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LOSBERGER FRAME TENT

STRUCTURAL EVALUATION

(20 M H3.84 – 25 M H3.24)

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EVALUATION SUMMARY

This report documents the structural evaluation of the 25 meter Losberger Frame Tent (25 meter H3.24 down to 20 meter H3.84) in accordance with applicable U.S. building codes. This study is based on the technical background information provided by Losberger U.S. LLC. The structure is intended for temporary use only and any of the following load assumptions should not be exceeded at any time for the conclusions of this report to remain valid.

FTL Design Engineering Studio compiled this report based on the existing tent system with reference to the applicable building codes in the U.S. This report includes the loading used in the analysis and gives an indication as to what wind exposure the structure is suitable for. Certification of this document only shows that the Professional Engineer of that particular state is in agreement with the report's contents. It does not, however, imply that the structure is generally suitable for use within that state, or that every installation is covered by the report.

WIND SPEED RATING

Wind Speed : 90 mph (3-second gust Wind Speed)
Exposure : Class C (Open Country or Terrain)
Return Period : 2 Years (Accounts for the Temporary Nature of the Structure)

It has been found that for the above mentioned wind speed, exposure class and return period, the structure satisfies the requirements of the American Society of Civil Engineers: Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (ANSI/ASCE 7-98). In addition, for the above wind speed, exposure class and return period, the structure is also in accordance with the following building code standards in the U.S.:

International Building Code (IBC)
Uniform Building Code (UBC)
Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA)
Southern Building Code Congress Int'l: Standard Building Code (SBCCI-SBC)
South Florida Building Code (SFBC)

As for the other wind speeds and exposure classes, refer to Table 0-1 for rating and allowable installation parameters.

BASE REACTIONS

The maximum forces at the foundations / supports due to the rated load and exposure class are as follows:

Maximum Vertical Down Load : 1.21 K (Class C, 90 mph)
Maximum Vertical Uplift : 3.08 K (Class C, 90 mph)
Maximum Shear : 2.62 K (Class C, 90 mph)

The values given are per base plate.

ALLOWABLE HANGING LOADS ON FRAMES

The maximum allowable live load hung from the rafters is 1000 lbs distributed as follows:

Left Rafter Centerspan	:	250 lbs
Ridge	:	500 lbs
Right Rafter Centerspan	:	250 lbs

ALLOWABLE UNIFORM LIVE LOAD

The 25 meter version can sustain an additional 2.5 psf plan projected download in addition to its dead weight.

ADDITIONAL EXPOSURE AND WIND SPEED COMBINATIONS

The 25 meter version is suitable for up to a Class C, 90 mph (3-second gust) wind exposure. For other exposures and wind speed combinations refer to the following chart (where the stricken values are the unsuitable pressures for the tent):

25 METER LOSBERGER FRAME TENT (24.00 FT MAXIMUM HEIGHT)
ANSI/ASCE 7-98 WIND PRESSURES, q (psf)

Exposure	90 mph	95 mph	100 mph
Class A	3.09	3.44	3.81
Class B	5.41	6.02	6.67
Class C	8.02	8.94	9.90
Class D	9.60	10.70	11.48

Table 0-1: 25 meter Losberger Frame Tent Allowable Exposure Chart

Exposure classes according to ANSI/ASCE 7-98, p. 28 are defined as follows:

Exposure A

Large city centers with at least 50% of the buildings having a height in excess of 70 feet. Use of this exposure category shall be limited to those areas for which terrain representative of Exposure A prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least one-half mile or 10 times the height of the building or structure, whichever is greater. Possible channeling effects or increased velocity pressures due to the building or structure being located in the wake of adjacent buildings shall be taken into account.

Exposure B

Urban or sub-urban areas, wooded areas or other terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single-family dwellings or larger. Use of this exposure category shall be limited to those areas for which terrain representative of Exposure B prevails in the upwind direction for a distance of at least 1500 feet or 10 times the height of the building or structure, whichever is greater.

Exposure C

Open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 feet. This category includes flat, open country and grasslands.

Exposure D

Flat, unobstructed areas exposed to wind flowing over large bodies of water. This exposure shall apply only to those buildings and other structures exposed to the wind coming from over the water. Exposure D extends inland from the shoreline a distance of 1500 feet or 10 times the height of the building or structure, whichever is greater.