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Technical Evaluation Report

TER 1907-02

Big Timber® BL & GL Screw Properties

**Western Builders Supply DBA
Big Timber®**

Products:

**BL Log, Timber & Landscape
Screws GL Gray Structural
Screws**

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SECTION: 06 05 23 - Wood, Plastic, and Composite Fastenings

1 Products Evaluated¹

- 1.1 BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws

2 Applicable Codes and Standards^{2,3}

2.1 Codes

- 2.1.1 *IBC—15, 18, 21: International Building Code®*
- 2.1.2 *IRC—15, 18, 21: International Residential Code®*
- 2.1.3 *FBC-B—17, 20: Florida Building Code – Building⁴ (FL 35207)*
- 2.1.4 *FBC-R—17, 20: Florida Building Code – Residential⁵ (FL 35207)*

2.2 Standards and Referenced Documents

- 2.2.1 *AISI S904: Standard Test Methods for Determining the Tensile and Shear Strength of Screws*
- 2.2.2 *ANSI / AWC NDS: National Design Specification (NDS) for Wood Construction*
- 2.2.3 *ASTM A153: Standard Specification for Zinc Coating (Hot-Dip) on Iron and Steel Hardware*
- 2.2.4 *ASTM A510: Standard Specification for General Requirements for Wire Rods and Coarse Round Wire, Carbon Steel, and Alloy Steel*
- 2.2.5 *ASTM B117: Standard Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus*
- 2.2.6 *ASTM D1761: Standard Test Methods for Mechanical Fasteners in Wood*
- 2.2.7 *ASTM D2395: Standard Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Wood and Wood-Based Materials*
- 2.2.8 *ASTM D2915: Standard Practice for Sampling and Data-Analysis for Structural Wood and Wood-Based Products*

¹ For more information, visit drjcertification.org or call us at 608-310-6748.

² Unless otherwise noted, all references in this TER are from the 2021 version of the codes and the standards referenced therein. This material, design, or method of construction also complies with the 2000-2018 versions of the referenced codes and the standards referenced therein.

³ All terms defined in the applicable building codes are italicized.

⁴ All references to *FBC-B* are the same as 2018 *IBC* unless otherwise noted in the Supplement at the end of this TER.

⁵ All references to *FBC-R* are the same as 2018 *IRC* unless otherwise noted in the Supplement at the end of this TER.

- 2.2.9 *ASTM D4442: Standard Test Methods for Direct Moisture Content Measurement of Wood and Wood-Based Materials*
- 2.2.10 *ASTM F1575: Standard Test Method for Determining Bending Yield Moment of Nails*
- 2.2.11 *ASTM G85: Standard Practice for Modified Salt Spray (Fog) Testing*

3 Performance Evaluation

- 3.1 Big Timber® BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws (BL) and GL Gray Structural Screws (GL) were tested and evaluated to determine their structural resistance properties, which were used to develop reference design values for allowable stress design (ASD). The following properties were evaluated:
 - 3.1.1 Withdrawal strength in accordance with *ASTM D1761*
 - 3.1.2 Lateral shear in accordance with *ASTM D1761*
 - 3.1.3 Bending yield in accordance with *ASTM F1575*
 - 3.1.4 Tensile strength in accordance with *AISI S904*
 - 3.1.5 Shear strength in accordance with *AISI S904*
 - 3.1.6 Head pull-through in accordance with *ASTM D1037*
 - 3.1.7 Corrosion resistance of fasteners meeting or exceeding the protection afforded hot dipped galvanized fasteners in accordance with *ASTM A153, Class D*
- 3.2 Use of fasteners in locations exposed to saltwater or saltwater spray is outside the scope of this evaluation report.
- 3.3 Any code compliance issues not specifically addressed in this section are outside the scope of this TER.
- 3.4 Any engineering evaluation conducted for this TER was performed on the dates provided in this TER and within DrJ's professional scope of work.

4 Product Description and Materials

- 4.1 BL and GL screws have a hex washer head and are partially threaded. The products evaluated in this TER are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2.



Figure 1. BL Log, Timber & Landscaping Screw



Figure 2. GL Gray Structural Screw



- 4.2 BL and GL screws are manufactured using a standard cold-formed process followed by a heat-treating process.
- 4.3 BL screws are coated with a proprietary coating, designated as Black Log, which exceeds the protections provided by hot-dipped galvanized coatings conforming to *ASTM A153*.
- 4.4 GL screws are coated with a proprietary coating, designated as Gray Log, which exceeds the protections provided by hot-dipped galvanized coatings conforming to *ASTM A153*.
- 4.5 Fasteners are approved for use in chemically treated or untreated lumber where *ASTM A153, Class D* coatings are approved for use in accordance with *IBC Section 2304.10* and *IRC Section R317.3*.
 - 4.5.1 The proprietary coating has been tested and found to exceed the protection provided by code-approved hot-dipped galvanized coatings meeting *ASTM A153, Class D* (*IBC Section 2304.10.6*⁶ and *IRC Section R317.3*), allowing for its use in pressure treated wood.
 - 4.5.2 Fasteners are approved for use in fire-retardant-treated lumber, provided the conditions set forth by the fire-retardant-treated lumber manufacturer are met, including appropriate strength reductions.

⁶ 2018 IBC Section 2304.10.5



4.6 The fasteners evaluated in this TER are set forth in Table 1.

Table 1. Fastener Specifications

Fastener Name	Designation	Head (in)		Nominal Length ¹ (in)	Thread Length ¹ (in)	Shank Diameter ² (in)	Thread Diameter (in)		Specified Minimum Core Hardness ⁴ (HV 0.3)	Nominal Bending Yield, f_{yb} (psi)	Allowable Fastener Strength (lbf)											
		Diameter	Drive Type				Minor	Major			Tensile	Shear ³										
BL	14 x 2"	0.487	Hex ⁵ / ₁₆	2	2	0.189	0.171	0.258	355	177,700	1,085	725										
	14 x 2½"			2½	2																	
	14 x 3¼"			3¼	2																	
	14 x 4"			4	2																	
	14 x 5"			5	2																	
	14 x 6"			6	2																	
	14 x 7"			7	2½																	
	14 x 8"			8	2½																	
	14 x 9"			9	2½																	
	14 x 10"			10	2½																	
	14 x 12"			12	2½																	
	14 x 14"			14	2½																	
				17 x 4"	0.570								Hex ⁵ / ₁₆	4	2	0.224	0.211	0.297	355	172,600	1,990	1,240
				17 x 5"										5	3							
17 x 6"		6	3																			
17 x 7"		7	3																			
17 x 9"		9	3																			
GL	17 x 4"	0.570	Hex ⁵ / ₁₆	4	2	0.224	0.211	0.297	355	172,600	1,990	1,240										
	17 x 5"			5	3																	
	17 x 6"			6	3																	
	17 x 7"			7	3																	
	17 x 9"			9	3																	
	17 x 11"			11	3																	

SI: 1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 lb. = 4.45 N, 1 psi = 0.00689 MPa

1. Fastener length is measured from the underside of the head to the tip. Thread length includes tapered tip.
2. Shank diameter based on manufactured thickness. Finished dimensions are larger, due to the proprietary coatings added.
3. Shear determined at smooth shank diameter.
4. Based on a 300 gram load using the Vickers indenter.



5 Applications

5.1 General

- 5.1.1 BL and GL screws are used to attach wood framing members in conventional light-frame construction and provide resistance against withdrawal, head pull-through, axial, and shear loads. See Section 6 for installation requirements.
- 5.1.2 BL and GL screws are installed without lead holes, as prescribed in *NDS*.
- 5.1.3 Where the application exceeds the limitations set forth herein, design shall be permitted in accordance with accepted engineering procedures, experience, and technical judgment.

5.2 Design

- 5.2.1 Design of BL and GL screws is governed by the applicable code and the provisions for dowel-type fasteners in *NDS*.
- 5.2.2 Unless otherwise noted, adjustment of the design stresses for duration of load shall be in accordance with the applicable code.

5.3 BL and GL Reference Lateral Design Values (Z)

5.3.1 Reference lateral design values (lbf) for shear load perpendicular to grain and parallel to grain for BL and GL screws are specified in Table 2.

Table 2. BL and GL Screw Reference Lateral Design Values (Z), lbf^{1,2,3,4}

Fastener Name	Designation	Nominal Length (in)	Thread Length (in)	Minimum Side Member Thickness (in)	Minimum Main Member Penetration ⁵ (in)	Wood Species (Specific Gravity)			
						HF/SPF (0.42)		SP (0.55)	
						Z _⊥	Z _∥	Z _⊥	Z _∥
BL	14 x 2"	2	2	3/4	1 1/4	75	95	125	155
	14 x 2 1/2"	2 1/2	2	3/4	1 3/4	105	130	145	185
	14 x 3 1/4"	3 1/4	2	3/4	2 1/2	110	135	145	185
	14 x 4"	4	2	3/4	3 3/4	155	155	170	215
	14 x 5"	5	2						
	14 x 6"	6	2	3	3	255	300	250	415
	14 x 7"	7	2 1/2						
	14 x 8"	8	2 1/2						
	14 x 9"	9	2 1/2						
	14 x 10"	10	2 1/2						
	14 x 12"	12	2 1/2						
	14 x 14"	14	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	160	200	230	290
	17 x 4"	4	2						
	17 x 5"	5	3						
	17 x 6"	6	3						
	17 x 7"	7	3	1 1/2	3 1/2	265	260	290	300
17 x 9"	9	3							
GL	17 x 4"	4	2	1 1/2	2 1/2	160	200	230	290
	17 x 5"	5	3	1 1/2	3 1/2	265	260	290	300
	17 x 6"	6	3						
	17 x 7"	7	3	2 3/4	4 1/2	280	420	300	485
	17 x 9"	9	3						
	17 x 11"	11	3						

SI: 1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 lb. = 4.45 N, 1 lb./in. = 0.175 kN/m

- Reference lateral design values apply to two-member single shear connections where both members are of the same specific gravity, and the fastener is oriented perpendicular to grain. Where the members are of different specific gravities, use the lower of the two.
- For wood species with a specific gravity between 0.42 and 0.55, use the tabulated values for specific gravity of 0.42.
- Tabulated lateral design values (Z) shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per NDS Table 11.3.1.
- Z_⊥ = Lateral Design Values Perpendicular to Grain, Z_∥ = Lateral Design Values Parallel to Grain.
- Fastener main member penetration is the length embedded in the main member, including the tip.



5.4 BL and GL Reference Withdrawal Design Values (W) in Side Grain Applications

5.4.1 Reference withdrawal design values (lbf/in) for BL and GL screws are specified in Table 3.

Table 3. BL and GL Screw Reference Withdrawal Design Values (W) – Side Grain Applications, lbf/in^{1,2,3,4}

Fastener Name	Designation	Nominal Length (in)	Thread Length (in)	Wood Species (Specific Gravity)	
				HF/SPF (0.42)	SP (0.55)
BL	14 x 2"	2	2	195	215
	14 x 2½"	2½	2		
	14 x 3¼"	3¼	2		
	14 x 4"	4	2		
	14 x 5"	5	2		
	14 x 6"	6	2		
	14 x 7"	7	2½		
	14 x 8"	8	2½		
	14 x 9"	9	2½		
	14 x 10"	10	2½		
	14 x 12"	12	2½		
	14 x 14"	14	2½		
	17 x 4"	4	2	150	240
	17 x 5"	5	3	210	240
	17 x 6"	6	3		
17 x 7"	7	3			
17 x 9"	9	3			
GL	17 x 4"	4	2	150	240
	17 x 5"	5	3	210	240
	17 x 6"	6	3		
	17 x 7"	7	3		
	17 x 9"	9	3		
	17 x 11"	11	3		

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1. Tabulated withdrawal values (W) shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per NDS Table 11.3.1.
2. Minimum fastener penetration into main member of 1" is required. Fastener penetration is the threaded length embedded in the main member, excluding the tip.
3. For wood species with a specific gravity between 0.42 and 0.55, use the tabulated values for specific gravity of 0.42.
4. The full design withdrawal value is equal to the reference withdrawal value multiplied by the length of the threaded portion of the fastener embedded in the main member.

5.5 BL and GL Reference Head Pull-Through Design Values (P)

5.5.1 Reference design values for head pull-through (Ibf) for BL and GL screws are specified in Table 4.

Table 4. BL and GL Screw Reference Head Pull-Through Design Values (P), Ibf^{1,2,3}

Fastener Name	Designation	Nominal Length (in)	Thread Length (in)	Wood Species (Specific Gravity)	
				HF/SPF (0.42)	SP (0.55)
BL	14 x 2"	2	2	210	240
	14 x 2½"	2½	2		
	14 x 3¼"	3¼	2		
	14 x 4"	4	2		
	14 x 5"	5	2		
	14 x 6"	6	2		
	14 x 7"	7	2½		
	14 x 8"	8	2½		
	14 x 9"	9	2½		
	14 x 10"	10	2½		
	14 x 12"	12	2½		
	14 x 14"	14	2½		
	17 x 4"	4	2	270	340
	17 x 5"	5	3		
	17 x 6"	6	3		
17 x 7"	7	3			
17 x 9"	9	3			
GL	17 x 4"	4	2	270	340
	17 x 5"	5	3		
	17 x 6"	6	3		
	17 x 7"	7	3		
	17 x 9"	9	3		
	17 x 11"	11	3		

SI: 1 in. = 25.4 mm, 1 lb. = 4.45 N, 1 lb./in. = 0.175 kN/m

1. Tabulated pull-through values (P) shall be adjusted by all applicable adjustment factors per NDS Table 11.3.1.
2. For wood species with a specific gravity between 0.42 and 0.55, use the tabulated values for specific gravity of 0.42.
3. Pull-through design values apply to connections having a minimum wood side member thickness of at least ¾ inch.

6 Installation

- 6.1 Installation shall comply with the manufacturer’s installation instructions and this TER. In the event of a conflict between the manufacturer’s installation instructions and this TER, the more restrictive shall govern.
- 6.2 Minimum penetration is 1”, unless otherwise stated in this TER. Install fasteners with head flush to the surface of the wood member.
- 6.3 Lead holes are not required.
- 6.4 Screws shall be installed with the appropriate rotating powered driver.
- 6.5 Minimum requirements for screw spacing, edge distance, and end distance shall be in accordance with Table 5.

Table 5. BL and GL Screw Spacing, Edge Distance, and End Distance Requirements¹ (inch)

Connection Geometry	BL 14	BL 17 and GL 17
Edge Distance – Load in any direction	1/2	5/8
End Distance – Load parallel to grain, towards end	2 7/8	3 3/8
End Distance – Load parallel to grain, away from end	1 7/8	2 1/4
End Distance – Load perpendicular to grain	1 7/8	2 1/4
Spacing between Fasteners in a Row – Parallel to grain	2 7/8	3 3/8
Spacing between Fasteners in a Row – Perpendicular to grain	1 7/8	2 1/4
Spacing between Rows of Fasteners – In-line	1	1 1/8
Spacing between Rows of Fasteners – Staggered ²	1/2	5/8
SI: 1 in = 25.4 mm 1. Edge distances, end distances, and spacing of fasteners shall be sufficient to prevent splitting of the wood or as shown in this table, whichever is more restrictive. 2. Values for “Spacing between Rows of Fasteners-Staggered” apply where the screws in adjacent rows are offset by one-half of the “Spacing between Fasteners in a Row.”		

7 Substantiating Data

- 7.1 Testing has been performed under the supervision of a professional engineer and/or under the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 as follows:
 - 7.1.1 Withdrawal strength testing in accordance with *ASTM D1761*
 - 7.1.2 Lateral shear strength testing in accordance with *ASTM D1761*
 - 7.1.3 Head pull-through strength testing in accordance with *ASTM D1037*
 - 7.1.4 Bending yield strength testing in accordance with *ASTM F1575*
 - 7.1.5 Tensile strength testing in accordance with *AISI S904*
 - 7.1.6 Shear strength testing in accordance with *AISI S904*
 - 7.1.7 Corrosion resistance testing in accordance with *ASTM B117* and *ASTM G85*
- 7.2 Information contained herein is the result of testing and/or data analysis by sources that conform to *IBC Section 1703* and/or professional engineering regulations. DrJ relies upon accurate data to perform its ISO/IEC 17065 evaluations.

7.3 Where appropriate, DrJ's analysis is based on provisions that have been codified into law through state or local adoption of codes and standards. The providers of the codes and standards are legally responsible for their content. DrJ analysis may use code-adopted provisions as a control sample. A control sample versus a test sample establishes a product as being equivalent to that prescribed in this code in quality, strength, effectiveness, fire resistance, durability, and safety. Where the accuracy of the provisions provided herein is reliant upon the published properties of materials, DrJ relies upon the grade mark, grade stamp, mill certificate, and/or test data provided by material suppliers to be minimum properties. DrJ analysis relies upon these properties to be accurate.

8 Findings

- 8.1 When used and installed in accordance with this TER and the manufacturer's installation instructions, the products listed in Section 1.1 have the reference design value properties defined herein and are approved for use in accordance with the applicable code.
- 8.2 Building codes require data from valid research reports be obtained from approved sources (i.e., licensed registered design professionals [RDPs]).
- 8.2.1 Building official approval of a licensed RDP is performed by verifying the RDP and/or their business entity is listed by the licensing board of the relevant jurisdiction.
- 8.3 Agencies who are accredited through ISO/IEC 17065 have met the code requirements for approval by the building official. DrJ is an ISO/IEC 17065 ANAB-Accredited Product Certification Body – Accreditation #1131 and employs RDPs.
- 8.4 Through ANAB accreditation and the IAF MLA, DrJ certification can be used to obtain product approval in any jurisdiction or country that has IAF MLA Members & Signatories to meet the Purpose of the MLA – “certified once, accepted everywhere.”
- 8.5 IBC Section 104.11 (IRC Section R104.11 and IFC Section 104.10⁷ are similar) states:

104.11 Alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment. The provisions of this code are not intended to prevent the installation of any material or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this code...Where the alternative material, design or method of construction is not *approved*, the *building official* shall respond in writing, stating the reasons the alternative was not *approved*.

9 Conditions of Use

- 9.1 Wood main and side members must have a moisture content of less than or equal to 19%.
- 9.2 Use of fasteners in locations exposed to saltwater or saltwater spray is outside the scope of this evaluation report.
- 9.3 Where required by the building official, also known as the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) in which the project is to be constructed, this TER and the installation instructions shall be submitted at the time of permit application.
- 9.4 Any generally accepted engineering calculations needed to show compliance with this TER shall be submitted to the AHJ for review and approval.
- 9.5 Design loads shall be determined in accordance with the building code adopted by the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed and/or by the building designer (e.g., owner or RDP).
- 9.6 At a minimum, this product shall be installed per Section 6 of this TER.
- 9.7 This product has an internal quality control program and a third-party quality assurance program in accordance with IBC Section 104.4 and Section 110.4 and IRC Section R104.4 and Section R109.2.

⁷ 2018 IFC Section 104.9



- 9.8 The actual design, suitability, and use of this TER, for any particular building, is the responsibility of the owner or the owner's authorized agent.
- 9.9 This TER shall be reviewed for code compliance by the AHJ in concert with IBC Section 104.
- 9.10 The implementation of this TER for this product is dependent on the design, quality control, third-party quality assurance, proper implementation of installation instructions, inspections required by IBC Section 110.3, and any other code or regulatory requirements that may apply.

10 Identification

- 10.1 The products listed in Section 1.1 are identified by a label on the board or packaging material bearing the manufacturer's name, product name, TER number, and other information to confirm code compliance.
- 10.2 Additional technical information can be found at bigtimberfasteners.com.

11 Review Schedule

- 11.1 This TER is subject to periodic review and revision. For the most recent version, visit drjcertification.org.
- 11.2 For information on the current status of this TER, contact [DrJ Certification](#).

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FBC Supplement to TER 1907-02

REPORT HOLDER: Western Builders Supply DBA Big Timber®

1 Evaluation Subject

- 1.1 BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws

2 Purpose and Scope

2.1 Purpose

- 2.1.1 The purpose of this Technical Evaluation Report (TER) supplement is to show BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws, recognized in TER 1907-02, have also been evaluated for compliance with the codes listed below as adopted by the Florida Building Commission.

2.2 Applicable Code Editions

- 2.2.1 *FBC-B—17, 20: Florida Building Code – Building (FL 35207)*
- 2.2.2 *FBC-R—17, 20: Florida Building Code – Residential (FL 35207)*

3 Conclusions

- 3.1 BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws, described in TER 1907-02, comply with the *FBC-B* and *FBC-R* and are subject to the conditions of use described in this supplement.
- 3.2 Where there are variations between the *IBC* and *IRC* and the *FBC-B* and *FBC-R* applicable to this TER, they are listed here.
 - 3.2.1 *FBC-B* Section 104.4 and Section 110.4 are reserved.
 - 3.2.2 *FBC-R* Section R104 and Section R109 are reserved.

4 Conditions of Use

- 4.1 BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws, described in TER 1907-02, must comply with all of the following conditions:
 - 4.1.1 All applicable sections in TER 1907-02.
 - 4.1.2 The design, installation, conditions of use, and identification of BL Log, Timber & Landscape Screws GL Gray Structural Screws are in accordance with the 2018 *IBC* provisions noted in TER 1907-02.
 - 4.1.3 The design, installation, and inspections are in accordance with additional requirements of *FBC-B* Chapter 16 and Chapter 17, as applicable.