



## Farabaugh Engineering and Testing Inc.

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### PERFORMANCE TEST REPORT

#### ALUMINUM HANDRAIL SYSTEM

FOR

SHAPES UNLIMITED, INC.  
590 E. WESTERN RESERVE RD.  
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44514

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### **Purpose**

This testing was performed to evaluate the referenced test specimens under various load conditions as provided herein.

### **Test Specimen**

Manufacturer: Shapes Unlimited, Inc.  
590 E. Western Reserve Rd.  
Youngstown, OH 44514

Specimen: - 8' long – 2 Rail Aluminum Handrail System  
- Continuous Top Rail with Rail Ends (attached to steel frame)  
- 1" X 1" aluminum balusters (pickets) @ 4-3/4" oc

### **Testing Apparatus**

The test apparatus consisted of a panel mock-up assembly and load applicator. The mock-up assembly was as shown on the attached detail drawings. The loads were measured with a calibrated load cell. The loads were applied to specific components as shown on the attached drawing.

### **Test Procedure**

The specimen was loaded at a rate to achieve the specified loads between 10 seconds and 5 minutes. The specified test loads were held for one minute before the load was released.

#### **In-fill Load Test**

- A 50 lb load was applied to the mid-span of the balusters over a 1-square-foot area normal to the in-fill.

#### **Uniform Load Tests**

- A 50 lb/ft uniform load was applied across the top rail applied vertically in a downward direction and then applied separately in a horizontal direction.

#### **Concentrated Load Tests**

- Various loads were applied to the mid-span of the top rail applied vertically in a downward direction and then applied separately in a horizontal direction.

## TEST DATA

Testing Date: 3-25-13

### **In-fill Load Test**

MEMBER	LOCATION	TEST LOAD	LOAD DIRECTION
Balusters	Center Midspan (1 SF Area)	50 lb	Horizontal

#### **Results:**

As a result of the above loading, there were no noticeable failures of the specimen.

### **Uniform Load Test**

MEMBER	LOCATION	TEST LOAD	LOAD DIRECTION
Top Rail	Across Top Rail	50 lb/ft	Vertically Downward
Top Rail	Across Top Rail	50 lb/ft	Horizontal

#### **Results:**

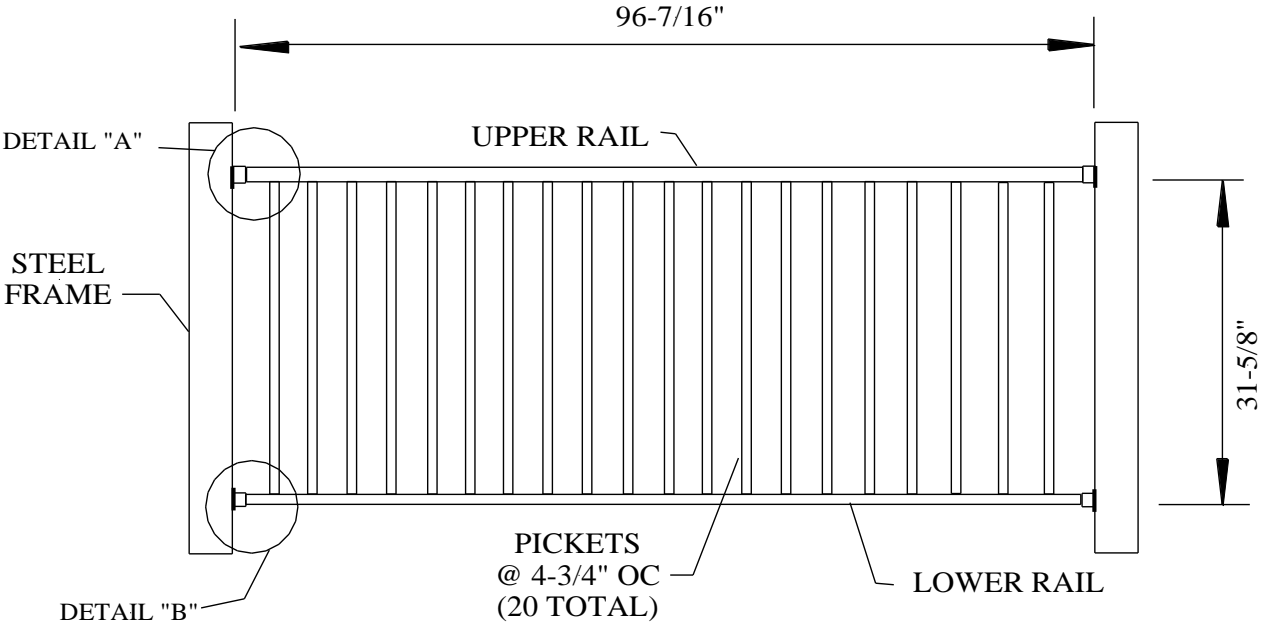
As a result of the above loading, there were no noticeable failures of the specimen.

### **Concentrated Load Test**

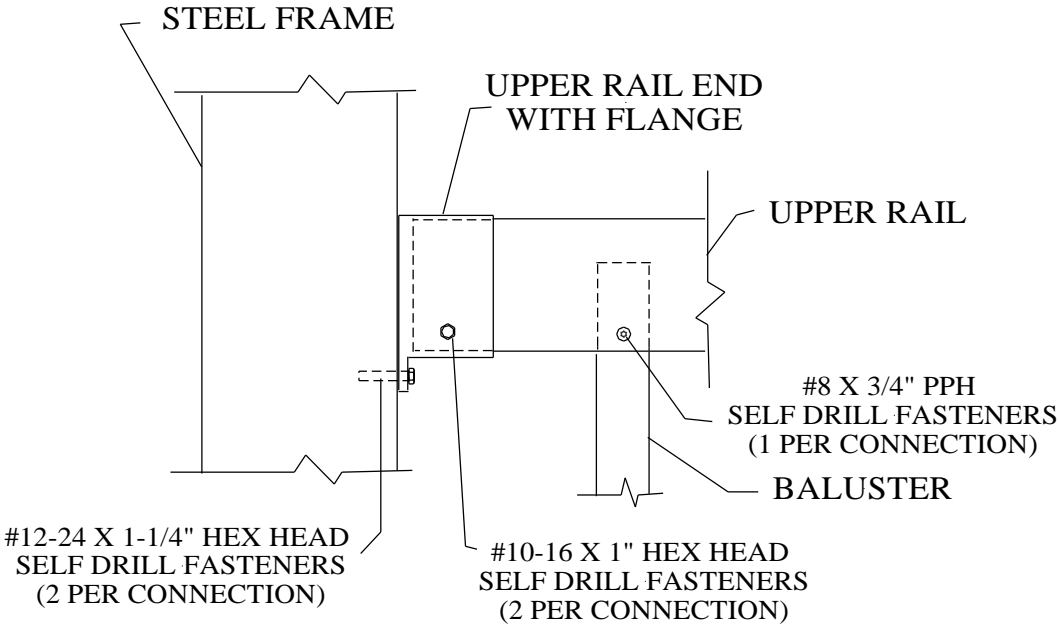
MEMBER	LOCATION	TEST LOAD	LOAD DIRECTION
Top Rail	Mid-span Between Posts	200 lb	Vertically Downward
Top Rail	Mid-span Between Posts	200 lb	Horizontal
Top Rail	Mid-span Between Posts	300 lb	Horizontal
Top Rail	Mid-span Between Posts	400 lb	Horizontal

#### **Results:**

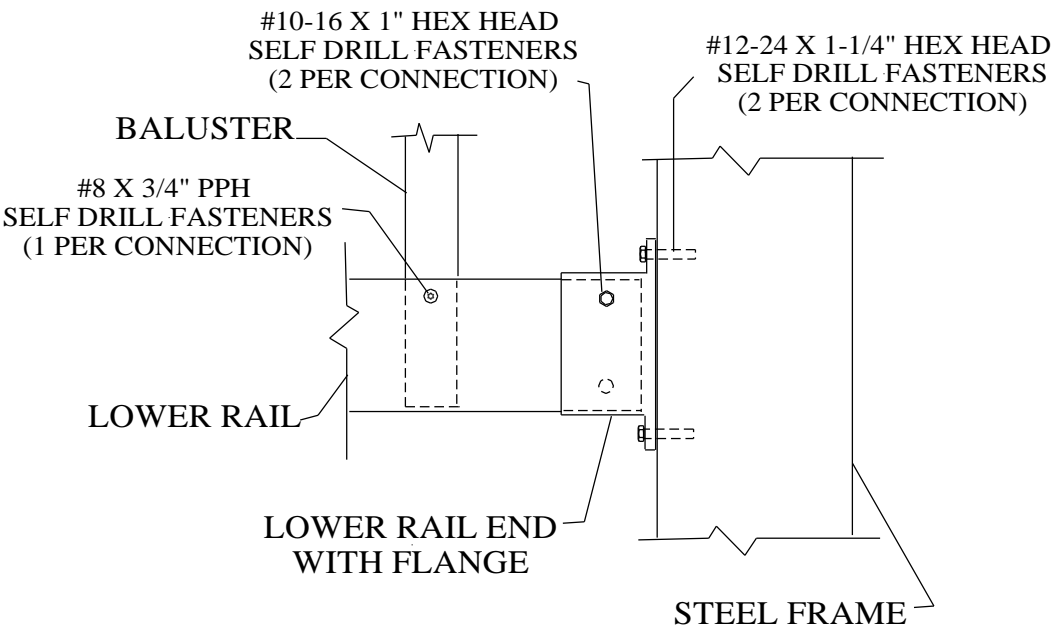
As a result of the above loading, there were no noticeable failures of the specimen.



ELEVATION VIEW



DETAIL "A"



DETAIL "B"

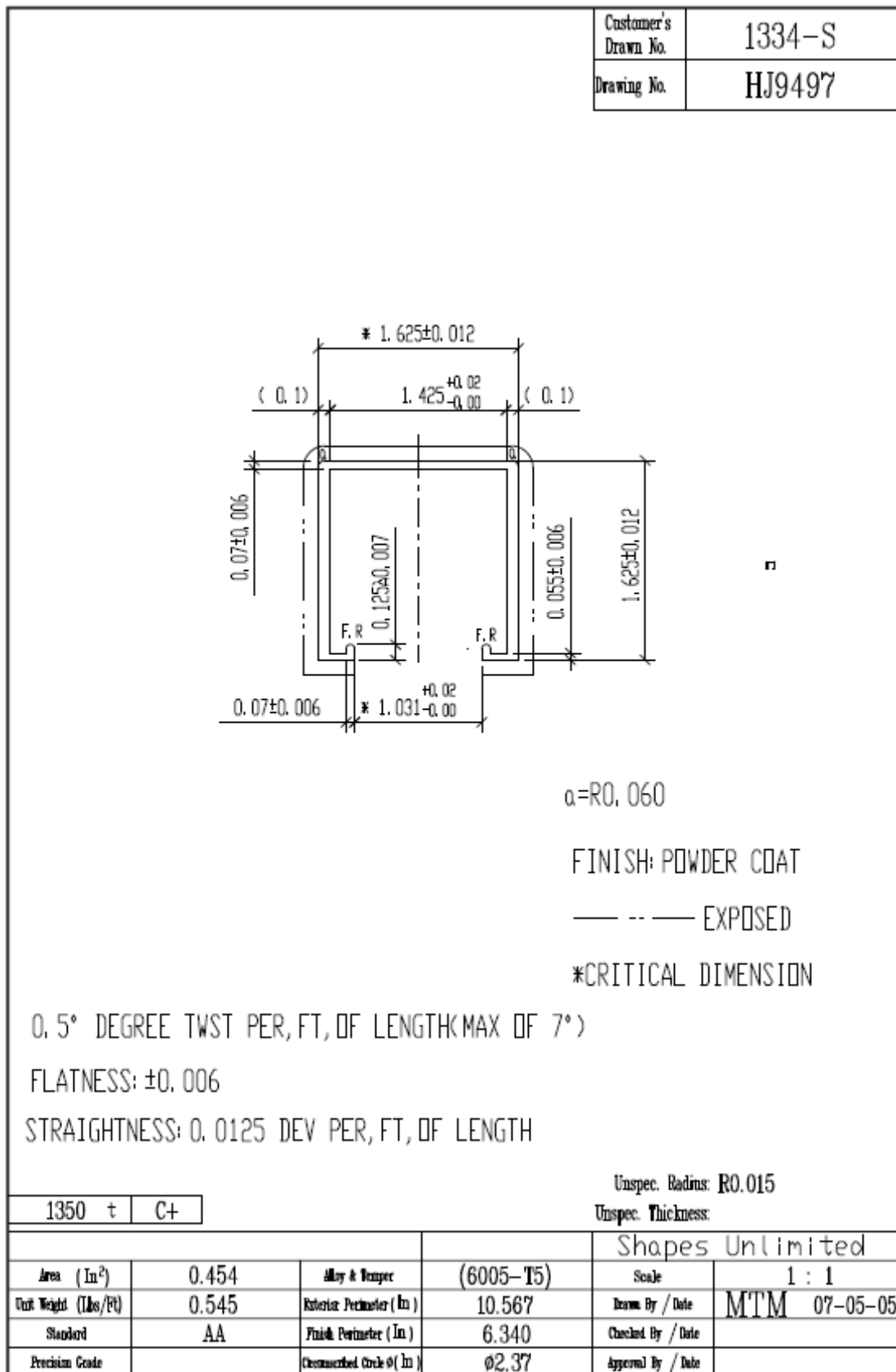
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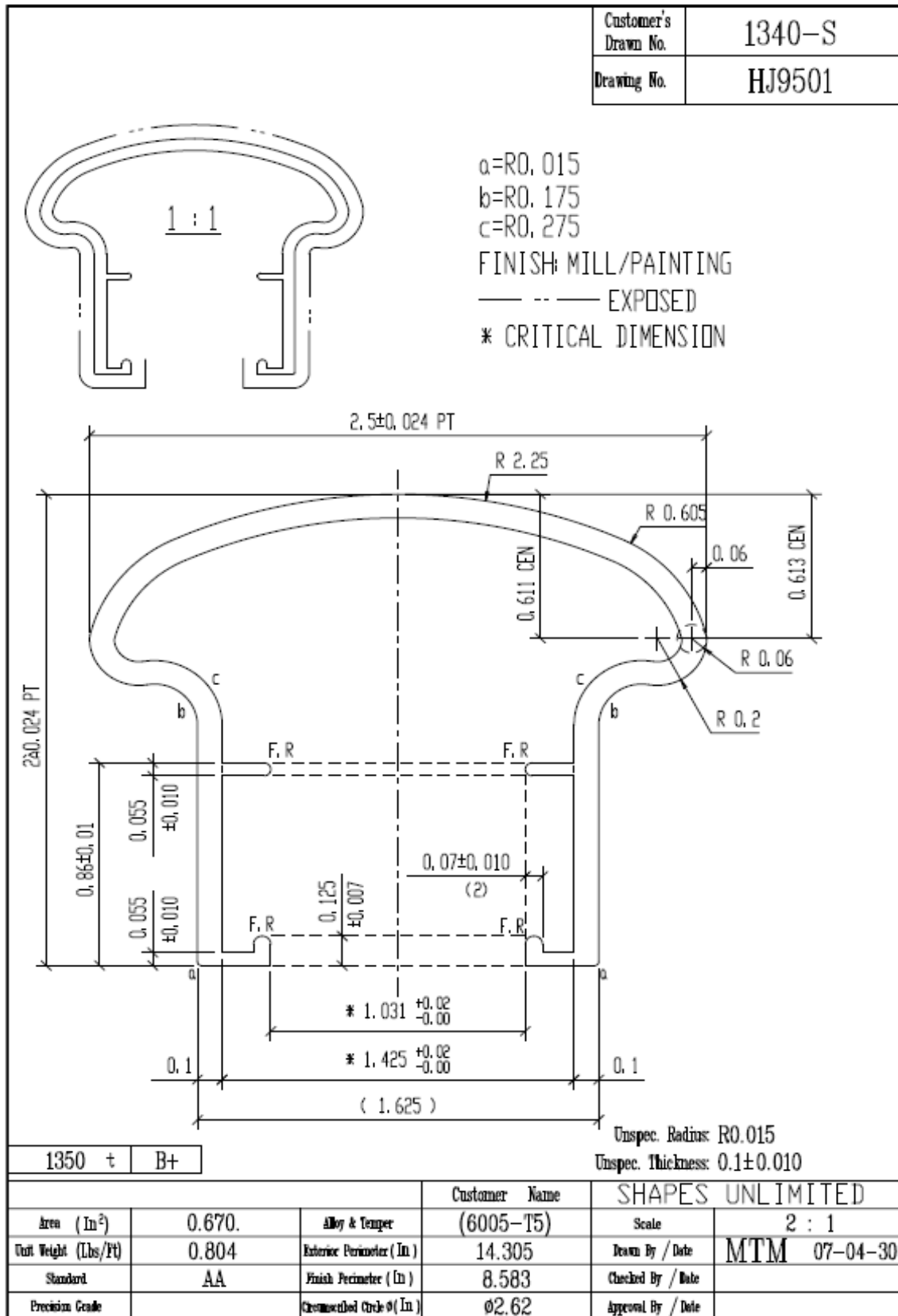
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Unspec. Rad: R0.015  
Unspec. Thickness:

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Area (In <sup>2</sup> )	0.225	Alloy & Temper	6063-T5	Scale	1 : 1
Unit Weight (Lbs/Ft)	0.265	Exterior Perimeter (In.)	4.00	Drawn By / Date	MTM 03-06-10
Standard	AA	Finish Perimeter (In.)		Checked By / Date	
Precision Grade		Circumscribed Circle Ø (In.)	Ø1.414	Approval By / Date	









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### PERFORMANCE TEST REPORT

#### ALUMINUM U-SHAPE EXTRUSION

FOR

SHAPES UNLIMITED, INC.  
590 E. WESTERN RESERVE RD.  
YOUNGSTOWN, OH 44514

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### **Purpose**

This testing was performed to evaluate the referenced test specimens under concentrated load as provided herein.

### **Test Specimen**

Manufacturer: Shapes Unlimited, Inc.  
590 E. Western Reserve Rd.  
Youngstown, OH 44514

Specimen: - (A) Aluminum U-Shape Extrusion – Marked #5050  
- (B) Aluminum U-Shape Extrusion – Marked #6063

### **Testing Apparatus**

The test apparatus consisted of a support assembly and load applicator. The assembly was as shown on the attached detail drawings. The loads were measured with a calibrated load cell. The loads were applied to specific components as shown on the attached drawing.

### **Test Procedure**

The specimen was loaded at a uniform rate with deflection data recorded at the loads indicated on the data table shown in this report. A concentrated load was applied at the center mid-span of each extrusion member.

## TEST DATA

Testing Date: 5-8-13

Specimen: (A) – Aluminum U-Shape Extrusion – Marked #5050

Specimen: (B) – Aluminum U-Shape Extrusion – Marked #6063

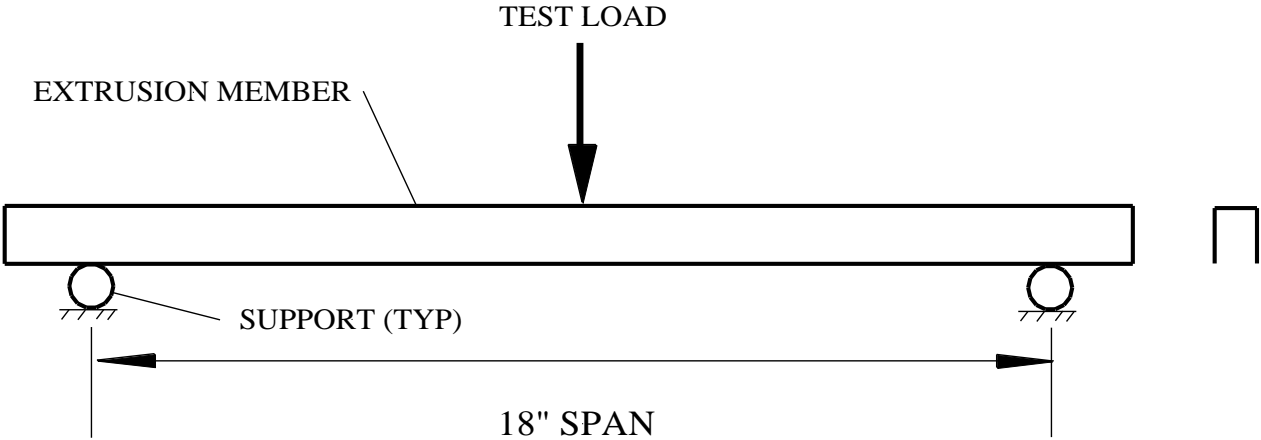
### **Concentrated I Load Test**

TEST LOAD (lb)	SPECIMEN (A) DEFLECTION (in)	SPECIMEN (B) DEFLECTION (in)
0	0	0
10	0.001	0.007
20	0.010	0.010
30	0.014	0.016
40	0.021	0.023
50	0.028	0.030
60	0.035	0.037
70	0.042	0.043
80	0.049	0.050
90	0.057	0.057
100	0.065	0.064
120	0.081	0.077
140	0.096	0.094
160	0.113	0.108
180	0.134	0.122
200	0.150	0.136
240	0.198	0.166
280	0.313	0.200
320	0.830	0.238
360		0.303
400		0.543

### **Results:**

Specimen (A) yielded at a test load of 325 lb

Specimen (B) yielded at a test load of 415 lb



ELEVATION VIEW

