

RELIABILITY

IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Services (UES) provides assurance for end users and building regulators that the code – which sets the bar for building component acceptability – has been satisfied.

We provide an IAPMO UES Evaluation Report (ER) through collaboration with innovative and alternative product manufacturers. The ER is primarily used to assist in gaining product approvals. The publication of the ER shows the report holder – and the reader – that our engineers and researchers have determined that the alternative material, design or method of construction is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the code to which it was evaluated.

For more than 85 years, IAPMO and its subsidiaries have been involved in product recognition through development of listings and evaluation reports.

QUALIFIED

IAPMO UES brings superior qualifications that not all other evaluation services have:

- ISO/IEC 17065 compliant as determined by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)
- Sections 104.11 and 1703 compliant
- Model code agency
- Building official oversight
- Experienced staff – PEs
- External experts and specialists



ISO/IEC 17065–accredited evaluations/ listings and criteria for:

- Building products
 - Fabricators
- Verifying compliance with:
- All model U.S. codes
 - Various state codes
 - City of Los Angeles (L.A.) Code
 - Test standards through product listings



ISO/IEC 17025–accredited testing and services for:

- Certification
- Quality control
- R&D
- Code consulting
- Expert witness
- Field investigation
- Off-site witness testing



ISO/IEC 17020–accredited inspection body including:

- Audits/inspections – qualifying and surveillance
- Material sampling/witnessing
- Quality control authoring



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Evaluation of BUILDING PRODUCTS, SYSTEMS, MATERIALS and DESIGN

FOR CONSUMERS AND
THE DESIGN-BUILD
INDUSTRY



CHOOSE WISELY



As a member of a design/build team or a consumer, how can you be sure you've made the right choice? Uniform ES reports can help you make a confident, informed decision.

As consumers, we expect everything to be certified to a standard. From the cars we drive to the food we eat, everything is tested and retested, and then marked as compliant before we purchase it. The same mentality applies to the building of our homes, businesses and schools. Someone is looking out for our well-being.

Architects and engineers must make great material selections; contractors must select alternatives that will be accepted by local building departments. How can anybody know which products have been independently evaluated to code requirements?

Look for the IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Service (UES) mark and check the Evaluation Report (ER) page on the UES website. There you can download a concise document that includes all pertinent information relevant to code acceptance. Yes, a UES ER is a tool for building officials, but designers, builders and consumers utilize it, too.

PROVIDING UNIFORMITY



A typical building has more than 1,000 different types of building products in it. Just about every one of these components has a standard or criteria that has been agreed upon by industry and regulators that designates the size, composition, performance, and how that one product works together within the system.

IAPMO UES evaluation reports provide uniformity in product certifications. Homebuilders, tradespeople, and building owners all want consistency in the products used in construction. IAPMO UES evaluation reports alert the person from a building and safety jurisdiction that the products being installed have been tested and evaluated to the rules/laws that regulate its construction.

HOW AN EVALUATION REPORT WORKS



An IAPMO UES Evaluation Report does not preapprove a product for use – only the building official can make the final determination of code acceptance. The UES report tabulates the evidence of compliance in a concise manner that is then validated for continued compliance with quality assurance. The ER can then be submitted to the building official as support for product approval.

Although an Evaluation Report is not a guarantee, those products without such a report risk having to supply pertinent information to each building official.

Building officials, design/build teams and consumers may view any IAPMO UES ER posted on our website (www.uniform-es.org). An online review of evaluated products can potentially save time and, in turn, money.

The IAPMO UES Evaluation Report lets the building official know the product has undergone the highest levels of third-party scrutiny available. It also documents that the product has undergone IAPMO's continuous compliance inspection program. All the relevant code and standard compliance information is summarized in the report to assist you in selection and the code official in verifying code acceptability.