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BamDeck Composite Bamboo Decking - Physical Properties Testing

Multiple samples of **BamDeck Composite Bamboo Decking** were submitted to this Laboratory for **Physical Properties testing**. Testing was based on the ASTM Test Standards listed in the table below. Any modifications or changes to the standards listed will be footnoted below the individual test tables listed on the test results pages beginning on page two of this report.

Tests and Standards	
Properties of Structural Panels in Flexure	ASTM D 3043
Fastener Holding Strength (Nail & Screw)	ASTM D 1037
Water Absorption	ASTM D 1037
Hardness	ASTM D 143
Falling Ball Impact	ASTM D 1037
Tension Parallel to Grain	ASTM D 143
Block Shear	ASTM D 143
Compression - Parallel to Grain	ASTM D 143
Compression - Perpendicular to Grain	ASTM D 143
Specific Gravity	ASTM D 2395
Moisture Content	ASTM D 4442
Taber Abrasion (Modified)	ASTM D 4060
Coefficient of Friction	ASTM D2394

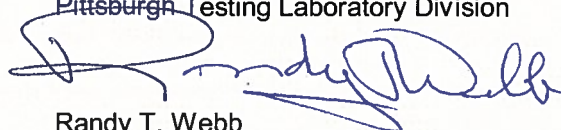
All Test Equipment was verified to be in good working condition and calibrated according to NIST Traceability Standards. Test results begin on page two of this report.

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Test Results

Static Bending Test Results (ASTM D3043 "D")

Sample ID.	Moisture Content (%)	Thickness (in)*	Density (lbs/ft3)	Max Load (lbs/f)	MOR (psi)	MOE (psi)	EI (lbs-in2/ft)
1	0.4	0.801	80.6	326	4,650	597,980	308,219
2	0.4	0.801	80.6	317	4,518	602,936	295,078
Average	0.4	0.801	80.6	321	4,584	600,458	301,649

Screw Withdrawal ASTM D1037

Face (lbs)	Edge 1 (lbs)	Edge 2 (lbs)
213	213	188

Nail Withdrawal ASTM D1037

Direct (lbs)	Lateral (lbs)
124	1,197

Water Absorption and Thickness Swell (ASTM D 1037)

Sample ID	TS (%)	WA (%)
Sanded 1	0.14	0.41
Sanded 2	0.12	0.41
Average	0.13	0.41
Unsanded 1	0.09	0.35
Unsanded 2	0.12	0.32
Average	0.11	0.33

Hardness ASTM D 143

Sample	Test 1 (lbf)	Test 2 (lbf)	Average
1	2,617	2,811	2,714

Falling Ball Impact ASTM D 1037 (Modified)*

Specimen Thickness: .802"		
Drop Ht (in)	Width (in)	Depth (in)
6	0	0
12	0.220	0.003
18	0.225	0.004
24	0.230	0.005
30	0.235	0.005
36	0.245	0.005
42	0.260	0.006
48	0.290	0.008
54	0.310	0.008
60	0.320	0.008
66	0.330	0.009

Tension Parallel to Grain ASTM D 143

Deflection @ Failure (in)	Area (in ²)	Ult load (lbs)	PSI
0.079	0.07566	164	2,168

Block Shear ASTM D 143 (Modified)*

Shear Area (in ²)	Ult Load (lbs)	PSI
1.251	2,740	2,191

* This test calls for a 2"x2" block but due to sample size limitations a .725"x 1.725" block was used.

* Rather than report the drop height at failure this test was modified to report the indentation diameter and depth caused by a 2in diameter Steele ball from various increasing heights. No splitting or cracking occurred.



Compression Parallel to Grain
ASTM D 143 (Modified) (Fig. 1)

Length (in)	Thickness (in)	Width (in)	Weight (gr)	Ultimate Load (lbs)	Deflection @ Ult Load (in)	MC (%)
3.99	0.802	0.996	67.70	3,949	0.1596	0.4

** This method requires a 1in x 1in specimen however due to limited sample size the method was modified by using a .996x.802in sample.*

Compression - Perpendicular to Grain
ASTM D 143 (Fig. 2)

Length (in)	Thickness (in)	Width (in)	Weight (gr)	Ultimate Load (lbs)	Deflection @ Ult Load (in)	MC (%)
6.017	0.798	1.989	203.60	32,380	0.1000	0.3

Fig. 1

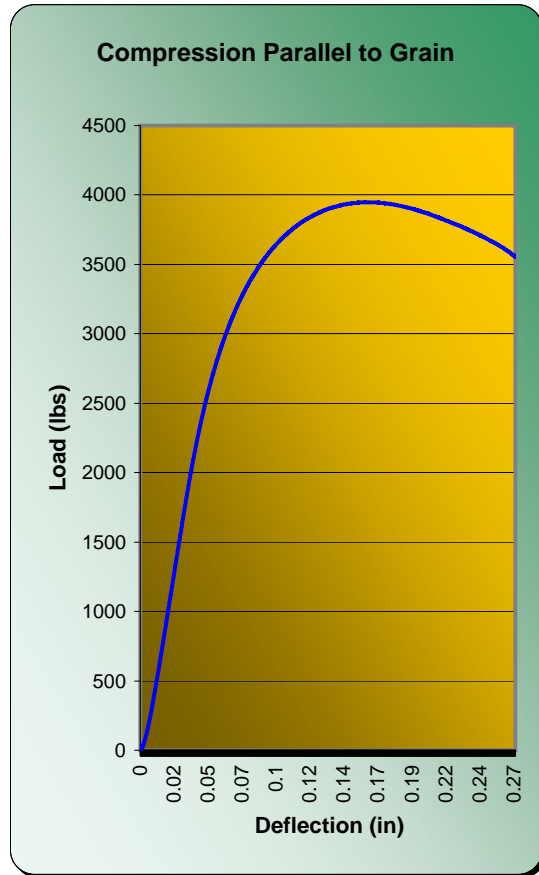
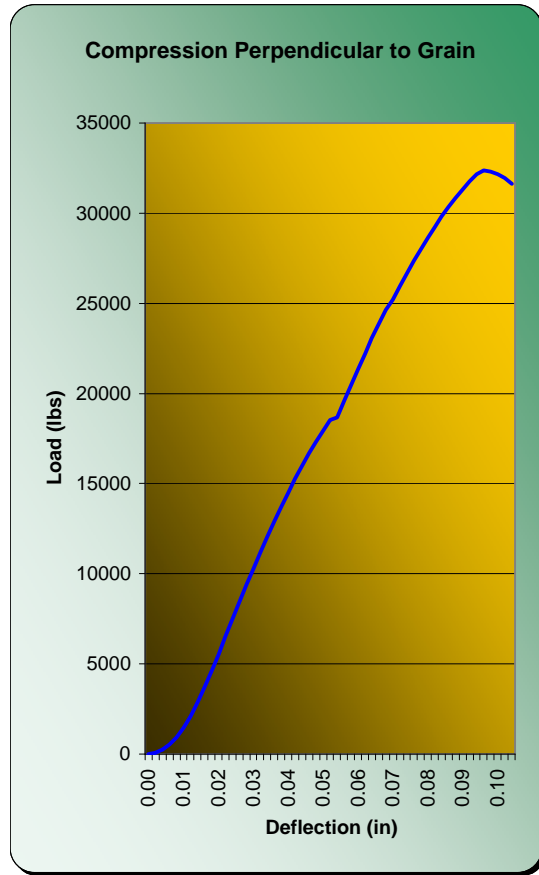


Fig. 2



Specific Gravity and Moisture Content

Specific Gravity ASTM D 2395
1.343

Moisture Content ASTM D 4442-A (%)
0.25

**Taber Abrasion Resistance (Modified)
ASTM D 4060**

Abrasion resistance based on procedures of **ASTM D4060** Standard using the standardized “Taber Abrasion” machine. Each of the two CS-17 Taber Abrasive wheels used in the test were weighted to 500 grams (1000 grams total for the two wheels). **Abrasion resistance was determined by the amount of wear that occurred after each 1000 cycle interval up to 10,000 cycles.** Each wear measurement is the result of the average of four measurements.

Taber Abrasion (Modified)

Cycles	Average Depth of Wear (in)	Wear Per 1K Cycles (in)
1000	0.0028	0.0028
2000	0.0036	0.0008
3000	0.0042	0.0006
4000	0.0046	0.0004
5000	0.0051	0.0005
6000	0.0056	0.0005
7000	0.006	0.0004
8000	0.0063	0.0003
9000	0.0066	0.0003
10000	0.0071	0.0005
Average		0.0005

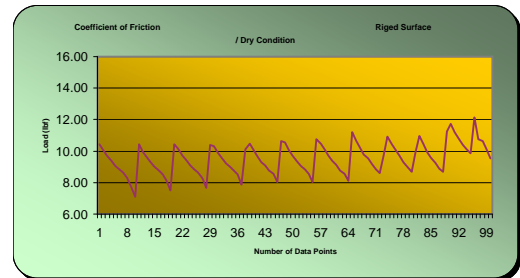
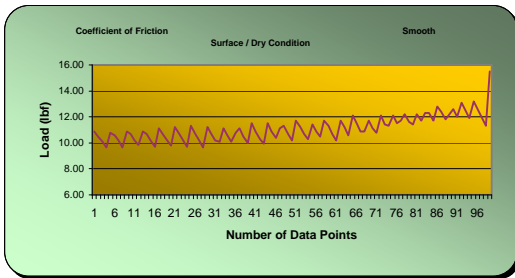


Static and Dynamic Coefficient of Friction (Slip Resistance)

Static Coefficient of Friction is determined by the Initial Amount of Force (lbf) required to pull a Dead-weight (25.00 lbs) glued to Prime-Grade Shoe Sole Leather across the surface of the product, divided by the Deadweight. *Lineal Coefficient of Friction* is likewise determined using the Amount of Force (lbf) required to keep the Dead-Weight moving across the surface of the product. Wet samples were prepared by pouring 400ml of tap water over the surface of the sample.

STATIC Coefficient of Friction	
Sample Number	Smooth-Dry
Initial Load (lbf)	17.02
Friction Coefficient	0.681
Dynamic Coefficient of Friction	
Maximum Load (lbf)	15.50
Minimum Load (lbf)	9.63
Average Load (lbf)	11.16
Friction Coefficient	0.446

STATIC Coefficient of Friction	
Sample Number	Ridged-Dry
Initial Load (lbf)	15.86
Friction Coefficient	0.634
Dynamic Coefficient of Friction	
Maximum Load (lbf)	12.13
Minimum Load (lbf)	7.10
Average Load (lbf)	9.52
Friction Coefficient	0.381



STATIC Coefficient of Friction	
Sample Number	Smooth-Wet
Initial Load (lbf)	17.41
Friction Coefficient	0.696
Dynamic Coefficient of Friction	
Maximum Load (lbf)	14.40
Minimum Load (lbf)	11.36
Average Load (lbf)	12.12
Friction Coefficient	0.485

STATIC Coefficient of Friction	
Sample Number	Ridged-Wet
Initial Load (lbf)	16.32
Friction Coefficient	0.653
Dynamic Coefficient of Friction	
Maximum Load (lbf)	11.23
Minimum Load (lbf)	8.26
Average Load (lbf)	9.62
Friction Coefficient	0.385

