

ICC-ES Evaluation Report**ESR-2074***

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DIVISION: 08 00 00—OPENINGS**Section: 08 95 43—Vents/Foundation Flood Vents****REPORT HOLDER:****SMARTVENT PRODUCTS, INC.****430 ANDBRO DRIVE, UNIT 1****PITMAN, NEW JERSEY 08071****(877) 441-8368**www.smartvent.cominfo@smartvent.com**EVALUATION SUBJECT:****SMART VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENTS:
FLOODVENT™ MODEL #1540-520; FLOODVENT™
STACKING MODEL #1540-521; SMARTVENT™ MODEL
#1540-510; SMARTVENT™ STACKING MODEL #1540-511;
WOOD WALL FLOOD MODEL #1540-570; WOOD WALL
FLOOD OVERHEAD DOOR MODEL #1540-574;
FLOODVENT™ OVERHEAD DOOR MODEL #1540-524;
SMARTVENT™ OVERHEAD DOOR MODEL #1540-514****1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE****Compliance with the following codes:**

- 2009 and 2006 *International Building Code*® (IBC)
- 2009 and 2006 *International Residential Code*® (IRC)

Properties evaluated:

- Physical operation
- Water flow

2.0 USES

The Smart Vent® units are automatic foundation flood vents (AFFVs) employed to equalize hydrostatic pressure on nonfire-resistance-rated foundation walls, rolling-type overhead doors and building walls subject to rising or falling flood waters. The Smart Vent® units are intended for use where flood hazard areas have been established in accordance with IBC Section 1612.3 or IRC Section R3222.1. Certain models also allow natural ventilation in accordance with Section 1203 of the IBC or Section 408.1 of the IRC.

3.0 DESCRIPTION**3.1 General:**

When subjected to pressure from rising water, the Smart Vent® AFFVs disengage, then pivot open to allow flow in either direction to equalize water level and hydrostatic

pressure from one side of the foundation to the other. The AFFV pivoting door is normally held in the closed position by a buoyant release device. When subjected to rising water, the buoyant release device causes the unit to unlatch, allowing the plate to rotate out of the way and allow flow. The water level stabilizes, equalizing the lateral forces. Each unit is fabricated from stainless steel. The SmartVENT™ Stacking Model #1540-511 and FloodVENT™ Stacking Model #1540-521 units each contain two vertically arranged openings per unit.

3.2 Engineered Opening:

The AFFVs comply with the design principle noted in Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/SEI 24 for a maximum rate of rise and fall of 5.0 feet per hour (0.423 mm/s). In order to comply with the engineered opening requirement of ASCE/SEI 24, Smart Vent AFFVs must be installed in accordance with Section 4.0.

3.3 Model Sizes:

The FloodVENT™ Model #1540-520, SmartVENT™ Model #1540-510, FloodVENT™ Overhead Door Model #1540-524, and SmartVENT™ Overhead Door Model #1540-514 units measure 15³/₄ inches wide by 7³/₄ inches high (400 by 196.9 mm). The Wood Wall Flood Model #1540-570 and Wood Wall Flood Overhead Door Model #1540-574 units measure 14 inches wide by 8³/₄ inches high (355.6 by 222.25 mm). The SmartVENT™ Stacking Model #1540-511 and FloodVENT™ Stacking Model #1540-521 units measure 16 inches wide by 16 inches high (406.4 by 406.4 mm).

3.4 Ventilation:

The SmartVENT® Model #1540-510 and SmartVENT® Overhead Door Model #1540-514 both have screen covers with 1/4-inch-by-1/4-inch (6.35 by 6.35 mm) openings, yielding 51 square inches (32 903 mm²) of net free area to supply natural ventilation. The SmartVENT™ Stacking Model #1540-511 consists of two Model #1540-510 units in one assembly, and provides 102 square inches (65 806 mm²) of net free area to supply natural ventilation. Other AFFVs recognized in this report do not offer natural ventilation.

4.0 INSTALLATION

SmartVENT® and FloodVENT™ are designed to be installed into walls or overhead doors of existing or new construction from the exterior side. Installation of the vents must be in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the applicable code and this report. The mounting straps allow mounting in wood, masonry and

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concrete walls up to 12 inches (305 mm) thick. In order to comply with the engineered opening design principle noted in Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/SEI 24, the Smart Vent[®] AFFVs must be installed as follows:

- With a minimum of two openings on different sides of each enclosed area.
- With a minimum of one AFFV for every 200 square feet (18.6 m²) of enclosed area, except that the SmartVENT[™] Stacking Model #1540-511 and FloodVENT[™] Stacking Model #1540-521 must be installed with a minimum of one AFFV for every 400 square feet (37.2 m²) of enclosed area.
- Below the base flood elevation.
- With the bottom of the AFFV located a maximum of 12 inches (305.4 mm) above grade.

5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Smart Vent[®] AFFVs described in this report comply with, or are suitable alternatives to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

5.1 The Smart Vent[®] AFFVs must be installed in accordance with this report, the applicable code and the manufacturer's installation instructions. In the event of a conflict, the instructions in this report govern.

5.2 The Smart Vent[®] AFFVs must not be used in the place of "breakaway walls" in coastal high hazard areas, but are permitted for use in conjunction with breakaway walls in other areas.

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Automatic Foundation Flood Vents (AC364), dated October 2007.

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

The Smart VENT[®] models recognized in this report must be identified by a label bearing the manufacturer's name (Smartvent Products, Inc.), the model number, and the evaluation report number (ESR-2074).

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The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that Smart Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vents, recognized in ICC-ES master report ESR-2074, have also been evaluated for compliance with the codes noted below.

Applicable code editions:

- 2010 *Florida Building Code—Building* (FBC)
- 2010 *Florida Building Code—Residential* (FRC)

2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Smart Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vents, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the master evaluation report ESR-2074, comply with the FBC and the FRC, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the *International Building Code*® provisions noted in the master report.

Use of the Smart Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vents has also been found to be in compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the FBC and the FRC for structures not subject to FBC Section 2326.3.1 or FRC Section 4409.13.3.1, as applicable.

For products falling under Florida Rule 9N-3, verification that the report holder's quality assurance program is audited by a quality assurance entity approved by the Florida Building Commission for the type of inspections being conducted is the responsibility of an approved validation entity (or the code official when the report holder does not possess an approval by the Commission).

This supplement expires concurrently with the master report, reissued December 1, 2012, revised July 2013.