Short-Term Fastening in FRP vs. Permanent Fastening in Steel & GreenGirt[®] CMH[™]

FRP vs. 16-Gauge Steel vs. GreenGirt[®] Composite Metal Hybrid (CMH[™])

ASTM D7332 7-Day Fastener Pull-Out Resistance Test

Don't be misled - Fiber-Reinforced Polymer (FRP) differs from steel in that it will exhibit Screw-Creep. Screws directly attached into FRP will lose capacity over a combination of time, force, and heat. It's a known Power Law phenomenon. Given the elevated temperatures found inside wall cavities, it is necessary to conduct tests involving time, force, and heat to ascertain its durability and true capabilities. Employing the ASTM D7332 test at the high service temperature of a building envelope over a duration of seven days allows for a better determination of an FRP product's ultimate usable fastener retention value. This procedure establishes a practical baseline for a product's fastener retention performance in FRP-based products.

Scan here to watch the test video now!



Test Results



Generic FRP at 82° C (180° F)

DAY HR MIN SEC

#14 T3 Fastener Tested at 50% of ASTM D7332 Tested Value of 869 lbs = 435 lbs



Generic FRP at 70° C (158° F)

HR MIN DAY SEC

#14 T3 Fastener Tested at 50% of ASTM D7332 Tested Value of 869 lbs = 435 lbs







Generic FRP at 50° C (122° F)

HR MIN SEC DAY

#14 T3 Fastener Tested at 50% of ASTM D7332 Tested Value of 869 lbs = 435 lbs









16 Ga. Steel at 82° C (180° F)

DAY HR MIN SEC

#14 T3 Fastener Tested at 90% of ASTM D7332 Tested Value of 613 lbs = 552 lbs











GreenGirt[®] CMH[™] at 82° C (180° F)

HR MIN SEC DAY #14 T3 Fastener Tested at

90% of ASTM D7332 Tested Value of 613 lbs = 552 lbs









Key Points

 GreenGirt[®] CMH[™] is NOT FRP - it's a **Composite Metal Hybrid.**

Position (in.) vs Time (min.)

- GreenGirt[®] CMH[™] performs equal to or greater than steel.
- Fasteners in FRP should always have a backer plate per ASCE **Structural Plastics Handbook.**
- Never direct attach to standalone FRP with a screw for structural fastening.



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Smarter by Design. Proven by Performance.



GreenGirt[®] CMH[™] can be found on buildings from coast to coast – from massive transportation hubs, to smaller storefronts, GreenGirt CMH has been designed as an engineered solution to be cost-effective, easy-to-use, and thermally efficient.

The *composite metal hybrid* (CMH) design of GreenGirt is superior to steel, both structurally and thermally. GreenGirt CMH is designed to provide the same loading capabilities of metal z-girts of equivalent depth while eliminating through fasteners and thermal bridging. Furthermore, GreenGirt CMH is not susceptible to moisture, corrosion, or electrochemical reactions.



For additional supporting documents on service temperature, expected life cycle, test protocol, etc., please visit https://greengirt.com/





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