

# ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

OMB No. 1660-0008  
 Expiration Date: November 30, 2018

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 Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No. **FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE**  
 Lot-1, Gnarled-Oaks-Estates Policy Number:

City Englewood State Florida ZIP Code 34223 Company NAIC Number

### SECTION G - COMMUNITY INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

The local official who is authorized by law or ordinance to administer the community's floodplain management ordinance can complete Sections A, B, C (or E), and G of this Elevation Certificate. Complete the applicable item(s) and sign below. Check the measurement used in Items G8-G10. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

- 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 law to certify elevation information. (Indicate the source and date of the elevation data in the Comments area below.)
- G2.  A community official completed Section E for a building located in Zone A (without a FEMA-issued or community-issued BFE) or Zone AO.
- G3.  The following information (Items G4-G10) is provided for community floodplain management purposes.

G4. Permit Number **17-130894 B1** G5. Date Permit Issued G6. Date Certificate of Compliance/Occupancy Issued

G7. This permit has been issued for:  New Construction  Substantial Improvement

G8. Elevation of as-built lowest floor (including basement) \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

G9. BFE or (in Zone AO) depth of flooding at the building site: \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

G10. Community's design flood elevation: \_\_\_\_\_  feet  meters Datum \_\_\_\_\_

Local Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Community Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)

Check here if attachments.

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Important: Follow the instructions on pages 1-9.

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

A1. Building Owner's Name Edward Chadwick and Theresa Chadwick		FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE Policy Number:	
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No. Lot 1, Garbled Oaks Estates		Company NAIC Number:	
City Englewood	State Florida	ZIP Code 34223	

A3. Property Description (Lot and Block Numbers, Tax Parcel Number, Legal Description, etc.)  
 Parcel #0502100011, Lot 1, Garbled Oaks Estates

A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Residential, Addition, Accessory, etc.) Residential

A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. N26° 56' 58.0" Long. W82° 22' 29.0" Horizontal Datum:  NAD 1927  NAD 1983

A6. Attach at least 2 photographs of the building if the Certificate is being used to obtain flood insurance.

A7. Building Diagram Number 6

A8. For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):

a) Square footage of crawlspace or enclosure(s) 1152.00 sq ft

b) Number of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace or enclosure(s) within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade 6

c) Total net area of flood openings in A8,b 847.00 sq in

d) Engineered flood openings?  Yes  No

A9. For a building with an attached garage:

a) Square footage of attached garage 907.00 sq ft

b) Number of permanent flood openings in the attached garage within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade 5

c) Total net area of flood openings in A9,b 705.00 sq in

d) Engineered flood openings?  Yes  No

## SECTION B - FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION

B1. NFIP Community Name & Community Number Sarasota County 125144		B2. County Name Sarasota	B3. State Florida
B4. Map/Panel Number 12115C0434/453	B5. Suffix F	B6. FIRM Index Date 11-04-2016	B7. FIRM Panel Effective/ Revised Date 11-04-2016
		B8. Flood Zone(s) AE	B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (Zone AO, use Base Flood Depth) 10.0'

B10. Indicate the source of the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) data or base flood depth entered in Item B9:

FIS Profile  FIRM  Community Determined  Other/Source: \_\_\_\_\_

B11. Indicate elevation datum used for BFE in Item B9:  NGVD 1929  NAVD 1988  Other/Source: \_\_\_\_\_

B12. Is the building located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA)?  Yes  No

Designation Date:  CBRS  OPA

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Policy Number:

City: Englewood State: Florida ZIP Code: 34223

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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, A (with BFE), VE, V1-V30, V (with BFE), AR, ARA, ARAE, ARA1-A30, AR/AH, ARAO.  
Complete items C2.a-h below according to the building diagram specified in item A7. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.  
Benchmark Utilized: Range Mon. R-182-1974 Vertical Datum: N.A.V.D. 1988 by Vertcon

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

NGVD 1929  NAVD 1988  Other/Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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|  | Check the measurement used.  |
| a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor)  | 7.50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters  |
| b) Top of the next higher floor  | 19.80 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (V Zones only)  | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters   |
| d) Attached garage (top of slab)   | 7.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters  |
| e) Lowest elevation of machinery or equipment servicing the building (Describe type of equipment and location in Comments) | 13.40 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters |
| f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LAG)   | 6.90 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters  |
| g) Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (HAG)  | 7.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> meters  |
| h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including structural support                               | 0.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feet <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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.

Certifier's Name: Warren A. McLeod License Number: 4855

Title: Professional Surveyor and Mapper

Company Name: DMK Associates, Inc.

Address: 4315 S. Access Road

City: Englewood State: Florida ZIP Code: 34224

Signature:  Date: 07-10-2018 Telephone: (941) 475-6596 Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Comments (including type of equipment and location, per C2(e), if applicable)

C2-E - Represents the outside A/C unit. The vent opening have Smart Vents Model No. 1540-520, rated at 200 square inches each. Garage area contains 5 Smart Vents for a total of 1000 square inches. The lower floor enclosed area contains 6 Smart Vents for a total of 1200 square inches. 1 vent in Common wall.

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## SECTION E - BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY NOT REQUIRED) FOR ZONE AO AND ZONE A (WITHOUT BFE)

For Zones AO and A (without BFE), complete Items E1-E5. If the Certificate is intended to support a LOMA or LOMR-F request, complete Sections A, B, and C. For Items E1-E4, use natural grade, if available. Check the measurement used. In Puerto Rico only, enter meters.

- E1. Provide elevation information for the following and check the appropriate boxes to show whether the elevation is above or below the highest adjacent grade (HAG) and the lowest adjacent grade (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 (elevation C2.b in the diagrams) 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 REPRESENTATIVE) CERTIFICATION

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

Property Owner or Owner's Authorized Representative's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address _____	City _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____
Signature _____	Date _____	Telephone _____	

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if attachments.

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**BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHS**

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See Instructions for Item A6.

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If using the Elevation Certificate to obtain NFIP flood insurance, affix at least 2 building photographs below according to the instructions for Item A6. Identify all photographs with date taken; "Front View" and "Rear View"; and, if required, "Right Side View" and "Left Side View." When applicable, photographs must show the foundation with representative examples of the flood openings or vents, as indicated in Section A8. If submitting more photographs than will fit on this page, use the Continuation Page.



Photo One

Photo One Caption

Front - Taken 7/2/2018

Clear Photo One

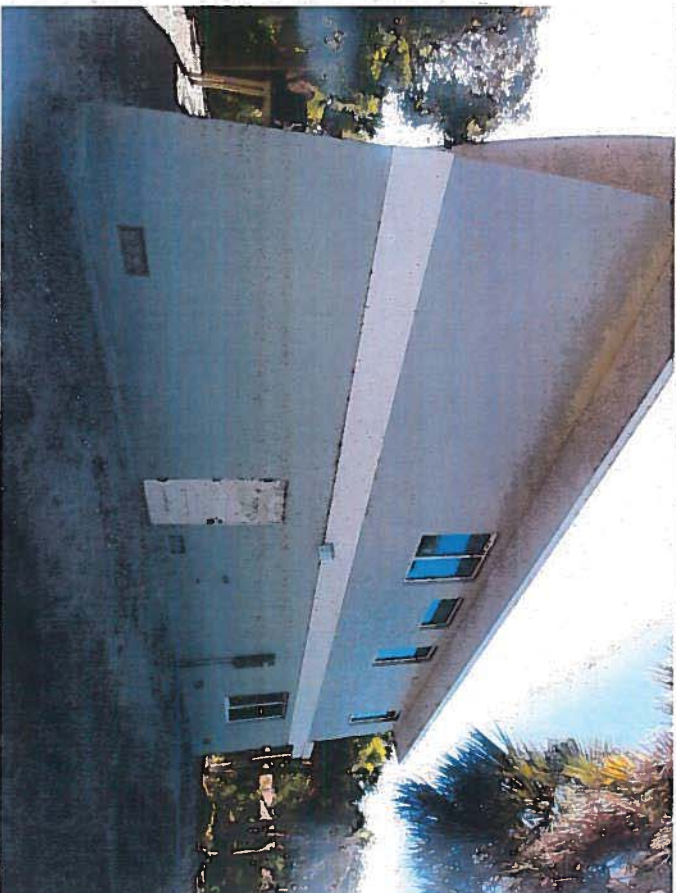


Photo Two

Photo Two Caption

Rear - Taken 7/2/2018

Clear Photo Two

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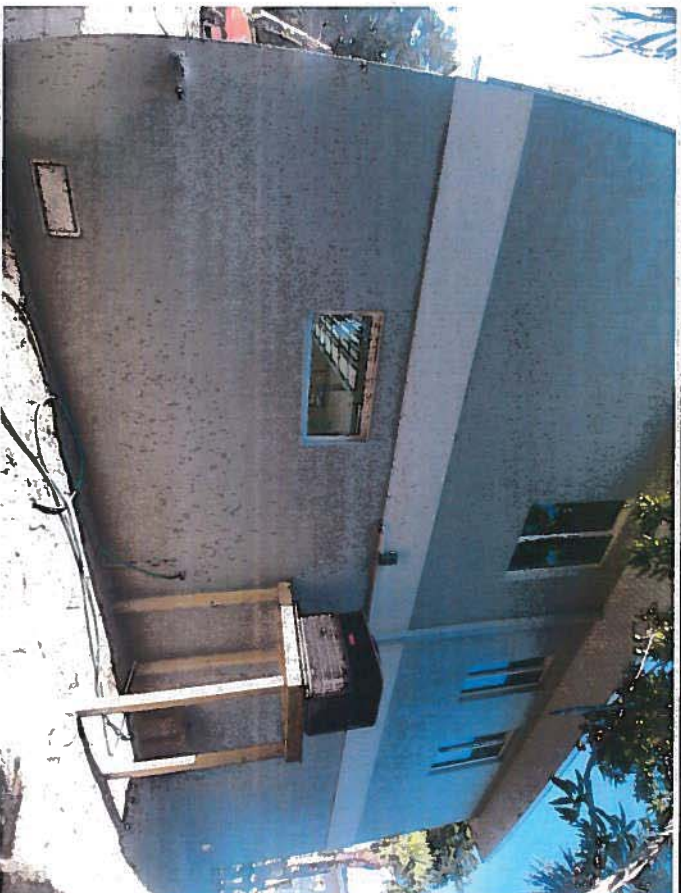


Photo Three

Photo Three Caption Right Side - Taken 7/2/2018

Clear Photo Three

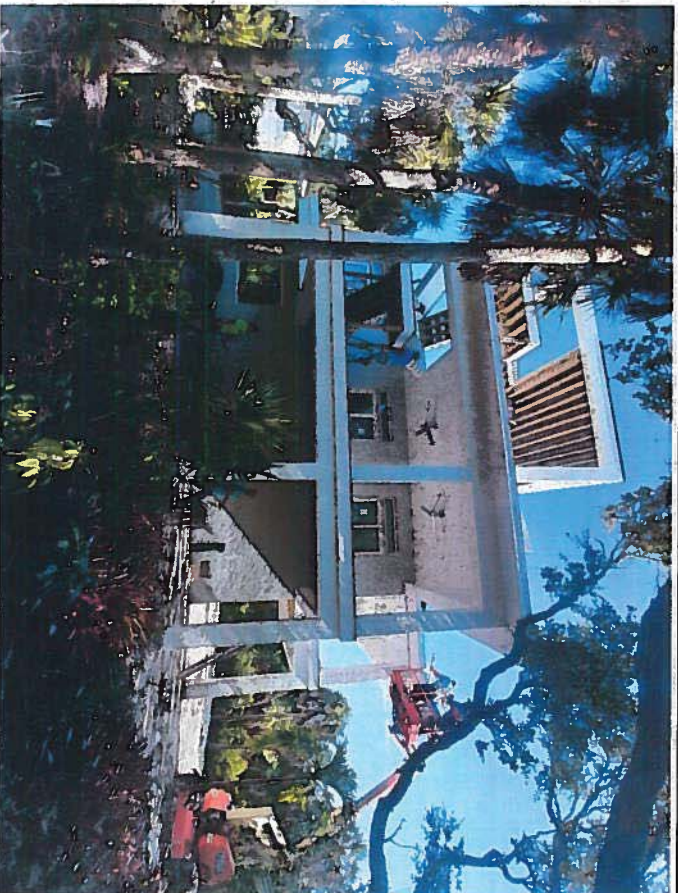


Photo Four

Photo Four Caption Left Side - Taken 7/2/2018

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**DIVISION: 08 00 00—OPENINGS**  
**SECTION: 08 95 43—VENTS/FOUNDATION FLOOD VENTS**

**REPORT HOLDER:**

**SMARTVENT PRODUCTS, INC.**

430 ANDBRO DRIVE, UNIT 1  
PITMAN, NEW JERSEY 08071

**EVALUATION SUBJECT:**

**SMART VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENTS:**  
**MODELS #1540-520; #1540-521; #1540-510; #1540-511;**  
**#1540-570; #1540-574; #1540-524; #1540-514**



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**#1540-570; #1540-574; #1540-524; #1540-514**

**1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE**

Compliance with the following codes:

- 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)
- 2013 *Abu Dhabi International Building Code* (ADIBC)<sup>†</sup>

<sup>†</sup>The ADIBC is based on the 2009 IBC. 2009 IBC code sections referenced in this report are the same sections in the ADIBC.

**Properties evaluated:**

- Physical operation
- Water flow

**2.0 USES**

The Smart Vent® units are engineered mechanically operated flood vents (FVs) employed to equalize hydrostatic pressure on walls of enclosures subject to rising or falling flood waters. Certain models also allow natural ventilation.

**3.0 DESCRIPTION**

**3.1 General:**

When subjected to rising water, the Smart Vent® FVs internal floats are activated, then pivot open to allow flow in either direction to equalize water level and hydrostatic pressure from one side of the foundation to the other. The FV pivoting door is normally held in the closed position by a buoyant release device. When subjected to rising water, the buoyant release device causes the unit to unlatch, allowing the door to rotate out of the way and allow flow.

The water level stabilizes, equalizing the lateral forces. Each unit is fabricated from stainless steel. Smart Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vents are available in various models and sizes as described in Table 1. The SmartVent® Stacking Model #1540-511 and FloodVent® Stacking Model #1540-521 units each contain two vertically arranged openings per unit.

**3.2 Engineered Opening:**

The FVs comply with the design principle noted in Section 2.7.2.2 and Section 2.7.3 of ASCE/SEI 24-14 [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 m/s). In order to comply with the engineered opening requirement of ASCE/SEI 24, Smart Vent FVs must be installed in accordance with Section 4.0.

**3.3 Ventilation:**

The SmartVent® Model #1540-510 and SmartVent® Overhead Door Model #1540-514 both have screen covers with 1/4-inch-by-1/4-inch (6.35 by 6.35 mm) openings, yielding 51 square inches (32 903 mm<sup>2</sup>) of net free area to supply natural ventilation. The SmartVent® Stacking Model #1540-511 consists of two Model #1540-510 units in one assembly, and provides 102 square inches (65 806 mm<sup>2</sup>) of net free area to supply natural ventilation. Other FVs recognized in this report do not offer natural ventilation.

**4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION**

SmartVent® and FloodVent® are designed to be installed into walls or overhead doors of existing or new construction from the exterior side. Installation of the vents must be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the applicable code and this report. Installation clips allow mounting in masonry and concrete walls of any thickness. In order to comply with the engineered opening design principle noted in Section 2.7.2.2 and 2.7.3 of ASCE/SEI 24-14 [Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/SEI 24-05 (2012, 2009, 2006 IBC and IRC)], the Smart Vent® FVs 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 200 square feet (18.6 m<sup>2</sup>) of enclosed area, except that the SmartVent® Stacking Model #1540-511 and FloodVent® Stacking Model #1540-521 must be installed with a minimum of one FV for every 400 square feet (37.2 m<sup>2</sup>) of enclosed area.
- Below the base flood elevation.

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- With the bottom of the FV located a maximum of 12 inches (305.4 mm) above the higher of the final grade or floor and finished exterior grade immediately under each opening.

## 5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Smart Vent<sup>®</sup> FVs described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The Smart Vent<sup>®</sup> FVs must be installed in accordance with this report, the applicable code and the manufacturer's installation instructions. In the event of a conflict, the instructions in this report govern.
- 5.2 The Smart Vent<sup>®</sup> FVs must not be used in the place of "breakaway walls" in coastal high hazard areas, but

are permitted for use in conjunction with breakaway walls in other areas.

## 6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Mechanically-Operated Flood Vents (AC3084), dated August 2015.

## 7.0 IDENTIFICATION

The Smart Vent<sup>®</sup> models recognized in this report must be identified by a label bearing the manufacturer's name (Smartvent Products, Inc.), the model number, and the evaluation report number (ESR-2074).

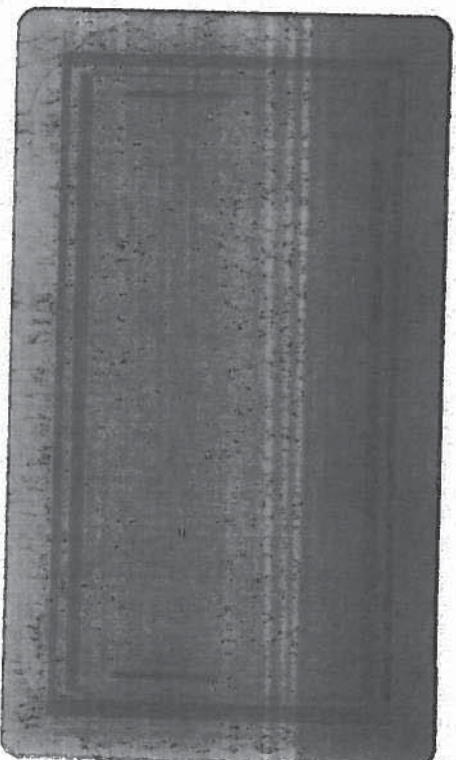
TABLE 1—MODEL SIZES

MODEL NAME	MODEL NUMBER	MODEL SIZE (In.)	COVERAGE (sq. ft.)
FloodVENT <sup>®</sup>	1540-520	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " X 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
SmartVENT <sup>®</sup>	1540-510	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " X 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
FloodVENT <sup>®</sup> Overhead Door	1540-524	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " X 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
SmartVENT <sup>®</sup> Overhead Door	1540-514	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " X 7 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
Wood Wall FloodVENT <sup>®</sup>	1540-570	14" X 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
Wood Wall FloodVENT <sup>®</sup> Overhead Door	1540-574	14" X 8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> "	200
SmartVENT <sup>®</sup> Stacker	1540-511	16" X 16"	400
FloodVent <sup>®</sup> Stacker	1540-521	16" X 16"	400

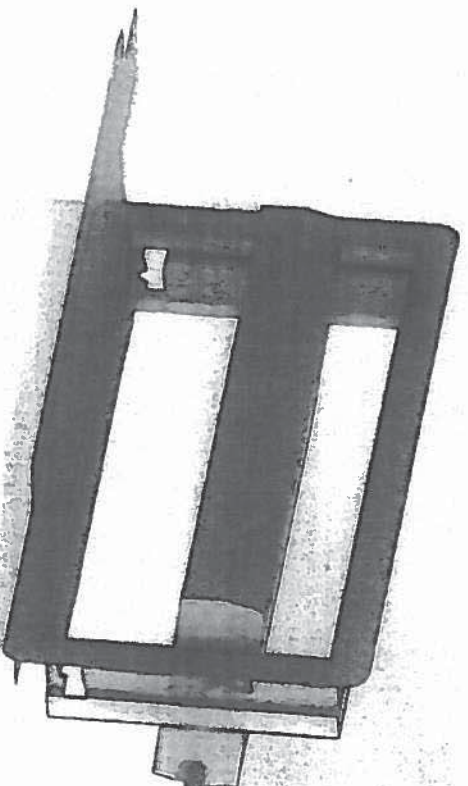
For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm; 1 square foot = m<sup>2</sup>



**FIGURE 1—SMART VENT: MODEL 1540-510**



**FIGURE 2—SMART VENT MODEL 1540-520**



**FIGURE 3—SMART VENT: SHOWN WITH FLOOD DOOR PIVOTED OPEN**



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*NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM*

**ELEVATION CERTIFICATE**

**AND**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**2015 EDITION**

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

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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 estimating the risk premium rates necessary to provide flood insurance for new or substantially improved structures in designated Special Flood Hazard Areas.

**Routine Use(s):** The information on this form may be disclosed as generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended. This includes using this information as necessary and authorized by the routine uses published in DHS/ FEMA-003 – National Flood Insurance Program Files System or Records Notice 73 Fed. Reg. 77747 (December 19, 2008); DHS/ FEMA/NFIP/LOMA-1 – National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) System of Records Notice 71 Fed. Reg. 7990 (February 15, 2006); and upon written request, written consent, by agreement, or as required by law.

**Disclosure:** The disclosure of information on this form is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information requested may result in the inability to obtain flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program or the applicant may be subject to higher premium rates for flood insurance. Information will only be released as permitted by law.

### Purpose of the Elevation Certificate

The Elevation Certificate is an important administrative tool of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It is to be used to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances, to determine the proper insurance premium rate, and to support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letter of Map Revision based on fill (LOMR-F).

The Elevation Certificate is required in order to properly rate Post-FIRM buildings, which are buildings constructed after publication of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), located in flood insurance Zones A1-A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1-V30, V (with BFE), AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1-A30, AR/AH, and AR/AO. The Elevation Certificate is not required for Pre-FIRM buildings unless the building is being rated under the optional Post-FIRM flood insurance rules.

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 basements) 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 or LOMR-F request. Lowest floor and lowest adjacent grade elevations certified by a surveyor or engineer will be required if the certificate is used to support a LOMA or LOMR-F request. A LOMA or LOMR-F request must be submitted with either a completed FEMA MT-EZ or MT-1 package, whichever is appropriate.

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 Base Flood Elevation (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.

Additional guidance can be found in FEMA Publication 467-1, Floodplain Management Bulletin: Elevation Certificate, available on FEMA's website at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/35392?d=1727>.