

National Flood Insurance Program

Elevation Certificate

and Instructions

2023 EDITION



FEMA

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE AND INSTRUCTIONS

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: Title 44 CFR § 61.7 and 61.8.

Principal Purpose(s): This information is being collected for the primary purpose of documenting compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain management ordinances for new or substantially improved structures in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas. This form may also be used as an optional tool for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Conditional LOMA (CLOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), or Conditional LOMR-F (CLOMR-F), or for flood insurance rating purposes in any flood zone.

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Disclosure: The disclosure of information on this form is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information requested may impact the flood insurance premium through the NFIP. Information will only be released as permitted by law.

PURPOSE OF THE ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the NFIP. It can be used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances, to inform the proper insurance premium, and to support a request for a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F.

The Elevation Certificate is used to document floodplain management compliance for Post-Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) buildings, which are buildings constructed after publication of the FIRM, located in flood Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, AO, A (with Base Flood Elevation (BFE)), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, and A99. It may also be used to provide elevation information for Pre-FIRM buildings or buildings in any flood zone.

As part of the agreement for making flood insurance available in a community, the NFIP requires the community to adopt floodplain management regulations that specify minimum requirements for reducing flood losses. One such requirement is for the community to obtain the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new and substantially improved buildings, and maintain a record of such information. The Elevation Certificate provides a way for a community to document compliance with the community's floodplain management ordinance.

Use of this certificate does not provide a waiver of the flood insurance purchase requirement. Only a LOMA or LOMR-F from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) can amend the FIRM and remove the federal mandate for a lending institution to require the purchase of flood insurance. However, the lending institution has the option of requiring flood insurance even if a LOMA/LOMR-F has been issued by FEMA. The Elevation Certificate may be used to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request. Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG) elevations certified by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect, as authorized by state law, will be required if the certificate is used to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request. A LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request must be submitted with either a completed FEMA MT-EZ or MT-1 application package, whichever is appropriate. If the certificate will only be completed to support a LOMA, CLOMA, LOMR-F, or CLOMR-F request, there is an option to document the certified LAG elevation on the Elevation Form included in the MT-EZ and MT-1 application.

This certificate is used only to certify building elevations. A separate certificate is required for floodproofing. Under the NFIP, non-residential buildings can be floodproofed up to or above the BFE. A floodproofed building is a building that has been designed and constructed to be watertight (substantially impermeable to floodwaters) below the BFE. Floodproofing of residential buildings is not permitted under the NFIP unless FEMA has granted the community an exception for residential floodproofed basements. The community must adopt standards for design and construction of floodproofed basements before FEMA will grant a basement exception. For both floodproofed non-residential buildings and residential floodproofed basements in communities that have been granted an exception by FEMA, a floodproofing certificate is required.

The expiration date on the form herein does not apply to certified and completed Elevation Certificates, as a completed Elevation Certificate does not expire, unless there is a physical change to the building that invalidates information in Section A Items A8 or A9, Section C, Section E, or Section H. In addition, this form is intended for the specific building referenced in Section A and is not invalidated by the transfer of building ownership.

Additional guidance can be found in FEMA Publication 467-1, *Floodplain Management Bulletin: Elevation Certificate*.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
National Flood Insurance Program

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

IMPORTANT: MUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTRUCTION PAGES 1-11

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

SECTION A – PROPERTY INFORMATION	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
<p>A1. Building Owner's Name: <u>Michael Gautier</u></p> <p>A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.: <u>12033 Sarto Lane</u></p> <p>City: <u>North Port</u> State: <u>FL</u> ZIP Code: <u>34287</u></p> <p>A3. Property Description (e.g., Lot and Block Numbers or Legal Description) and/or Tax Parcel Number: <u>Lot 1, Block 5, Warm Mineral Springs, Unit 78, Sarasota County, Florida PID# 0770140009</u></p> <p>A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Residential, Addition, Accessory, etc.): <u>Residential</u></p> <p>A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. <u>27°03'00.60"N</u> Long. <u>82°16'00.10"W</u> Horiz. Datum: <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 1927 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAD 1983 <input type="checkbox"/> WGS 84</p> <p>A6. Attach at least two and when possible four clear color photographs (one for each side) of the building (see Form pages 7 and 8).</p> <p>A7. Building Diagram Number: <u>1B</u></p> <p>A8. For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Square footage of crawlspace or enclosure(s): <u>N/A</u> sq. ft.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of each enclosed area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade: Non-engineered flood openings: <u>N/A</u> Engineered flood openings: <u>N/A</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A8.c: <u>N/A</u> sq. in.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A8.c (attach documentation – see Instructions): <u>N/A</u> sq. ft.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">f) Sum of A8.d and A8.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions): <u>N/A</u> sq. ft.</p> <p>A9. For a building with an attached garage:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Square footage of attached garage: <u>465</u> sq. ft.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Is there at least one permanent flood opening on two different sides of the attached garage? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) Enter number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade: Non-engineered flood openings: <u>N/A</u> Engineered flood openings: <u>3</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d) Total net open area of non-engineered flood openings in A9.c: <u>N/A</u> sq. in.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">e) Total rated area of engineered flood openings in A9.c (attach documentation – see Instructions): <u>750</u> sq. ft.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">f) Sum of A9.d and A9.e rated area (if applicable – see Instructions): <u>N/A</u> sq. ft.</p>	<p>Policy Number: _____</p> <p>Company NAIC Number: _____</p>
SECTION B – FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION	
<p>B1.a. NFIP Community Name: <u>Sarasota County</u> B1.b. NFIP Community Identification Number: <u>125144</u></p> <p>B2. County Name: <u>Sarasota</u> B3. State: <u>FL</u> B4. Map/Panel No.: <u>12115C 0370</u> B5. Suffix: <u>G</u></p> <p>B6. FIRM Index Date: <u>03/27/2024</u> B7. FIRM Panel Effective/Revised Date: <u>03/27/2024</u></p> <p>B8. Flood Zone(s): <u>AE</u> B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (BFE) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth): <u>9 Feet</u></p> <p>B10. Indicate the source of the BFE data or Base Flood Depth entered in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> FIS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRM <input type="checkbox"/> Community Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p>B11. Indicate elevation datum used for BFE in Item B9: <input type="checkbox"/> NGVD 1929 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAVD 1988 <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Source: _____</p> <p>B12. Is the building located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Designation Date: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CBRS <input type="checkbox"/> OPA</p> <p>B13. Is the building located seaward of the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

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SECTION C – BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY REQUIRED)C1. Building elevations are based on: ☐ Construction Drawings* ☐ Building Under Construction* ☒ Finished Construction

*A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.

C2. Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, AO, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1–A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, A99. Complete Items C2.a–h below according to the Building Diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

Benchmark Utilized: Havoline 2 Vertical Datum: N.A.V.D. 88

Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below.

☐ NGVD 1929 ☒ NAVD 1988 ☐ Other: _____

Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFE. Conversion factor used?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe the source of the conversion factor in the Section D Comments area.

Check the measurement used:

a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor): 10.3 ☒ feet ☐ metersb) Top of the next higher floor (see Instructions): N/A ☐ feet ☐ metersc) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (see Instructions): N/A ☐ feet ☐ metersd) Attached garage (top of slab): 8.9 ☒ feet ☐ meterse) Lowest elevation of Machinery and Equipment (M&E) servicing the building (describe type of M&E and location in Section D Comments area): 10.2 ☒ feet ☐ metersf) Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG) next to building: ☐ Natural ☒ Finished 8.4 ☒ feet ☐ metersg) Highest Adjacent Grade (HAG) next to building: ☐ Natural ☒ Finished 9.2 ☒ feet ☐ metersh) Finished LAG at lowest elevation of attached deck or stairs, including structural support: 8.4 ☒ feet ☐ meters**SECTION D – SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, OR ARCHITECT CERTIFICATION**

This certification is to be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer, or architect authorized by state law to certify elevation information. *I certify that the information on this Certificate represents my best efforts to interpret the data available. I understand that any false statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment under 18 U.S. Code, Section 1001.*

Were latitude and longitude in Section A provided by a licensed land surveyor? ☒ Yes ☐ No☒ Check here if attachments and describe in the Comments area.

Certifier's Name: Robert J Breedlove License Number: LS 7040

Title: Professional Surveyor and Mapper

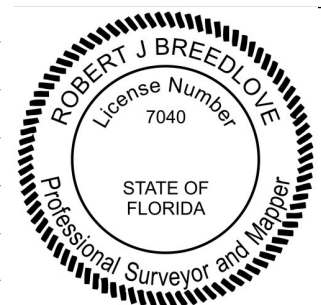
Company Name: VanBuskirk & Fish Surveying and Mapping Inc.

Address: 12450 Tamiami Trail

City: North Port State: FL ZIP Code: 34287

Telephone: (941) 426-0681 Ext.: _____ Email: Landsurveyor@vbfainc.com

Signature: _____ Date: 07/19/2025



Place Seal Here

Copy all pages of this Elevation Certificate and all attachments for (1) community official, (2) insurance agent/company, and (3) building owner.

Comments (including source of conversion factor in C2; type of equipment and location per C2.e; and description of any attachments): The coordinates listed in Item A5.) were gathered using a hand-held GPS on the date of the survey. In item A9. c) The 3 vents in the garage walls were engineered by Freedom Flood Vents model # FFV-1608. They are rated at 250 sq in each, giving you a total venting area of 750 sq in. The elevation in Item C2 e.) is for the A/C Unit located on the left side of the residence.

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**SECTION E – BUILDING MEASUREMENT INFORMATION (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED)
FOR ZONE AO, ZONE AR/AO, AND ZONE A (WITHOUT BFE)**

For Zones AO, AR/AO, and A (without BFE), complete Items E1–E5. For Items E1–E4, use natural grade, if available. If the Certificate is intended to support a Letter of Map Change request, complete Sections A, B, and C. Check the measurement used. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

Building measurements are based on: ☐ Construction Drawings* ☐ Building Under Construction* ☐ Finished Construction

*A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building is complete.

E1. Provide measurements (C.2.a in applicable Building Diagram) for the following and check the appropriate boxes to show whether the measurement is above or below the natural HAG and the LAG.

a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above or ☐ below the HAG.

b) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure) is: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above or ☐ below the LAG.

E2. For Building Diagrams 6–9 with permanent flood openings provided in Section A Items 8 and/or 9 (see pages 1–2 of Instructions), the next higher floor (C2.b in applicable Building Diagram) of the building is: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above or ☐ below the HAG.

E3. Attached garage (top of slab) is: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above or ☐ below the HAG.

E4. Top of platform of machinery and/or equipment servicing the building is: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above or ☐ below the HAG.

E5. Zone AO only: If no flood depth number is available, is the top of the bottom floor elevated in accordance with the community's floodplain management ordinance? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown The local official must certify this information in Section G.

SECTION F – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

The property owner or owner's authorized representative who completes Sections A, B, and E for Zone A (without BFE) or Zone AO must sign here. *The statements in Sections A, B, and E are correct to the best of my knowledge*

☐ Check here if attachments and describe in the Comments area.

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

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SECTION G – COMMUNITY INFORMATION (RECOMMENDED FOR COMMUNITY OFFICIAL COMPLETION)

The local official who is authorized by law or ordinance to administer the community's floodplain management ordinance can complete Section A, B, C, E, G, or H of this Elevation Certificate. Complete the applicable item(s) and sign below when:

- G1. ☐ The information in Section C was taken from other documentation that has been signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor, engineer, or architect who is authorized by state law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)
- G2.a. ☐ A local official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a BFE), Zone AO, or Zone AR/AO, or when item E5 is completed for a building located in Zone AO.
- G2.b. ☐ A local official completed Section H for insurance purposes.
- G3. ☐ In the Comments area of Section G, the local official describes specific corrections to the information in Sections A, B, E and H.
- G4. ☐ The following information (Items G5–G11) is provided for community floodplain management purposes.
- G5. Permit Number: _____ G6. Date Permit Issued: _____
- G7. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy Issued: _____
- G8. This permit has been issued for: ☐ New Construction ☐ Substantial Improvement
- G9.a. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (including basement) of the building: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters Datum: _____
- G9.b. Elevation of bottom of as-built lowest horizontal structural member: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters Datum: _____
- G10.a. BFE (or depth in Zone AO) of flooding at the building site: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters Datum: _____
- G10.b. Community's minimum elevation (or depth in Zone AO) requirement for the lowest floor or lowest horizontal structural member: _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters Datum: _____
- G11. Variance issued? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, attach documentation and describe in the Comments area.

The local official who provides information in Section G must sign here. *I have completed the information in Section G and certify that it is correct to the best of my knowledge. If applicable, I have also provided specific corrections in the Comments area of this section.*

Local Official's Name: _____ Title: _____

NFIP Community Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2.e; description of any attachments; and corrections to specific information in Sections A, B, D, E, or H):

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**SECTION H – BUILDING'S FIRST FLOOR HEIGHT INFORMATION FOR ALL ZONES
(SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) (FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ONLY)**

The property owner, owner's authorized representative, or local floodplain management official may complete Section H for all flood zones to determine the building's first floor height for insurance purposes. Sections A, B, and I must also be completed. Enter heights to the nearest tenth of a foot (nearest tenth of a meter in Puerto Rico). **Reference the Foundation Type Diagrams (at the end of Section H Instructions) and the appropriate Building Diagrams (at the end of Section I Instructions) to complete this section.**

H1. Provide the height of the top of the floor (as indicated in Foundation Type Diagrams) above the Lowest Adjacent Grade (LAG):

a) **For Building Diagrams 1A, 1B, 3, and 5–8.** Top of bottom _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above the LAG floor (include above-grade floors only for buildings with crawlspaces or enclosure floors) is:

b) **For Building Diagrams 2A, 2B, 4, and 6–9.** Top of next _____ ☐ feet ☐ meters ☐ above the LAG higher floor (i.e., the floor above basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor) is:

H2. Is **all** Machinery and Equipment servicing the building (as listed in Item H2 instructions) elevated to or above the floor indicated by the H2 arrow (shown in the Foundation Type Diagrams at end of Section H instructions) for the appropriate Building Diagram?

☐ Yes ☐ No

SECTION I – PROPERTY OWNER (OR OWNER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

The property owner or owner's authorized representative who completes Sections A, B, and H must sign here. *The statements in Sections A, B, and H are correct to the best of my knowledge.* **Note:** If the local floodplain management official completed Section H, they should indicate in Item G2.b and sign Section G.

☐ Check here if attachments are provided (including required photos) and describe each attachment in the Comments area.

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Ext.: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Comments:

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE
IMPORTANT: MUST FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON INSTRUCTION PAGES 1-11
BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS
 See Instructions for Item A6.

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Instructions: Insert below at least two and when possible four photographs showing each side of the building (for example, may only be able to take front and back pictures of townhouses/rowhouses). Identify all photographs with the date taken and "Front View," "Rear View," "Right Side View," or "Left Side View." Photographs must show the foundation. When flood openings are present, include at least one close-up photograph of representative flood openings or vents, as indicated in Sections A8 and A9.



Photo One

Photo One Caption: Front View 7/9/25

Clear Photo One



Photo Two

Photo Two Caption: Rear View 7/9/25

Clear Photo Two

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Continuation Page

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Insert the third and fourth photographs below. Identify all photographs with the date taken and "Front View," "Rear View," "Right Side View," or "Left Side View." When flood openings are present, include at least one close-up photograph of representative flood openings or vents, as indicated in Sections A8 and A9.



Photo Three

Photo Three Caption: Right Side View 7/9/25

Clear Photo Three



Photo Four

Photo Four Caption: Vent Detail 7/9/25

Clear Photo Four

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- CBC Supplement

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DIVISION: 08 00 00— OPENINGS Section: 08 95 43— Vents / Foundation Flood Vents	REPORT HOLDER: SMART PRODUCT INNOVATIONS, INC.	EVALUATION SUBJECT: FREEDOM FLOOD VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENT: MODEL FFV-1608	
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1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2024, 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 [International Building Code® \(IBC\)](#)
- 2024, 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 [International Residential Code® \(IRC\)](#)

Properties evaluated:

- Physical operation
- Water flow
- Weathering

2.0 USES

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is used to equalize hydrostatic pressure on walls of enclosures subject to rising or falling floodwaters. With the cover removed, the model FFV-1608 also provides natural air ventilation.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 General:

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is an engineered mechanically operated in-wall flood vent (FV) that automatically allows floodwater to enter an enclosed area and exit. The FV is comprised of a polycarbonate frame with mounting flange and a polycarbonate horizontally pivoting door. When subjected to rising water, the model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® door is activated and pivots to allow water and debris to flow in either direction to equalize hydrostatic pressure from one side of the enclosure to the other. The FV features a removable polycarbonate cover. The FV door will activate and pivot when subjected to rising water with or without the polycarbonate cover installed.

3.2 Engineered Opening:

The FV complies with the design principle noted in Section 2.7.2.2 and Section 2.7.3 of ASCE/ SEI 24-14 (2024, 2021, 2018 and 2015 IBC and IRC) [Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/ SEI 24-05 (2012, 2009, 2006 IBC and IRC)] for a maximum rate of rise and fall of 5.0 feet per hour (0.423 mm/s). In order to comply with the engineered opening requirement of ASCE/ SEI 24, Freedom Flood Vent® FVs must be installed in accordance with Section 4.0 below. See [Table 1](#) for vent size and maximum allowable area coverage for a single vent.

4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is designed to be installed into walls or overhead doors of existing or new construction. Installation of the vent must be in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, the applicable code, and this report. In order to comply with the engineered opening design principle noted in Sections 2.7.2.2 and 2.7.3 of ASCE/ SEI 24-14 (2024, 2021, 2018 and 2015 IBC and IRC) [Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/ SEI 24-05 (2012, 2009, 2006 IBC and IRC)], the Freedom

Flood Vent® must be installed as follows:

- With a minimum of two openings on different sides of each enclosed area.
- With a minimum of one FV for every 250 square feet (23.2 m2) of enclosed area.
- Below the base flood elevation.
- With the bottom of the vent located a maximum of 12 inches (305.4 mm) above the higher of the final interior grade or floor and the finished exterior grade immediately under each opening.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE:

The Freedom Flood Vent® 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 model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® unit must be installed in accordance with this report, the applicable code and the manufacturer’s published installation instructions. In the event of a conflict, the instructions in this report shall govern.
- 5.2 The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® unit must not be used in place of “breakaway walls” in coastal high hazard areas, but are permitted for use in conjunction with breakaway walls in other areas.
- 5.3 Use of the Freedom Flood Vent as under-floor space ventilation is outside the scope of this report.
- 5.4 FFV–1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is manufactured in Gastonia, North Carolina under a quality control program with inspections by ICC-ES.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the [ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Mechanically Operated Flood Vents \(AC364\)](#), dated August 2015 (editorially revised February 2024).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 The ICC-ES mark of conformity, electronic labeling, or the evaluation report number (ICC-ES ESR-4332) along with the name, registered trademark, or registered logo of the report holder must be included in the product label.
- 7.2 In addition, the Freedom Flood Vent® model described in this report must be identified by a label bearing the manufacturer’s name (Smart Product Innovations, Inc.) and the evaluation report number (ESR-4332).
- 7.3 The report holder’s contact information is the following:

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TABLE 1—FREEDOM FLOOD VENT®

MODEL NAME	MODEL NUMBER	MODEL SIZE	COVERAGE ¹ (ft²)
Freedom Flood Vent®	FFV-1608	15 ³ / ₄ " X 8 ¹ / ₁₆ "	250

For **SI**: 1 inch = 25.4 mm

¹The enclosed coverage area in square feet is equivalent to the performance of the same number of square inches of non-engineered openings.



FIGURE 1—MODEL FFV-1608 FREEDOM FLOOD VENT[®]: SHOWN WITH COVER REMOVED



FIGURE 2—MODEL FFV-1608 FREEDOM FLOOD VENT[®]: SHOWN WITH FLOOD DOOR PIVOTED OPEN

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FREEDOM FLOOD VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENT: MODEL FFV-1608

1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Purpose:

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Applicable code editions:

- 2022 California Building Code (CBC)

For evaluation of applicable chapters adopted by the California Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHDP) AKA: California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and the Division of State Architect (DSA), see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 below.

- 2022 California Residential Code (CRC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

2.1 CBC:

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with CBC Chapter 12 provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2021 *International Building Code*® (IBC) provisions noted in the evaluation report and the additional requirements of CBC Chapters 12 and 16, as applicable.

2.1.1 OSHPD: The applicable OSHPD Sections and Chapters of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.1.2 DSA: The applicable DSA Sections and Chapters of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

2.2 CRC:

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with the CRC, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2021 *International Residential Code*® (IRC) provisions noted in the evaluation report.

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Applicable code editions:

- 2023 *Florida Building Code—Building*
- 2023 *Florida Building Code—Residential*

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, provided the design requirements must be determined in accordance with the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, as applicable. The installation requirements noted in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-4332 for the 2021 *International Building Code*® (IBC) meet the requirements of *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, as applicable.

Use of the Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608 has also been found to be in compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*.

For products falling under Florida Rule 61G20-3, verification that the report holder's quality assurance program is audited by a quality assurance entity approved by the Florida Building Commission for the type of inspections being conducted is the responsibility of an approved validation entity (or the code official, when the report holder does not possess an approval by the Commission).

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