

<p align="center"><b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b> Housing - Federal Housing Commissioner</p> <p><b>TO: DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY HOCs</b> <b>DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY HUBs</b></p>	<p><b>STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING BULLETIN NO. 1117 Rev. 9</b> (Supersedes issue dated December 19, 2017)</p>				
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1. General:

This Bulletin sets forth specific requirements under the Technical Suitability of Products Program for determining the eligibility of housing to be constructed under HUD mortgage insurance, or other HUD housing programs.

2. Scope:

This Bulletin applies only to the structural features of this method of construction. Final determination of eligibility is made by the appropriate HUD Field Office. Other factors considered by the Field Office will be valuation, location, architectural planning and appeal, mechanical equipment, thermal characteristics, and market acceptance. Consideration is also necessary to determine whether a specific property will qualify under the specific HUD program, when constructed according to the method outlined in this Bulletin, and where the structure is to be located.

In geographical areas subject to hurricanes, earthquakes, or other severe conditions affecting dwelling structures, the HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center shall require additional safeguards in proposed designs, when necessary.

3. Minimum Property Standards (MPS):

Compliance with HUD MPS will be determined by the HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center on the same basis as submissions involving conventional construction, except for the special features described in this Bulletin.

4. Inspection:

Field compliance inspections covering conventional items of construction and any special features covered in this Bulletin shall be made in accordance with prescribed procedures.

The appropriate HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center shall furnish a copy of a HUD field inspection report to Headquarters, Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, when there is:

- a. Evidence of noncompliance with any portion of the system of construction described in this Bulletin.
- b. Faulty shop fabrication, including significant surface defects.
- c. Damage to shop fabricated items or materials due to improper transportation, storage, handling, or assembly.
- d. Unsatisfactory field workmanship, or performance of the product or system.
- e. Any significant degradation or deterioration of the product or evidence of lack of durability or performance.

Periodic plant inspections will be made by HUD Field Office, or Homeownership Center, State Agency personnel, or a HUD designated representative, in accordance with their prescribed procedures. Factory inspection reports shall be submitted to HUD Headquarters, upon request.

5. Certification:

The manufacturer named in this Bulletin shall furnish the builder with written certification stating that the product has been manufactured in compliance with HUD Minimum Property Standards (MPS), except as modified by this Bulletin. The Builder shall endorse the certification with a statement that the product has been erected in compliance with HUD MPS except as modified by this Bulletin, and that the manufacturer's certification does not relieve the builder, in any way, of responsibility under the terms of the Builder's Warranty required by the National Housing Act, or under any provisions applicable to any other housing program. This certification shall be furnished to the HUD Field Office upon completion of the property.

OUTLINE DESCRIPTION, CATEGORY II CONSTRUCTION

GENERAL:

Precast reinforced concrete insulated foundation basement wall panels for one- and two-family dwellings up to three (3) stories plus basement are furnished in this method of construction.

Wall panels may include various types of field applied interior and exterior finishes. All materials and methods of installation shall be in accordance with HUD Minimum Property Standards (MPS), Use of Materials Bulletins (UM), and Materials Releases (MR), except as may be specifically noted herein.

This Bulletin is based on a structural review of the Foundation Wall Panels of Superior Walls of America, Ltd. Dwelling design and nonstructural items (such as architectural, plumbing, heating and electrical features) are not covered by this Bulletin.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Form HUD-92005, "Description of Materials" specifying only the structurally related items (Nos. 1 to 12, 14, 26 and 27), as originally submitted for determination of technical suitability, describes the materials that shall be used in construction of housing units under this system of construction.

Detailed product specifications for the Xi family of products are published in ICC-ES Evaluation Report ESR-1662 (February 2021). For additional product information, contact your local Superior Walls supplier or Superior Walls of America, Ltd.

DRAWINGS:

The following documents by Superior Walls of America, Ltd. shall be considered an integral part of this Bulletin:

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
Document 1	June 2018	Builder Guideline Booklet

The Builder shall submit construction drawings to the HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center with each application under HUD housing programs, which shall include the same or similar structural features as shown in the documents listed above. Copies of these listed documents shall also be furnished to the HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center by the Builder upon request.

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION FEATURES:

Xi Wall Precast reinforced concrete insulated basement wall panels, nominal 4', 8'-2", 9', and 10' high and up to 20' wide are furnished in this method of construction. Panels consist of: (1) reinforced concrete exterior face shell, (2) reinforced concrete interior studs, and (3) interior insulation. Minimum concrete compressive strength shall be 5,000 psi.

1. The fiber reinforced concrete exterior face shell is 1 3/4" thick and monolithic with the 10 1/4" reinforced concrete top and bottom bond beam.
2. Reinforced concrete interior studs are 2 1/4" wide by 7 1/2" deep. Studs are spaced @ 24" on center and are monolithically integrated to the concrete face shell, concrete top bond beam and concrete bottom footing beams are in accordance with the referenced drawings. Studs are wrapped with 1" expanded polystyrene insulation. Galvanized steel facings are attached to the interior face of the studs.
3. Interior insulation is comprised of rigid foam board that is integrally bonded to the interior concrete surfaces of the wall at the factory. Interior cavity insulation is offered in various thickness: 2 1/2" for Xi and 5" for Xi-Plus.

Field installation of panels (crushed stone footing, sub-drainage, sub-grade, bracing, sealant, panel joints, etc.) shall be in accordance with the manufacturer's Builder Guideline Booklet and HUD MPS requirements.

## DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

Design Loads: Basement wall panels have a maximum allowable lateral load (equivalent fluid pressure) of 100 pcf for all Xi Walls. Walls with equivalent fluid pressures over 60 pcf shall have their connections and details designed by a licensed design professional. The maximum total allowable vertical load (building structure plus live loads) is 7500 plf. Actual lateral and vertical loads and the allowable soil bearing pressure shall be determined for specific sites on the same basis as for site-built basement walls and foundations.

Panels are suitable for Seismic Design Category A, B, and C under the International Residential Building Code (IRC) and Seismic Design Category A and B under the International Building Code.

## MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

Components covered under this Bulletin will be produced in the following plants:

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The appropriate HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center in whose jurisdiction the manufacturing plant is located, or HUD designated representative, will inspect these plants in accordance with prescribed procedures.

QUALITY CONTROL:

The appropriate HUD Field Office or Homeownership Center, in whose jurisdiction the manufacturing plant is located, shall review and approve plant fabrication procedures and quality control program to ensure compliance with approved plans and specifications. The quality control program shall include field erection and supervision by the Superior Walls Plant.

RECORD OF PROPERTIES:

Upon request, the manufacturer shall provide HUD a list of properties in which the component or system described in this Bulletin is used. The list shall include the complete address, or description of location, and approximate date of installation or erection. Failure of the manufacturer to provide HUD with the above information may result in cancellation of this Bulletin.

NOTICE OF CHANGES

The manufacturer shall inform HUD in advance of changes in production facilities, transportation, field erection procedures, design, or of materials used in this product. Further, the manufacturer must inform HUD of any revision to corporate structure, change of address, or change in name or affiliation of the prime manufacturer. Failure of the manufacturer to notify HUD of any of the above changes may result in cancellation of this Bulletin.

EVALUATION

This SEB is valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this Bulletin shall apply for a renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this SEB. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Manufactured Housing Programs  
451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 9170  
Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate User Fee(s) for the TSP program can be submitted through the Pay.gov website at <https://pay.gov/public/form/start/73881741>

The holder of this Bulletin may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. Minor revision may be in the form of a supplement to the SEB.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate User Fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, "User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program", and current User Fee Schedule.

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2. the manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD, or
3. the manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

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