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# TEST REPORT

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## BALUSTRADE



CLIENT – SENTREL

PRODUCT – TIMBER CABLE BALUSTRADE

TESTED BY

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AZT0257.20

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# 1 Customer Requirements

To test the sample as per loads specified in 'Clause 3.6, Table 3.3 of AS1170.1- 2002' and combination factors as specified in Clause 4.2 of AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 by the test methods specified in Appendix B + C of AS1657-2018.

## 2 Referenced Standards

- AS/NZS 1170.0:2002 Structural design actions - General principles (Clause 4.2 and Appendix B - Table B1)
- AS/NZS1170.1:2002 Structural design actions- Permanent, imposed and other actions (Clause 3.6, Table 3.3)
- AS1657-2018 Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders- Design, construction and installation (Appendix B + C)

## 3 Result Summary

| Load Type                           | Deflection | Permanent Deflection | Breakage |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| <b>Concentrated Loads</b>           |            |                      |          |
| Serviceability (600 N) - Outwards   | 11.77 mm   | 0.58 mm              | Nil      |
| Ultimate (900 N) - Outwards         | 18.61 mm   | 1.34 mm              | Nil      |
| Serviceability (600 N) - Downwards  | 5 mm       | 0 mm                 | Nil      |
| Ultimate (900 N) - Downwards        | 8 mm       | 0 mm                 | Nil      |
| <b>Uniformly Distributed Loads</b>  |            |                      |          |
| Serviceability Vertical (750 N/m)   | 8 mm       | 0 mm                 | Nil      |
| Ultimate Vertical (1125 N/m)        | 13 mm      | 0 mm                 | Nil      |
| Serviceability Horizontal (750 N/m) | 24.84 mm   | 3.28 mm              | Nil      |
| Ultimate Horizontal (1125 N/m)      | 44 mm      | 15 mm                | Nil      |

**Serviceability Requirements** - Maximum allowable deflection for this test specimen is 26.89 mm as per AS1288.

**Ultimate Requirements** - No structural damage to the test specimen. Deflection is measured for reference only.

## 4 Test Sample Description

### 4.1 General

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Model No./Name          | Sentrel Timber Balustrade Panel  |
| Customer                | Sentrel  |
| Address                 | PO BOX 122 Bellingen NSW 2454  |
| Azuma Testing Number    | AZT0257.20   |
| Date of Test            | 23/06/2020   |
| Overall Size            | 2895 mm (Width) x 1020 mm (Height)   |
| Test Sample Description | Vertical tensioned cable balustrade panel. Spotted Gum horizontal rails with stainless cable infill and 5 x 25.4 mm tube spacing poles. Fixed between posts with Sentrel brackets. Timber handrail fixed to top of timber panel. |

### 4.2 Barrier

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Material                                       | Spotted Gum Structure, Stainless Steel Wire, Poles  |
| Panel Size                                     | 2755 mm (Width) x 925 mm (Height)   |
| Material Size                                  | Timber (Top Rail) - 42 mm (Width) x 70 mm (Height)<br>Timber (Bottom Rail) - 42 mm (Width) x 67 mm (Height) |
| Handrail Used                                  | Yes   |
| Gap between bottom of barrier and ground level | 93 mm   |
| Wire Detail                                    | 316 Stainless Steel, 2.5 mm 7 x 7 lay   |
| Wire Tension                                   | 1700 Nm   |
| Spacing Between Wire                           | 64 mm   |
| Vertical Tube Spacing                          | 576 mm and 588.5 mm   |
| Vertical Tube Diameter                         | 25.4 mm at 1.2 mm thickness   |

### 4.3 Posts

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Product No./Name</b>           | Welded Base Post                                       |
| <b>Material</b>                   | Aluminium  |
| <b>Overall Dimensions</b>         | 65 mm (Width) x 65 mm (Depth) x 1185 mm (Height)       |
| <b>Base Plate (if applicable)</b> | 113 mm (Width) x 113 mm (Depth) x 10 mm (Thick)        |
| <b>Drawing Supplied</b>           | No   |
| <b>Fixing Method</b>              | 4 off M6 x 75 mm (Length) anchor screws in 10 mm holes |
| <b>Substrate</b>                  | Concrete   |
| <b>Spacing Between Posts</b>      | 3255 mm  |

### 4.4 Handrail

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Product No./Name</b>       | Timber Handrail                                 |
| <b>Material</b>               | Spotted Gum                                     |
| <b>Overall Dimensions</b>     | 2753 mm (Length) x 30 mm (Height) x 90 mm Width |
| <b>Fixing Method to Panel</b> | Screw Fixed                                     |
| <b>Fixing Method at Ends</b>  | Not Fixed                                       |

## 4 Barrier Loads

### 4.1 Procedure

From AS1657-2018 Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders- Design, construction and installation:

Appendix B for Concentrated and Uniform Loads –

1. Preload the test sample as specified to half the required load.
2. Remove the preload force and record the datum.
3. Gradually increase the force acting on the midspan of the rail until the imposed action is reached. Hold the test force for 300 seconds.
4. Record the deflection at the midspan at the loading point.
5. Remove the test force and after 2 minutes record the permanent deflection reading.

Appendix C for Infill Loads –

1. Apply to the centre of the infill over an area of 300 mm x 300 mm a preload of half the required load horizontally outwards from the direction of the platform. The preload shall be applied for a period of not less than 60 seconds.
2. Remove the preload and measure and record the distance from the centre of the infill to the datum point.
3. Apply horizontally outwards to the centre of the infill over an area of 300 mm x 300 mm (for a point load) or the panel area (for a wind/pressure load) the required load. The load shall be applied for a period of not less than 300 seconds.
4. With the load applied, measure the horizontal distance from the centre of the infill to the datum point.
5. Remove the load and inspect the infill and supporting components for any permanent deformation or failure.
6. Remove the test force and after 2 minutes record the permanent deflection reading.

## 4.2 Testing Parameters

### 4.2.1 Multipliers

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Combination Factor, $E_a$ , (AS/NZS 1170.0 Section 4)  | 1.5 |
| Variation Factor, $k_t$ , (AS/NZS 1170.0 Appendix B, Table B1)<br>Only Applicable for <b>Prototype</b> Balustrades | N/A |

### 4.2.2 Calculations

#### 4.2.2.1 Serviceability Deflection Criteria

The following maximum deflection limits apply to this product:

$$\frac{Height}{60} + \frac{Width}{240} = \frac{925}{60} + \frac{2755}{240} = 26.89 \text{ mm}$$

This value is only applicable while it remains less than 30 mm, otherwise 30 mm is maximum allowable deflection.

#### 4.2.2.2 Concentrated Strength Calculation

The required concentrated load for the glass panel is:

$$Force (N) = Imposed Action (N) * Combination Factor (or Variation Factor)$$

#### 4.2.2.3 Uniform Strength Calculation

The required uniformly distributed load for the glass panel is:

$$Force (N) = Imposed Action (N/m) * Width (m) * Combination Factor (or Variation Factor)$$

#### 4.2.2.4 Wind Load Strength Calculation (Infill Barrier Only)

The required wind load for the glass panel is:

$$Force (N) = Pressure (Pa) * Area (m^2) * Combination Factor (or Variation Factor)$$

## 5 Results

### 5.1 Concentrated Load

#### 5.1.1 Serviceability

| Load Location |              | Centre of top rail |                     |                    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Direction     | Load Applied | Datum              | Reading During Load | Reading After Load |
| Outwards      | 600 N        | 0.46 mm            | 12.23 mm            | 1.04 mm            |

Notes: Nil

|           |       |         |         |         |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Downwards | 600 N | 1005 mm | 1000 mm | 1005 mm |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|---------|

Notes: Nil

#### 5.1.2 Ultimate

| Load Location |              | Centre of top rail |                     |                    |
|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Load Type     | Load Applied | Datum              | Reading During Load | Reading After Load |
| Outwards      | 900 N        | 1.04 mm            | 19.65 mm            | 2.38 mm            |

Any damage, signs of breakage or fracture observed

Nil

Notes: Nil

|           |       |         |        |         |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Downwards | 900 N | 1005 mm | 997 mm | 1005 mm |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------|---------|

Any damage, signs of breakage or fracture observed

Nil

Notes: Nil



Figure 1: Outwards Ultimate Load



Figure 2: Downwards Ultimate Load



## 5.2 Uniform Load

### 5.2.1 Serviceability

| <b>Width of Uniform Load</b> |                                   | 2753 mm             |              |                            |                           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Load Location</b>         |                                   | Top Rail            |              |                            |                           |
| <b>Direction</b>             | <b>Uniformly Distributed Load</b> | <b>Load Applied</b> | <b>Datum</b> | <b>Reading During Load</b> | <b>Reading After Load</b> |
| <b>Vertical</b>              | 350 N/m                           |                     |              |                            |                           |
|                              | 750 N/m                           | 2062.5 N            | 1005 mm      | 997 mm                     | 1005 mm                   |
| Notes: Nil                   |                                   |                     |              |                            |                           |
| <b>Horizontal</b>            | 350 N/m                           |                     |              |                            |                           |
|                              | 750 N/m                           | 2062.5 N            | 0.57 mm      | 25.41 mm                   | 3.85 mm                   |
|                              | 1500 N/m                          |                     |              |                            |                           |
|                              | 3000 N/m                          |                     |              |                            |                           |
| Notes: Nil                   |                                   |                     |              |                            |                           |

### 5.2.2 Ultimate

| <b>Width of Uniform Load</b>                              |                     | 2753 mm      |                            |                           |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Load Location</b>                                      |                     | Top Rail     |                            |                           |
| <b>Load Type</b>  | <b>Load Applied</b> | <b>Datum</b> | <b>Reading During Load</b> | <b>Reading After Load</b> |
| <b>Vertical</b>   | 3093.73 N           | 1005 mm      | 992 mm                     | 1005 mm                   |
| <b>Any damage, signs of breakage or fracture observed</b> |                     | Nil          |                            |                           |
| Notes: Nil  |                     |              |                            |                           |
| <b>Horizontal</b>   | 3093.73 N           | 227 mm       | 183 mm                     | 212 mm                    |
| <b>Any damage, signs of breakage or fracture observed</b> |                     | Nil          |                            |                           |
| Notes: Nil  |                     |              |                            |                           |



Figure 3: Vertical Uniform Ultimate Load



Figure 4: Horizontal Uniform Ultimate Load

## 6 Conclusion and Signatories

### 6.1 Conclusion

From the results achieved the sample is deemed to satisfy the loading requirements as per table 3.3 of AS1170.1- 2002 for the following classification:

- for a Category 'A' Domestic and residential activities - Other Residential (See C3);
- for a Category 'B, E' Offices and work areas not included elsewhere including storage areas - Fixed platforms, walkways, stairways and ladders for access (see NOTE 2).
- for a Category 'C3' Areas without obstacles for moving people and not susceptible to over-crowding - Stairs, landings, external balconies, edges of roofs, etc.

NOTE: All classifications with equal or lower load specifications may be applied to this sample. For more information as to their specific use please see table 3.3 of AS1170.1 - 2002.

NOTE 2: This usage (under B,E) is for access to and safe working places normally used by operating, inspection, maintenance and servicing personnel.

Results relate only to the item tested.

### 6.2 Signatories

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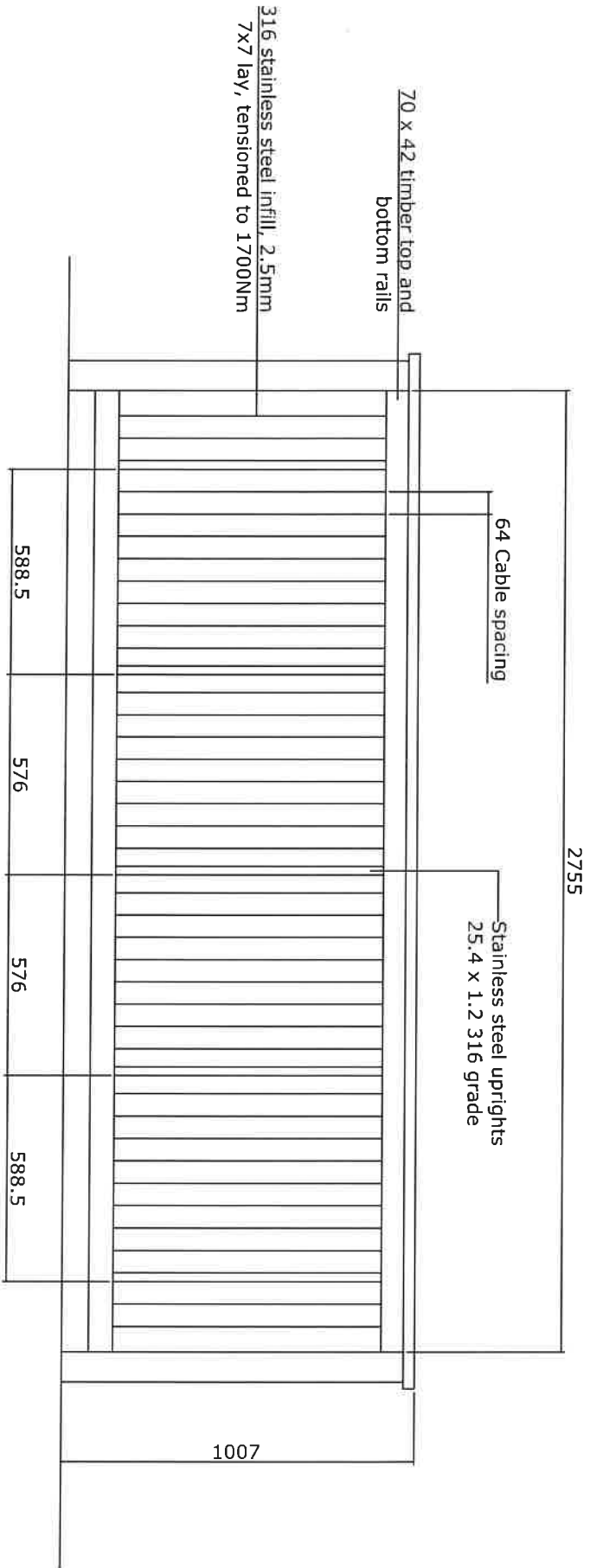
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