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REPORT SUBJECT:
SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL Spray-applied Polyurethane Foam Insulation

1.0 SCOPE OF EVALUATION

1.1 This Research Report addresses compliance with the following Codes:

- 2024, 2021 and 2018 *International Building Code®* (IBC)
- 2024, 2021 and 2018 *International Residential Code®* (IRC)
- 2024, 2021 and 2018 *International Energy Conservation Code®* (IECC)

NOTE: This report references the most recent Code editions noted. Sections for earlier editions may differ.

1.2 SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL insulations have been evaluated for the following properties (see Table 1):

- Surface burning characteristics
- Physical properties
- Air permeability
- Vapor permeance

1.3 SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL insulations have been evaluated for the following uses (see Table 1):

- Use as nonstructural thermal insulation on or in interior and exterior walls, floors, the underside of roof decks
- Alternatives to Code-prescribed ignition barriers
- Alternatives to Code-prescribed thermal barriers
- Alternative to water-resistive barriers
- Use as air-impermeable insulation
- Use as a Class II vapor retarder
- Use in exterior walls of Types I, II, III, and IV construction
- Use in Type V construction
- Use as duct insulation

2.0 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL insulation comply with the Codes listed in Section 1.1, for the properties stated in Section 1.2 and uses stated in Section 1.3, when installed as described in this report, including the Conditions of Use stated in Section 6.

3.0 DESCRIPTION

3.1 SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI: SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI is a two-component foam plastic insulation. The insulation is produced in the field by combining Component A and resin Component B, resulting in insulation with a nominal density of 2 pounds per cubic foot. The insulation components have a shelf life of six months when stored at temperatures between 50°F and 80°F before installation.

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3.3 Intumescent Coatings:

3.2.1 DC315 Intumescent Coating: DC315 intumescent coating, manufactured by IFTI, Paint to Protect, is a water-based coating supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums. The coating material has a shelf life of 24 months when stored in factory-sealed containers at temperatures between 41°F and 95°F. DC315 complies with AC 456 as recognized in ICC-ES ESR-3702.

3.2.2 Flame Control 60-60A Intumescent Coating: Flame Control 60-60A, manufactured by Flame Control Coatings, is a water-based coating supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums. The coating material has a shelf life of 12 months when stored in factory-sealed containers at temperatures between 50°F and 80°F. Flame Control 60-60A complies with AC456 as recognized in IAPMO UES ER-0596.

3.2.3 NO-BURN® Plus ThB Intumescent Coating: NO-BURN® Plus ThB, manufactured by NO-BURN®, Inc., is a white, water-based latex liquid. Supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums. The coating material has a shelf life of 3 years when stored in factory-sealed containers at temperatures between 40°F and 90°F. NO-BURN® Plus ThB complies with AC 456 as recognized in IAPMO UES ER-0305.

3.2.4 Fireshell F10E Intumescent Coating: Fireshell F10E intumescent coating, manufactured by ICP Construction, is a water-based intumescent coating supplied in 5-gallon pails and 55-gallon drums. The coating has a shelf life of 1 year when stored unopened at temperatures between 45°F and 95°F. Fireshell F10E complies with AC456 as recognized in ICC-ES ESR-3997.

4.0 PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

4.1 Surface-burning Characteristics: The insulations, at a maximum thickness of 4 inches and a nominal density of 2 pounds per cubic foot, have a flame-spread index of 25 or less and a smoke-developed index of 450 or less when tested in accordance with ASTM E84. The insulations can be installed at greater thicknesses as described in Sections 5.3 and 5.4.2. When the insulation is separated from the interior living space of the building with minimum 1/2-inch-thick gypsum board, the maximum insulation thickness is not limited. Under the IRC, a thermal barrier of minimum 23/32-inch-thick wood structural panel is also permitted, and the maximum insulation thickness is not limited.

4.2 Thermal Resistance (R-value): The insulations have a thermal resistance (R-value) of 7.5 °F·ft²·h/Btu per inch of thickness, at a mean temperature of 75°F, as shown in Table 3.

4.3 Air Permeability: The insulations, at a minimum thickness of 1 inch, are considered air-impermeable insulations in accordance with IBC Section 202 and IRC Section R202, based on testing in accordance with ASTM E2178.

4.4 Vapor Permeance: The insulations, at a minimum thickness of 1.82 inches, are Class II vapor retarders in accordance with IBC Section 202, IRC Section R202, based on testing in accordance with ASTM E96 (desiccant method). The insulations may be used where a Class II vapor retarder is required under IBC Section 1404.3 or IRC Section R702.7 when installed at a minimum of 1.82 inches.

5.0 INSTALLATION

5.1 General:

SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL insulations must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, the applicable Code, and this Research Report. The installation requirements in Sections 5.1 through 5.4 apply to all Types of construction. Section 5.6 applies to use of the insulations in Types I, II, III, and IV construction. A copy of the manufacturer's instructions must be available on the jobsite during installation.

The insulations must be stored at temperatures between 50°F and 80°F and must not be used in areas that have a maximum service temperature greater than 250°F. The foam plastic insulation must not be used in electrical outlet or junction boxes, or in contact with rain or water. The substrate must be free of moisture, frost or ice, loose scales, rust, oil, and grease. The insulation must be protected from the weather during and after application, unless approved specifically by SWD Urethane. The manufacturer's published installation instructions must be available on the jobsite at all times during installation.

5.2 Application:

The insulations are spray-applied on the jobsite using spray equipment specified in SWD Urethane's published installation instructions. The insulations can be installed in one or more passes in thicknesses up to 4 inches per pass to achieve the maximum thicknesses specified in this report. Each pass must be allowed to fully expand prior to application of additional passes. Where used as an air-impermeable insulation, such as in unvented attic spaces in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3 or IRC Section R806.5, the insulation must be installed at a minimum thickness of 1 inch.

5.3 Thermal Barrier:

5.3.1 Application with a Prescriptive Thermal Barrier: The insulations must be separated from the interior of the building by an approved thermal barrier of 1/2-inch-thick gypsum wallboard or an equivalent thermal barrier complying with IBC Section 2603.4 or IRC Section R303.4, as applicable, except where installation is in an attic or crawl space as described in Section 5.4. When the insulation is separated from the interior living space of the building with a minimum 1/2-inch-thick gypsum board, the maximum insulation thickness is not limited. Under the IRC, a thermal barrier of minimum 23/32-inch-thick wood structural panel is also permitted, and the maximum insulation thickness is not limited.

5.3.2 Application without a Prescriptive Thermal Barrier:

5.3.2.1 The insulations may be installed without the 15-minute thermal barrier prescribed in IBC Section 2603.4 and IRC Section R303.4, when installed conforming to one of the assemblies described in Table 2.

The intumescent coatings indicated in Table 2 must be applied over the insulation in accordance with the coating manufacturer's instructions and this report. Surfaces to be coated must be dry, clean, and free of dirt, loose debris, and other substances that could interfere with adhesion of the coating. The coating is applied with low-pressure airless spray equipment.

5.4 Attics and Crawl Spaces:

5.4.1 Application with a Prescriptive Ignition Barrier: Where the insulations are installed within attics or crawl spaces, and where entry is made only for service of utilities, an ignition barrier must be installed in accordance with IBC Section 2603.4.1.6 or IRC Sections R303.5.3 and R303.5.4, as applicable. The ignition barrier must be consistent with the requirements for the type of construction required by the applicable Code and must be installed in a manner so that the foam plastic insulation is not exposed. The insulations, as specified in this section, may be installed in unvented attics and unvented enclosed rafter assemblies in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3 or IRC Section R806.5.

5.4.2 Application without a Prescriptive Ignition Barrier: The insulations may be installed in attics and crawl spaces without the ignition barrier prescribed in IBC Section 2603.4.1.6, and IRC Sections R303.5.3 and R303.5.4, as described in Sections 5.4.2.1, and 5.4.2.2 subject to the following conditions:

a. Entry to the attic or crawl space is only to service utilities and no storage is permitted.
b. There are no interconnected attic or crawl space areas.
c. Air in the attic is not circulated to other parts of the building.
d. Attic ventilation is provided when required by IBC Section 1203.2 or IRC Section R806.1, as applicable, except when insulation is permitted in unvented attics in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3, or IRC Section R806.5.
e. Under-floor (crawl space) ventilation is provided in accordance with IBC Section 1202.4 or IRC Section R408.1, as applicable.
f. Combustion air is provided in accordance with IMC (International Mechanical Code®) Section 701.

The insulations may be installed in unvented attics as described in this section in accordance with IBC Section 1202.3 or IRC Section R806.5, when applied at a minimum thickness of 1 inch.

5.4.2.1 Assembly No. 1: The insulations may be applied to the underside of roof sheathing, to roof rafters and to walls; and in crawl spaces; the insulation may be spray-applied to the underside of wood floors and to walls, as described in this section.

The thickness of the foam plastic applied to vertical surfaces must not exceed 5-1/2 inches, and the thickness applied to the underside of the wood floor or roof sheathing must not exceed 9-1/2 inches. The foam plastic is not required to be coated. The ignition barrier required by IBC Section 2603.4.1.6 and IRC Sections R303.5.3 and R303.5.4 may be omitted.

5.4.2.2 Use on Attic Floors: The insulations may be installed at a maximum thickness of 11-1/2 inches between joists in attic floors without a coating and without an ignition barrier on the attic side of the insulation. The insulations must be separated from the interior of the building by an approved thermal barrier.

5.5 Water-Resistive Barrier:

The insulations may be used as an alternative to the water-resistive barrier prescribed in IBC Section 1403.2 and IRC Section R703.2, when installed on exterior walls as a continuous layer of 1.3-inch minimum thickness.

5.6 Use on Exterior Walls in Types I, II, III, and IV Construction:

When used in exterior walls of Types I, II, III, or IV construction, the assembly must be installed as described in Table 4. The potential heat of the foam plastic in any portion of the wall must not exceed 7367 Btu/ft².

5.7 Duct Insulation:

The insulations may be applied to residential ducts in compliance with IRC Section M1601.3 to a maximum thickness of 4 inches. The material must be protected in accordance with the ignition barrier requirements of either Section 5.4.1 or 5.4.2.

6.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL spray-applied insulation described in this Research Report comply with, or are a suitable alternative to, what is specified in those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

6.1 Installation must comply with this Research Report, the manufacturer's published installation instructions, and the applicable Code. In the event of a conflict, this report governs.

6.2 The insulation must be separated from the interior occupied spaces of the building by an approved thermal barrier, as described in Sections 5.3 and 5.4.

6.3 The insulation thickness must not exceed that noted in sections 4.1.1, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.6.

6.4 The insulations must be protected from the weather during and after application as specified in the manufacturer's instructions.

6.5 A vapor barrier must be installed when required by the applicable Code.

6.6 The insulations must be applied by contractors approved by SWD Urethane.

6.7 The insulations may be used in exterior walls of buildings of Type I, II, III, or IV construction, when the construction is as described in Section 5.6.

6.8 Use of the insulations in areas where the probability of thermite infestation is "very heavy" must be in accordance with IBC Section 2603.8 or IRC Section R305.4, as applicable.

6.9 Use of the insulations in fire-resistance-rated construction is outside the scope of this report.

6.10 Jobsite certification and labeling of the insulations must comply with IRC Section N1101.10, N1101.14 and IECC Section C303.1 or R303.1 and R401.3, as applicable.

6.11 The product is manufactured under a quality control program with inspections by Intertek Testing Services NA, Inc.

7.0 SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

7.1 Reports of tests in accordance with ASTM C411, ASTM C518, ASTM E84, ASTM E283, ASTM E96, ASTM E970, ASTM E2178, NFPA 286, NFPA 285, UL 1715, and NFPA 259.

7.2 Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Spray-applied Foam Plastic Insulation (AC377), dated April 2020, including reports of tests in accordance with Appendix X.

7.3 Data in accordance with ICC 1100 (2019).

7.4 Research Reports for evaluation of data in accordance with ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Fire-protective Coatings Applied to Spray-applied Foam Plastic Insulation Installed without a Code-prescribed Thermal Barrier (AC456), dated October 2015.

7.5 Intertek Listing Report "SWD Quik-Shield | YETI and Quik-Shield | YETI XL", on the Intertek Directory of Building Products.

8.0 IDENTIFICATION

The A and B components of the insulation are identified with the manufacturer's name (SWD Urethane), address and telephone number, the product name (SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI or SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI XL), the component type (A or B component), the mixing instructions, the density, the flame-spread and smoke-developed indexes, the shelf-life and date of manufacture, the Intertek Mark as shown below, and the Code Compliance Research Report number (CCRR-0478).

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9.0 OTHER CODES

This section is not applicable.

10.0 CODE COMPLIANCE RESEARCH REPORT USE

10.1 Approval of building products and/or materials can only be granted by a building official having legal authority in the specific jurisdiction where approval is sought.

10.2 Code Compliance Research Reports shall not be used in any manner that implies an endorsement of the product by Intertek.

10.3 Reference to the https://bpdirectory.intertek.com is recommended to ascertain the current version and status of this report.

TABLE 1 - PROPERTIES EVALUATED

PROPERTY	2024 IBC SECTION[1]	2024 IRC SECTION[1]	2024 IECC SECTION[1]
Physical properties	2603.1.1	Not required	Not required
Surface-burning characteristics	2603.3	R303.3	Not applicable
Alternatives to thermal barrier/ ignition barrier	2603.4	R303.4	Not applicable
Air permeability	1202.3	R806.5	C402.6.2.3.1
Vapor retarder	202 1404.3	R202 R702.7	Not applicable
Thermal resistance	1301	N1101.10 N1102	C303.1 R303.1
Water-resistive Barrier	1403.2	R703.2	Not applicable
Exterior walls of Types I – IV construction	2603.5	Not applicable	Not applicable

[1] Section numbers may be different for earlier versions of the International codes.

TABLE 2 – COATING AND FOAM ASSEMBLIES FOR USE WITHOUT A CODE-PRESCRIBED THERMAL BARRIER

Foam Insulation Product	Intumescent Coating Product	Assembly Details					Test Method
		Insulation Details		Intumescent Coating Details			
		Maximum Average Thickness, inches		Minimum Average Thickness, mils		Theoretical Application Rate	
		Vertical (e.g. wall)	Overhead (e.g. ceiling)	Wet Film (WFT)	Dry Film (DFT)	gal/100 ft^2	
QS-YETI or QS-YETI XL	DC315	11-1/4	11-1/4	20	13	1.3	NFPA 286
	60-60A	9-1/2	9-1/2	20	13	1.3	NFPA 286
	Fireshell F10E	6	8	17	11	1.05	NFPA 286
	DC315	5-1/2	9-1/2	14	9	0.9	NFPA 286
	NO-BURN® Plus ThB	5	8	14	9	0.85	UL1715

TABLE 3 – SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI and Quik-Shield® | YETI XL THERMAL RESISTANCE (R-Values)[1,2,3]

THICKNESS (inches)	R VALUE (°F·ft²·h/Btu)
1	7.5
1.5	11
2	15
2.5	19
3	23
3.5	26
4	30
5	38
5.5	41
6	45
7.5	56
8	60
9.5	71
10	75
11.25	84

[1] R-values are calculated based on tested K-values at 1 inch thickness and 3.5 inch thickness.
[2] R-values less than 10 are rounded to the nearest 1/10th; greater than 10 are rounded to the nearest whole number.
[3] To determine R-values for thicknesses not listed, R = 7.5/inch

TABLE 4 – NFPA 285 COMPLYING WALLS WITH SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI or Quik-Shield® | YETI XL

Interior Sheathing	One layer of minimum 5/8-in. Type X gypsum board attached with No. 6, 1-1/4-inch-long self-tapping screws located 8 inches on-center along the perimeter and 12 inches on-center in the field of the board. Gypsum board joints must be taped and treated with joint compound in accordance with ASTM C840 or GA-216
Base Wall Framing Use either 1, 2 or 3	1. Min. $3^5/_8$-inch-deep, No. 20 gage, C-shaped, steel studs spaced a maximum of 24 inches on-center. 2. Cast concrete walls 3. CMU walls
Fire-Stopping in Stud Cavity at Floorlines	4-in., 4 pcf mineral wool (e.g., Thermafiber) in each stud cavity at each floor line. The insulation is friction fit or installed with Z-clips between studs.
Cavity Insulation Use either 1, 2, 3 or 4 Item 4 may be used only with Exterior Sheathing 2	1. None 2. Any mineral fiber insulation (faced or unfaced) 3. Any fiberglass batt insulation (faced or unfaced) 4. Minimum 1-inch-thick SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI or SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI XL applied to backside of exterior sheathing. Air gap may not exceed $2^1/_2$ inches.
Exterior Sheathing Use either 1 or 2 Item 2 required when using Cavity Insulation Item 4	1. One layer of 1/2-in. glass mat exterior gypsum board (ASTM C1177) 2. One layer of 5/8-in. Type X gypsum board (ASTM C1177 or ASTM C1396)
Exterior Insulation- Use either 1, 2 or 3 Item 3 may be used only with Exterior Cladding items 1 through 6	1. None 2. Any noncombustible insulation which meets ASTM E136. Insulation must be attached per manufacturer instructions and must incorporate a noncombustible water-resistive barrier or air/vapor barrier when specified. 3. Max. 3-1/2-inch-thick SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI or SWD Quik-Shield® | YETI XL insulation
Exterior Cladding Use any of Items 1 through 7 Max. 2-1/8-in. air gap	1. Brick – min. 2-in. clay brick; standard brick ties and anchors installed max. 24 in. oc vertically on each stud 2. Concrete – min. 2-inch-thick, non-open joint 3. CMU – min. 2-inch-thick, non-open joint 4. Natural stone veneer – min. 2-inch-thick, non-open joint 5. Terracotta cladding – min. 1-1/4-inch-thick (solid) using any standard non-open joint installation technique 6. Stucco – min. 3/4-inch-thick, code-complying exterior cement plaster and lath, non-open joint 7. Any noncombustible exterior wall covering material. Details of the exterior wall covering must be provided by the report holder, designer or specifier to the code official, with a fire engineering analysis demonstrating that the addition of the wall covering will not negatively affect conformance of the assembly with the requirements of IBC Section 2603.5.
Opening Detail	Min. No. 20 ga. steel flashing installed at openings to completely cover the opening header, jambs and sill, from the interior gypsum board to the exterior cladding.