

# **Report Of:**

- 2019 Alberta Building Code Part 4
- 2018 British Columbia Building Code Part 4
- 2020 National Building Code of Canada Part 4

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# Peak® RailBlazers®Aluminum Railing System

# Engineering Review for Compliance with Canadian Building Codes Part 4

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### **1** Overview

The Peak® RailBlazers® Aluminum Railing System is intended to act as a guard or barrier to protect the public from a fall. The objectives were to complete a structural review of the structural components based in Limit States Design, in accordance with applicable material standards and the Part 4 of the following Canadian building codes:

- → Alberta Building Code 2019
- → British Columbia Building Code 2018
- → National Building Code of Canada 2020

The following specified loads apply:

- → Concentrated load of 1 kN applied in any direction at any point along the top of guard.
- → Uniformly distributed load of 0.75 kN/m applied in any direction along the top of guard.
- → Uniformly distributed vertical load of 1.5 kN/m applied along the top of guard.
- → Concentrated infill load of 0.5 kN applied anywhere within the guard.
- → Concentrated live load of 0.1 kN applied in opposite directions on two individual infill elements within a guard shall result in an opening size no greater than 100mm.
- → Uniform wind load per the limits shown in Appendix B Assembly Drawings

The following structural components were evaluated:

#### 1.1 Infill Elements

- → Aluminum pickets 38 mm (1½") wide Dwg. Title "PEAK® RailBlazers® Railing Assembly with Wide Pickets"
- → Glass panels up to 1676 mm (66") wide Dwg. Title "PEAK® RailBlazers® Railing Assembly with Glass Panel"
- → Glass panels 152mm (6") wide Dwg. Title "PEAK® RailBlazers® Railing Assembly with 6 Inch Glass Panels"

#### 1.2 Rail Elements

- → Post Dwg. Title "Peak® Railblazers® Posts"
- → Hand rail See Report Assembly drawings
- → Base rail See Report Assembly drawings
- → Stair hand rail See Report Assembly drawings
- → Stair base rail See Report Assembly drawings

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#### 1.3 Connectors

- → Horizontal angle brackets Dwg. Title "Peak Railblazers® Brackets and Connectors"
- → Wall mount brackets Dwg. Title "Peak® Railblazers® Brackets and Connectors"
- → Mid/stair/end fascia mount bracket Dwg Title "Peak® Railblazers® Fascia Brackets"
- → Corner fascia mount bracket Dwg. Title "Peak® RailBlazers® Fascia Brackets"
- → Stair hand and base rail bracket Dwg. Titles "Aluminum Railing Stair Railing Assembly with Pickets" and "Aluminum Railing Stair Railing Assembly with Wide Pickets"

The complete list of all components (including non-structural components) for the system is included in Appendix A.

## 2 Infill Elements

The primary infill elements include the following:

- → Aluminum pickets 38 mm (1½") wide
- $\rightarrow$  Glass panels of 6mm (1/4") thick and up to 1676 mm (66") wide
- → Glass panels of 8mm (5/16") thick and 152 mm (6") wide

This review is based on information and drawings provided by Peak Products Manufacturing Inc. (Peak) for the elements listed above.

#### 2.1 Aluminum Infill Elements

Our analysis is based on the following information:

- → Loads: Prescribed by the Canadian building codes. See Section 1.0 Overview.
- → Resistance: Completed in accordance with CAN/CSA S157-17, Strength Design in Aluminum.
- → Section properties: Information was provided by Peak. Calculations were completed in accordance with CAN/CSA \$157-17.
- → Load configuration: Span and bearing lengths were provided by Peak.

#### 2.2 Glass Infill Elements

Our analysis is based on the following information:

- → Loads: Prescribed by the Canadian building codes. See Section 1.0 Overview.
- → Resistance: Completed in accordance with ASTM E1300-16, Standard Practice for Determining Load Resistance of Glass in Buildings.
- → Material: Tempered glass in accordance with ASTM E1300-16 per information and drawings provided by Peak.

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- → Section properties: Determined from drawings provided by Peak.
- → Load configuration: Span and bearing lengths were provided by Peak.
- Allowable deflection: The allowable deflection was calculated based on preventing fall-out of the glass from frame.

## 3 Rail Elements

#### 3.1 General Rail Elements

The general rail elements include the hand rail, stair hand rail, base rail, and posts. An analysis was completed based on the worst-case configuration for these elements.

- → Loads: Prescribed by the Canadian building codes. See Section 1.0 Overview.
- → Resistance: Completed in accordance with CAN/CSA S157-17, Strength Design in Aluminum.
- → Section properties: Information was provided by Peak. Calculations were completed in accordance with CAN/CSA \$157-17.
- → Fastener resistance: Completed in accordance with CAN/CSA S16-2021, Design of Steel Structures.
- → Load configuration: Span and dimensions were provided by Peak. Posts were modeled as cantilevers, fixed at the base. The results from our analysis show the maximum span that can be achieved, as calculated from the material and fastener resistances.

## 4 Connectors

#### 4.1 General Connectors

The general connectors included the horizontal angle brackets, wall mount brackets, mid/stair/end fascia mount bracket, corner fascia mount bracket, and stair hand and base rail brackets. An analysis was completed based on the worst-case configuration for these elements.

- → Loads: Prescribed by the Canadian building codes. See Section 1.0 Overview.
- → Resistance: Completed in accordance with CAN/CSA S157-17, Strength Design in Aluminum and CAN/CSA S16-2021, Design of Steel Structures.
- → Section properties: Information was provided by Peak. Calculations were completed in accordance with CAN/CSA \$157-17.
- → Load configuration: Span and dimensions were provided by Peak.
- → Connections to the base building are included as part of this review, including but not limited to the rail and post connections.

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# 5 Results

A full set of calculations and results is presented in RDH's compiled engineering review package. The engineering package includes:

- → Dimensioned drawings of each component, including extrusion drawings.
- → Calculation sheets for the structural capacity of components listed in 1.0 Overview.

The above documents contain proprietary information, and as such, have not been included in this report.

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## 6 Conclusion

The Peak® RailBlazers® Aluminum Railing System meets the requirements within Part 4 of the Alberta Building Code 2019, British Columbia Building Code 2018, National Building Code of Canada 2020. Limitations of compliance are defined in the assembly drawings presented in Appendix B.

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Encl. Appendix A – List of Components

Appendix B – Assembly Drawings

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# **Appendix A**

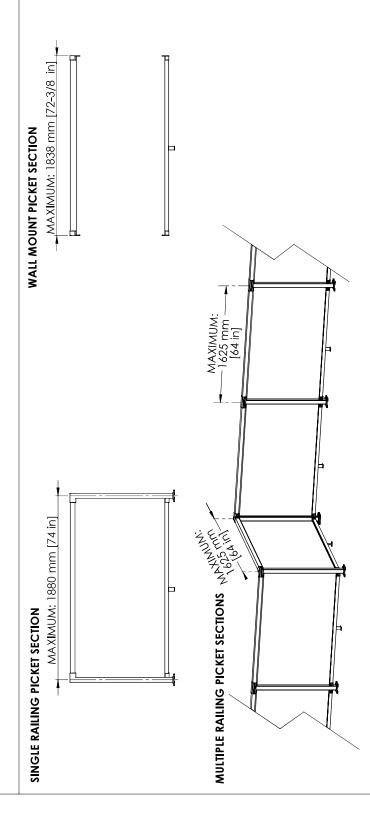
**List of Components** 

SKU (White)	SKU (Matte Black)	Description
91000	91001	END POST
91010	91011	MID POST
91020	91021	CORNER POST
91050	91051	STAIR POST
91100	91101	4' HAND AND BASE RAIL
91110	91111	6' HAND AND BASE RAIL
91300	91301	4' WIDE PICKET AND SPACER
91310	91311	6' WIDE PICKET AND SPACER
91320	91321	6' STAIR RAILING KIT WITH WIDE PICKETS
91920	91921	WALL BRACKET
91930	91931	STAIR BRACKET
90940	90940	6' GLASS GASKET
91950	91951	HORIZONTAL ANGLE BRACKET
91960	91961	CORNER FASCIA BRACKET
91970	91971	MID/END/STAIR FASCIA BRACKET
91710	91710	6" GLASS PANEL KIT - CLEAR
91713	91713	6" GLASS PANEL KIT - TINTED
10820	10820	GLASS PANEL 18 X 36 5/16
10823	10823	GLASS PANEL 21 X 36 5/16
10830	10830	GLASS PANEL 24 X 36 5/16
10833	10833	GLASS PANEL 27 X 36 5/16
10840	10840	GLASS PANEL 30 X 36 5/16
10843	10843	GLASS PANEL 33 X 36 5/16
10850	10850	GLASS PANEL 36 X 36 5/16
10853	10853	GLASS PANEL 39 X 36 5/16
90860	90860	GLASS PANEL 42 X 36 5/16
10863	10863	GLASS PANEL 45 X 36 5/16
10870	10870	GLASS PANEL 48 X 36 5/16
10873	10873	GLASS PANEL 51 X 36 5/16
10880	10880	GLASS PANEL 54 X 36 5/16
10883	10883	GLASS PANEL 57 X 36 5/16
10888	10888	GLASS PANEL 60 X 36 5/16
10891	10891	GLASS PANEL 63 X 36 5/16
90895	90895	GLASS PANEL 66 X 36 5/16

# **Appendix B**

**Assembly Drawings** 

Compliance with Canadian Building Codes Part 4 Appendix B - Drawings



# ALLOWABLE SPANS\* 6 in GLASS PANELS AND GLASS PANELS UP TO 1.676 m [66 in]

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≤ 0.2 kPa (low exposure area)	0.75 kN/m	1.838 m [72-3/8 in] 1.880 m [74 in]	1.880 m [74 in]	1.625 m [64 in]
≤ 0.67 kPa (low-rise)	0.75 kN/m	1.838 m [72-3/8 in]	1.880 m [74 in]	1.524 m [60 in]
≤ 0.97 kPa (high+rise)	0.75 kN/m	1.838 m [72-3/8 in]	1.880 m [74 in]	1.422 m [56 in]
≤ 1.15 kPa (high-exposure area)		1.838 m [72-3/8 in] 1.880 m [74 in]	1.880 m [74 in]	1.321 m [52 in]

\*Note: The above wind loads provided are guidelines for typical building types for a q50 = 0.48kPa in rough terrain. Actual wind loads must be determined by a professional engineer for the intended location.

Peak® RailBlazers® - Allowable Spans

PART FILE

Report assembly P4 Span 74in -ExtBase DWG REV

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