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INNOVA™ DURAGROOVE™ AND DURASCAPE™ FACADE SYSTEMS [DIRECT FIX]

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Product

- 1.1 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] are external, shiplap jointed, wall cladding systems for residential and light commercial type buildings where domestic construction techniques are used.
- 1.2 The systems consist of vertically fixed Innova™ Duragroove™ or Innova™ Durascape™ sheets, flashings and accessories.
- 1.3 The systems are fixed direct to the external wall framing over a wall underlay and are finished with a paint system.

Scope

- 2.1 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] have been appraised as external wall cladding systems for buildings within the following scope:
 - the scope limitations of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1; and,
 - constructed with timber framing complying with the NZBC; and,
 - with a risk score of 0-6, calculated in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 2; and,
 - situated in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Very High.
- 2.2 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] have been appraised for use with aluminium window and door joinery that is installed with vertical jambs and horizontal heads and sills. *[Note: The Appraisal of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] relies on the joinery meeting the requirements of NZS 4211 for the relevant Wind Zone.]*



Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix), if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet or contribute to meeting the following provisions of the NZBC:

Clause B1 STRUCTURE: Performance B1.3.1, B1.3.2 and B1.3.4. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) meet the requirements for loads arising from self-weight, earthquake wind and impact [i.e. B1.3.3 (a), (f) (h) and (j)]. See Paragraphs 9.1–9.4.

Clause B2 DURABILITY: Performance B2.3.1 (b) 15 years, B2.3.1 (c) 5 years and B2.3.2. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) meet these requirements. See Paragraphs 10.1–10.4.

Clause E2 EXTERNAL MOISTURE: Performance E2.3.2. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) meet this requirement. See Paragraphs 14.1–14.3.

Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS: Performance F2.3.1. The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) meet this requirement.

Technical Specification

4.1 System components and accessories for the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd are:

Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™

- Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ are 9 mm thick fibre cement sheets, manufactured from Innova™ standard fibre cement formulation. They are produced in sheet material form with 'Duragroove™' or 'Durascape™' printed on the back face. The sheets are formed, cut to length, and then cured by high pressure autoclaving. The sheet is coated on the front face and four edges with a sealer.
- Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets are available in sizes of 1,200 mm wide and 2,450, 2,750 and 3,000 mm long. Innova™ Duragroove™ sheets have vertical grooves 4.5 mm wide and 2 mm deep at either 100 mm centres [Innova™ Duragroove™ Smooth Narrow] and 150 mm centres [Innova™ Duragroove™ Smooth Wide]. Innova™ Duragroove™ Woodgrain has a textured surface with grooves at 150 mm centres. Innova™ Durascape™ is a flat sheet. Both Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ have shiplap joints which are chamfered to provide a vertical groove. The sheets are manufactured to conform to the requirements of AS/NZS 2908.2.

Accessories

- **Innova™ Aluminium Internal Corner** – extruded aluminium profile, 61 mm by 61 mm wide and 2,450, 2,750 and 3,000 mm long. The internal corner is available in chromate treated finish.
 - **Innova™ Aluminium External Corner** – extruded aluminium profile, 61 mm by 61 mm wide and 2,450, 2,750 and 3,000 mm long. The external corner is available in chromate treated finish.
 - **Innova™ Horizontal Flashing** – extruded aluminium 'h' profile, 70 mm high, 14 mm wide and 3,000 mm long. The horizontal flashing is available in chromate treated finish.
 - **Innova™ Edge Sealer** – acrylic sealer supplied in a 400 g can, to seal cut edges of Innova™ Duragroove™ or Innova™ Durascape™ sheets prior to installation.
- 4.2 System components and accessories for the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix), which are supplied by the building contractor are:
- **Joint sealant** – Bostik Seal N' Flex Facade.
 - **Sealant** – Bostik MS Safe Seal for weather sealing.
 - **Flexible wall underlay** – building paper complying with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 23, or a breather-type membrane covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal for use as a wall underlay.



- **Flexible sill and jamb flashing tape** – flexible flashing tapes covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal for use around window and door joinery openings.
- **Joinery sill and head flashings** – folded from aluminium or galvanised steel to suit the window or door trim opening. Refer to NZS 3604, Section 4 and NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 20 for durability requirements.
- **Window and door trim cavity air seal** – air seals and PEF rod complying with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.6, or self-expanding, moisture cure polyurethane foam air seals covered by a valid BRANZ Appraisal for use around window, door and other wall penetration openings.
- **Internal corner flashing** – 50 x 50 mm folded aluminium, in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1.

Sheet Fixing

- **Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheet fixings** – Paslode ND 50 x 2 mm stainless steel brad nails, or 40 x 2.8 mm hot-dip galvanised or stainless steel ring shank fibre cement nails. *[Note: Hot-dip galvanising must comply with AS/NZS 4680 and stainless steel must be Grade 304 or 316.]*

Paint System Specification

- 4.3 Paint systems are not supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd and have not been assessed by BRANZ and are therefore outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 4.4 All exposed faces and edges of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ sheets must be finished with at least two coats of an exterior grade latex acrylic paint system complying with any of Parts 7, 8, 9 or 10 of AS 3730.

Handling and Storage

- 5.1 Handling and storage of all materials supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd or the building contractor, whether on-site or off-site, is under the control of the building contractor. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be stacked flat, off the ground and supported on a level platform. They must be kept dry at all times either by storing under cover or by providing waterproof covers to the stack. Care must be taken to avoid damage to edges and surfaces. The sheets must always be carried on edge.
- 5.2 Innova™ aluminium profiles and other accessories must be stored so they are kept clean, dry and undamaged. All accessories must be used within the maximum storage period recommended by the manufacturer.

Technical Literature

- 6.1 This Appraisal must be read in conjunction with:
- Innova™ Duragroove™ Wall Cladding System and Innova™ Durascape™ Wall Cladding System Technical Brochure, dated August 2024.
 - Architectural details, BGC Duragroove D03, D04, D06, D11, D13, D19, D20, D21, D22, D25, D31 and D33, all dated November 2011.
- 6.2 All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

Framing

Timber Treatment

- 7.1 Timber wall framing behind the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) must be treated as required by NZBC Acceptable Solution B2/AS1.

Timber Framing

- 7.2 Timber framing must comply with NZS 3604 for buildings or parts of buildings within the scope limitations of NZS 3604. Buildings or parts of buildings outside the scope of NZS 3604 must be to a specific design in accordance with NZS 3603 and AS/NZS 1170. Where specific design is required, the framing must be of at least equivalent stiffness to the framing provisions of NZS 3604. In all cases, studs must be at maximum 600 mm centres. Dwangs must be fitted flush between the studs at maximum 800 mm centres.
- 7.3 Timber framing must have a maximum moisture content of 20% at the time of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) application. *[Note: If the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) are fixed to framing with a moisture content of greater than 20% problems may occur at a later date due to excessive timber shrinkage.]*

Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Sheet Set Out

- 7.4 All Duragroove™ and Durascape™ sheet edges must be supported with vertical edges fixed to the vertical timber framing. Horizontal sheet edges must be supported by horizontal framing as described in the Technical Literature. At the base of the wall, the sheets must hang 50 mm minimum below the supporting framing.
- 7.5 Additional framing may be required at soffits, internal and external corners and window and door openings for the support and fixing of sheet edges.

General

- 8.1 Flexible wall underlays that comply with Table 23 of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 may be used with the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) in NZS 3604 Wind Zones up to, and including, Very High.
- 8.2 At ground level, the bottom edge of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be kept clear of paved surfaces, such as footpaths, by a minimum of 100 mm and unpaved surfaces by 175 mm in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 18. The ground clearances to finished floor levels as set out in NZS 3604 must be adhered to.
- 8.3 At balcony, deck or low pitched roof/wall junctions, the bottom edge of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) must be kept clear of any adjacent surface, or above the top surface of any adjacent roof flashing by a minimum of 50 mm in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.3.6.
- 8.4 All external walls of buildings must have barriers to airflow in the form of interior linings with all joints stopped for Wind Zones up to, and including, Very High. Unlined gables and walls must incorporate a rigid sheathing or an air barrier which meets the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Table 23. For attached garages, wall underlays must be selected in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 9.1.3.4. Where rigid sheathings are used, the sheet fixing lengths must be increased by a minimum of the thickness of the underlay.
- 8.5 Where the system abuts other cladding systems, designers must detail the junction to meet their own requirements and the performance requirements of the NZBC. Details not included in the Technical Literature have not been assessed and are outside the scope of this Appraisal.

Inter-storey Junctions

- 8.6 Inter-storey junctions must be constructed in accordance with the Technical Literature.

Structure

Mass

- 9.1 The mass of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets when installed on the wall is 12.5 kg/m² at equilibrium moisture content (EMC). The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) are therefore considered a light wall cladding in terms of NZS 3604.

Impact Resistance

9.2 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) have good resistance to impacts likely to be encountered in normal residential use. The likelihood of impact damage to the system when used in light commercial situations should be considered at the design stage, and appropriate protection such as the installation of bollards and barriers should be considered for vulnerable areas.

Wind Zones

9.3 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) are suitable for use in all Wind Zones of NZS 3604 up to, and including, Very High where buildings are designed to meet the requirements of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1, Paragraph 1.1.

Sheet Fixing

9.4 The sheets must be mechanically fixed at the centres specified in Table 1.

Table 1: Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ Sheet Fixing Centres

NZS 3604 Wind Zone	Fixing Type and Maximum Fixing Centres	
	Paslode ND 50 brad	40 x 2.8 mm fibre cement nail
Low	150 mm	200 mm
Medium	100 mm	200 mm
High	75 mm	200 mm
Very High	N/A	200 mm

Durability

10.1 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) meets the performance requirements of NZBC Clause B2.3.1 (b) 15 years for the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets and flashings.

Serviceable Life

10.2 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) installations are expected to have a serviceable life of at least 30 years provided the paint coating to the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets is maintained in accordance with this Appraisal, and the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets and fixings are continuously protected by a weathertight coating and remain dry in service. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be painted within three months of installation.

10.3 Coastal locations can be very corrosive to fasteners, especially locations within distances of up to 500 m from the sea including harbours, or 100 m from tidal estuaries and sheltered inlets, and otherwise as shown in NZS 3604, Figure 4.2. These coastal locations are defined in NZS 3604 as Zone D. To achieve an extended serviceable life in Zone D Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be fixed with stainless steel or hot-dip galvanised steel fasteners. Fasteners outside Zone D may be hot-dip galvanised steel.

10.4 Microclimatic conditions, including geothermal hot spots, industrial contamination and corrosive atmospheres, and contamination from agricultural chemicals or fertilisers can convert mildly corrosive atmosphere into aggressive environments for fasteners. The fixing of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets in areas subject to microclimatic conditions requires specific design in accordance with NZS 3604, Paragraph 4.2.4, and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.

Maintenance

11.1 Regular maintenance is essential to ensure the performance requirements of the NZBC are continually met and to ensure the maximum serviceability of the system.

11.2 Regular cleaning (at least annually) of the paint coating is recommended to remove grime, dirt and organic growth, to maximise the life and appearance of the coating. Grime may be removed by brushing with a soft brush, warm water and detergent.



- 11.3 Paint systems must be recoated at approximately 5-10 year intervals in accordance with the paint manufacturer's instructions.
- 11.4 Annual inspections must be made to ensure that all aspects of the cladding system, including the paint coating system, flashings and any sealed joints remain in a weatherproof condition. The sheets must be checked to ensure the fixings are sound. Any damaged areas or areas showing signs of deterioration which would allow water ingress must be repaired immediately. Sealant and paint coatings must be repaired in accordance with the relevant manufacturer's instructions.
- 11.5 Minimum ground clearances as set out in this Appraisal and the Technical Literature must be maintained at all times during the life of the cladding. *[Note: Failure to adhere to the minimum ground clearances given in this Appraisal and the Technical Literature will adversely affect the long term durability of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix).]*

Prevention of Fire Occurring

- 12.1 Separation or protection must be provided to the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] from heat sources such as fireplaces, heating appliances and chimneys. Part 7 of NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2 provide methods for separation and protection of combustible materials from heat sources.

Fire Affecting Areas Beyond the Fire Source

- 13.1 Refer to NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1 and C/AS2 and NZBC Verification Method C/VM2 for fire resistance rating and control of external fire spread requirements for external walls.

Vertical Fire Spread

- 13.2 This Appraisal only covers buildings 10 m or less in height. NZBC Functional Requirement C3.2 identifies that external vertical fire spread to upper floors only needs be considered for buildings with a building height greater than 10 m. Control of external vertical fire spread is therefore outside the scope of this Appraisal.

Horizontal Fire Spread

- 13.3 Where the external wall is not protected by a sprinkler system or separated from the relevant boundary as required by NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1 or NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, the cladding system will need to be installed over a fire resistance rated (FRR) external wall with the required FRR.

External Cladding Systems

- 13.4 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets achieves a Type A classification suitable for use on external walls in accordance with NZBC Acceptable Solutions C/AS1, Table 5.3.1.1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, Section 5.8.

External Moisture

- 14.1 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix], when installed and maintained in accordance with this Appraisal and the Technical Literature will prevent the penetration of moisture that could cause undue dampness or damage to building elements.
- 14.2 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] allow excess moisture present at the completion of construction to be dissipated without permanent damage to building elements to meet compliance with NZBC Clause E2.3.6.
- 14.3 The details given in the Technical Literature for weather sealing are based on the principles of having a first and second line of defence against moisture entry for all joints, penetrations and junctions. The ingress of moisture must be excluded by detailing joinery and wall interfaces as shown in the Technical Literature. Weathertightness details that are developed by the designer are outside the scope of this Appraisal and are the responsibility of the designer for compliance with the NZBC.



Internal Moisture

- 15.1 Buildings must be constructed with an adequate combination of thermal resistance and ventilation, and space temperature must be provided to all habitable spaces, laundries and other spaces where moisture may be generated or may accumulate.

Water Vapour

- 15.2 The Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) are not a barrier to the passage of water vapour, and when installed in accordance with this Appraisal, will not create a risk of moisture damage resulting from condensation.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 16.1 Installation of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets and accessories supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd and the building contractor must always be carried out in accordance with the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.

System Installation

Wall Underlay and Flexible Sill and Jamb Tape Installation

- 16.2 The selected wall underlay and flexible sill and jamb tape system must be installed by the building contractor in accordance with the underlay and tape manufacturer's instructions prior to the installation of the rest of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix). Flexible wall underlay must be installed horizontally and be continuous around corners. Underlay must be lapped 75 mm minimum at horizontal joints and 150 mm minimum over studs at vertical joints. Particular attention must be paid to the installation of the wall underlay and sill and jamb tapes around window and door openings to ensure a continuous seal is achieved and all exposed wall framing in the opening is protected.

Aluminium Joinery Installation

- 16.3 Aluminium joinery and associated head flashings must be installed by the building contractor in accordance with the Technical Literature. A nominal 10 mm gap must be left between the joinery reveal and the wall framing so a PEF rod and air seal can be installed after the joinery has been secured in place.

Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ Sheet Installation

- 16.4 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets may be cut using either hand or power tools. Holes and cut-outs may be formed by drilling a number of holes around the perimeter of the opening required and tapping out the centre with a hammer, or by using a hole saw.
- 16.5 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be dry prior to installation. Cut edges must be sealed with Innova™ Edge Sealer, prior to sheet installation.

Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ Sheet Fixing

- 16.6 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be fixed to the framing with either brads or fibre cement nails at the centres specified in Table 1. The fixings must be positioned a minimum of 18 mm from sheet edges and a minimum of 50 mm vertically from sheet corners.
- 16.7 A 4 mm bead of Bostik Seal N' Flex Facade is applied to the shiplap joint prior to the fitting of the top sheet.



Finishing

- 16.8 Brad holes must be filled with a suitable epoxy filler and sanded flush.
- 16.9 Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be finished with a paint coating system that will protect it from moisture. A latex exterior paint system complying with any of Parts 7, 8, 9 or 10 of AS 3730 is suitable.
- 16.10 The paint coating manufacturer's instructions must be followed at all times for application of the paint finish. Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be dry before commencing painting.

Inspection

- 16.11 The Technical Literature must be referred to during the inspection of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) installations.

Health and Safety

- 17.1 Cutting of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets must be carried out in well ventilated areas, and a dust mask and eye protection must be worn.
- 17.2 When power tools are used for cutting, grinding or forming holes, safety measures as set out in the Technical Literature must be undertaken because of the amount of dust generated.
- 17.3 Safe use and handling procedures for the components that make up the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) are provided in the manufacturer's Technical Literature.

Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

- 18.1 Wind face load and small-scale fastener withdrawal testing for the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Cavity and Direct Fix Facade Systems was completed by BRANZ. BRANZ determined design wind suction pressures, and by comparing these with the NZS 3604 design wind speeds and AS/NZS 1170 pressure coefficients, the fixing requirements were determined for timber-framed walls.
- 18.2 BRANZ expert opinion on NZBC Clause E2 code compliance for the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) was based on evaluation of all details within the scope and as stated within this Appraisal. The details contained within the Technical Literature has been reviewed, and an opinion has been given by BRANZ technical experts that the system will meet the performance levels of NZBC Acceptable Solution E2/AS1 for direct-fixed fibre cement claddings.
- 18.3 Innova™ Nuline™ Plus weatherboard has been tested in accordance with AS/NZS 3837 and achieved a Type A classification. Testing was carried out as per NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS1, Appendix E, Section E.5.1 and NZBC Acceptable Solution C/AS2, Appendix C, Section C7.1. The results were used to provide an assessment of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix).

Other Investigations

- 19.1 Structural, durability and fire opinions have been given by BRANZ technical experts.
- 19.2 Site inspections have been carried out by BRANZ to assess the practicability of installation and to examine completed installations.
- 19.3 The Technical Literature for Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix) has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.



Quality

- 20.1 The manufacture of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ fibre cement sheet has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory. BRANZ has taken note of the CodeMark Certification across a range of Etex Australia Pty Ltd fibre cement products.
- 20.2 The quality of materials, components and accessories supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd is the responsibility of Etex Australia Pty Ltd. The quality control system of the Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheet manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of ISO 9001 by SAI Global.
- 20.3 Quality of installation on-site of components and accessories supplied by Etex Australia Pty Ltd and the building contractor is the responsibility of the installer.
- 20.4 Designers are responsible for the building design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of installation of framing systems and joinery, wall underlays, flashing tapes, air seals, joinery head flashings, Innova™ Duragroove™ and Innova™ Durascape™ sheets in accordance with the instructions of Etex Australia Pty Ltd.
- 20.5 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems [Direct Fix] in accordance with the instructions of Etex Australia Pty Ltd.

Sources of Information

- AS 3730 Guide to the properties of paints for buildings.
- AS/NZS 1170 Structural design actions.
- AS/NZS 2908.2:2000 Cellulose-cement products - Flat sheet.
- AS/NZS 3837:1998 Method of test for heat and smoke release rates for materials and products using an oxygen consumption calorimeter.
- AS/NZS 4680:2006 Hot-dip galvanised [zinc] coatings on fabricated ferrous articles.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- NZS 4211:2008 Specification for performance of windows.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.

Amendments

Amendment No. 1, dated 06 August 2021.

This Appraisal has been amended to reflect building code updates relating to fire.

Amendment No. 2, dated 31 October 2024

This Appraisal has been amended to update the Appraisal Holder, product name, Technical Literature and to reflect the building code updates relating to fire in Paragraphs 12.1 and 13.1-13.4.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Innova™ Duragroove™ and Durascape™ Facade Systems (Direct Fix)** are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Etex Australia Pty Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Etex Australia Pty Ltd**:
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 - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
 - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
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