup



Test Sample #2 - Screw Pulling Through Bracket at 586 lbf.



Test Sample #3 - Screw Pulling Through Bracket at 589 lbf.