

# RELIABILITY

IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Services (UES) provides assurance for end users and building regulators that the code – which sets the bar for building component acceptability – has been satisfied.

We provide an IAPMO UES Evaluation Report (ER) through collaboration with innovative and alternative product manufacturers. The ER is primarily used to assist in gaining product approvals. The publication of the ER shows the report holder – and the reader – that our engineers and researchers have determined that the alternative material, design or method of construction is satisfactory and complies with the intent of the code to which it was evaluated.

For more than 85 years, IAPMO and its subsidiaries have been involved in product recognition through development of listings and evaluations reports.

# QUALIFIED

IAPMO UES brings superior qualifications that not all other Evaluation Services have:

- ISO/IEC 17065 compliant as determined by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB)
- Sections 104.11 and 1703 compliant
- Model code agency
- Building official oversight
- Experienced staff – PEs
- External experts and specialists



ISO/IEC 17065–accredited evaluations/ listings and criteria for:

- Building products
  - Fabricators
- Verifying compliance with:
- All model U.S. codes
  - Various state codes
  - City of Los Angeles (L.A.) Code
  - Test standards through product listings



ISO/IEC 17025–accredited testing and services for:

- Certification
- Quality control
- R&D
- Code consulting
- Expert witness
- Field investigation
- Off-site witness testing



ISO/IEC 17020–accredited inspection body including:

- Audits/inspections – qualifying and surveillance
- Material sampling/witnessing
- Quality control authoring



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# Evaluation of BUILDING PRODUCTS, SYSTEMS, MATERIALS and DESIGN

FOR BUILDING OFFICIALS



## HOW CAN UNIFORM ES HELP YOU?

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Uniform Evaluation Reports (ER) ...

- **present condensed information:** A quick review of the ER briefs the building official for upcoming discussions before they happen.
- **provide convenience:** The building official only needs to look in one place to find all relevant test data summarized along with the product uses and limitations. An IAPMO Evaluation Report addresses all the requirements for code acceptance, even in different codes standards.
- **direct communication:** Building officials have direct access to UES specialists to answer any questions or immediately address any issues you may encounter.
- **allows leveraging of resources:** It could be argued that each department using Uniform Evaluation Services frees two staff members to do other important work. Utilizing UES can enhance a customer's counter experience and satisfaction.
- **supply a tool to simplify permit issuance.**

## WHY RECOGNIZE IAPMO UES EVALUATION REPORTS?

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IAPMO, the parent organization of Uniform Evaluation Services, is North America's leader in third-party certification of plumbing and mechanical products. The building product industry asked us to enter the building component arena to provide an option to industry stakeholders for third-party certifications, testing and quality assurance.

With IAPMO's years of product certification expertise and customer-oriented service, expanding to building components was a natural fit.

### IAPMO brings excellent qualifications to the table:

- 75 years of product certification
- 85 years of code development
- Trusted by building officials, architects, engineers and manufacturers
- Model code agency with code official participation

### IAPMO UES Evaluation Reports (ER) and Evaluation Criteria (EC) are predicated on:

- Referenced code requirements and or evaluation criteria
- Technical data evaluation
- QA system evaluation and manufacturing inspections

### Evaluation of technical data:

- Prepared by registered design professionals and recognized laboratories
- Reviewed by registered design professionals with comment resolution
- Recommendation of publication to staff/committee
- UES technical director review and recommendation to committee
- Technical committee approves
- Annual re-examination

### Evaluation of QA system:

- Initial audit
- Surveillance audits
- Ensures consistency of production

### Laboratory recognition:

- ISO/IEC 17025
- ILAC Accreditation
- Test equipment
- Calibrations practices
- Staff qualifications
- Documentation
- Record keeping
- Reporting practices
- Ensures quality test reports

## WHAT ELSE YOU CAN GET FROM UES

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### Plan Review Services

Use noted experts to review plans and provide solutions – when your staff is too busy we can help with the overload.

### IAPMO Uniform Evaluation Listings (UEL)

IAPMO UES provides accurate listings documenting product conformance with specific requirements.