

Blanmore Test Laboratories

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Low-High-Low Testing of Metal Roofing Products

Do your products comply

In cyclonic areas, metal roof assemblies, its connections and its immediate supporting members must comply with :-

- (i) AS/NZ 1170.2 or AS 1170.2 or
- (ii) be capable of remaining in position notwithstanding any permanent distortion, fracture or damage that may occur in the sheet or fastening under a specific sequence of pressures

The Blanmore Test Laboratories have been set up to cater for the need for a cost effective, rapid response facility for the building industry in order that they may comply with these vital requirements.



Cyclonic winds

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The Blanmore Test Laboratories

The laboratory is equipped to carry out low-high-low compliance testing in accordance with the provisions of the Building Codes of Australia BCA 2007 testing regime. Compliance with these requirements is mandatory. The purpose is to test metal roof assemblies, its connections and immediate supporting members in a series of tests of progressively increasing and decreasing pressures that simulate the conditions within a cyclone in such a way as to ensure a consistent testing regime for metal roof cladding assemblies.

If a system does not successfully resist the fatigue loading sequence in the table shown below, it does not comply

Sequence	Number of cycles	Load applied
A	4500	0 - 0.45 Pt
B	600	0 - 0.6 Pt
C	80	0 - 0.8 Pt
D	1	0 - 1 Pt
E	80	0 - 0.8 Pt
F	600	0 - 0.6 Pt
G	4500	0 - 0.45 Pt

Notes

1	Pt is the ultimate limit state wind pressure on internal and external surfaces as determined in accordance with Table B1 AS/NZS 1170.0.
2	The rate of load cycling must be less than 3 Hz
3	The single load (sequence D) must be held for a minimum of 10 seconds

Blanmore Test Laboratories provide a test report detailing the results of the tests and in collaboration with John Towler RPEQ No 4562 reports are certified. Loads are calibrated using a certified mass, Associated Calibrations Report number 9959.

A number of test samples and fixing screws or assemblies that will be used in service will be required. The certification provided will be valid for those fixing means only and additional tests are required for other fittings or screws.

The number of test samples required will depend on the statistical probability of fixing failure. Essentially the more tests carried out the lower the test load requirement. The issues should be addressed at the enquiry stage.



Test Laboratory capability specifications

Test loads to 20 kN
 C and Z channel to 350mm
 Top hat sections to 150mm x 220mm
 Testing of cladding to batten
 Testing of batten to joist
 Cycle rate less than 2 cycles per second
 Photographic microscopy

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