



National Slate Association
1014 West 36th Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

866-256-2111
www.slateassociation.org

OFFICERS COMMITTEE

John Chan
President
Brian Chalsma
Senior Vice President
Dave Large
Vice President
Bob Pringle
Vice President
Jeffrey Levine
Immediate Past President
Matt Millen
Treasurer
Tim Underhill
Executive Director

BOARD MEMBERS

Alan Buhol
Dan Cornwell
Robert Fulmer
Clay Heald
Russ Watsky

June 15, 2010

This Cover Letter Must Be Included With Any Distribution Of The Eleven Page Architectural Testing Report Attached, And Is Considered Part Of The Report by The National Slate Association. The Report (Including This Cover Letter) Must Be Reproduced in Full. No Partial Reproduction or Distribution Is Permitted Without The Written Approval Of The National Slate Association.

*When referencing the report, please use the following citation:
National Slate Association, "FM 4473 Test Report," Report No. 98120.01-801-75. Poultney, VT, February 25, 2010 (available at www.slateassociation.org).*

FM 4473 Test Report Number 98120.01-801-75 - Specification Test Standard for Impact Resistance Testing of Rigid Roofing Materials by Impacting with Freezer Balls (dated 2/25/10) is distributed by the National Slate Association for reference where the resistance to hail impact is a consideration in the selection of roof coverings.

The testing was conducted by Architectural Testing, Inc., of Southlake, Texas under contract to the National Slate Association, and was undertaken to independently establish the ability of North American produced, S-1 rated roofing slate to withstand impact from hail without damage. Panels were assembled with a representative range of colors from National Slate Association quarry members from the United States and Canada. These quarries were also required to support their claim of stone quality with available ASTM C406 S-1 rated test results for their material, as conducted by a National Slate Association recommended testing laboratory. Test panels were constructed to meet the minimum requirements of the National Slate Association's 2010 printing of the "Slate Roofs-Design and Installation Manual".

Under the FM 4473 testing conducted by Architectural Testing, Inc., 3/8 inch thick, S-1 rated, North American produced roofing slate met the requirements as a Class 4 (highest rated) roof covering and 1/4 inch thick, S-1 rated, North American produced roofing slate met the requirements as a Class 3 (second highest rated) roof covering.

For questions related to these test reports, please contact the National Slate Association toll free at 866-256-2111 or email mail@slateassociation.org.



FM 4473

TEST REPORT

Rendered to:

THE NATIONAL SLATE ASSOCIATION

PRODUCT TYPE: Natural Roofing Slates

Report No.: 98120.01-801-75

Test Dates: 02/25/10

Through: 02/25/10

Report Date: 02/25/10

Record Retention End Date: 02/25/14



FM 4473 TEST REPORT

Rendered to:

THE NATIONAL SLATE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 172
Poultney, VT 05764

Report No.: 98120.01-801-75
Test Dates: 02/25/10
Through: 02/25/10
Report Date: 02/25/10
Record Retention End Date: 02/25/14

Project Summary: Architectural Testing, Inc. was contracted by The National Slate Association to perform testing on natural roofing slates. The 1/4" thick slates met the performance requirements set forth in the referenced test procedures for a Class 3 rating, and the 3/8" thick slates a Class 4 rating. Test specimen descriptions and results are reported herein. The samples were provided by the client.

Test Procedures: The test specimens were evaluated in accordance with the following:

Specification Test Standard for Impact Resistance Testing of Rigid Roofing Materials by Impacting with Freezer Ice Balls, Class No. 4473, FM Approvals (2005)

Test Specimen Description:

Company Name: The National Slate Association

Series/Model: North American Natural Roofing Slate 6mm (1/4") thick

Product Type: Natural Roofing Slate

Individual Slate Size: 203 mm (8") width by 406 mm (16") height

Individual Slate Size (starter slate): 406 mm (16") width by 254 mm (10") height

Exposed Slate Size: 203 mm (8") width by 165 mm (6-1/2") height

Overall assembly size: 813 mm (32") width (first and third row from top) and 1016 mm (40") width (second and fourth row from top) by 902 mm (35-1/2") height

Number of slates: 4 wide (first and third row from top), 5 wide (second and fourth row from top), by 4 high

Test Specimen Description: (Continued)

Average Nominal Thickness: 6 mm (1/4")

Color: Unfading green, unfading purple, unfading black

Finish: None

Deck Construction: The wood test deck was 36" wide x 36" high. The deck was constructed with 2" wide x 4" high lumber at the perimeter with one stud located at the midspan. Fastened to the top of the frame was a piece of 5/8" plywood. (Note: FM 4473 specifies 15/32" plywood deck)

Slate Description: The slates had a lightly textured front and back. The front had tapered edges. Two nail holes were located on the top of each slate. Both were 5" on center from the top edge, and 1-1/2" from each side edge. The starter slate had holes at 3" on center from the top edge, and 1-1/2" from each side edge.

Clips: No clips were utilized.

Installation: A 0.042" thick felt underlayment was fastened to the deck. One wooden cant strip measuring 1/4" thick x 1" wide was secured to the felt and plywood at 3" on center spacing from the bottom edge of the bottom row of slates. The cant strip was fastened with 1/8" x 1-1/2" copper nails, at 2" from batten ends and one at midpoint. The slates were placed over the felt in overlapped weatherboard fashion. Slates had a 9-1/2" overlap. Bottom slates were placed over a row of starter slate. Each slate was fastened to the deck through both nail holes with 1/8" x 1-1/2" copper nails.

Test Results: The following results have been recorded:

FM 4473, Ice Ball Impact Resistance

Sample Conditioning Temperature: 22°C (71°F) for at least 4 hours

Sample Conditioning Relative Humidity: 32% for at least 4 hours

Ice Ball Conditioning Temperature: -22°C (-8°F) for at least 48 hours

Muzzle Distance from Test Specimen: 914 mm (36")

Test Unit 1 (unfading green): Class 3

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 31.06 m/s (101.9 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 44.9 g (0.0990 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.98 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 30.60 m/s (100.4 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 44.9 g (0.0990 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.51 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 30.85 m/s (101.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 42.9 g (0.0946 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.05 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 30.85 m/s (101.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.3 g (0.0955 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.11 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Test Results: (Continued)

Test Unit 2 (unfading purple): Class 3

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 30.75 m/s (100.9 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.3 g (0.0955 lbs)
Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")
Kinetic Energy: 15.11 ft-lb
Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom
Observations: No visible cracking or breakage
Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 31.24 m/s (102.5 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.7 g (0.0963 lbs)
Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")
Kinetic Energy: 15.73 ft-lb
Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom
Observations: No visible cracking or breakage
Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 31.06 m/s (101.9 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 44.9 g (0.0990 lbs)
Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")
Kinetic Energy: 15.98 ft-lb
Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge
Observations: No visible cracking or breakage
Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 30.91 m/s (101.4 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 42.8 g (0.0944 lbs)
Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")
Kinetic Energy: 15.08 ft-lb
Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge
Observations: No visible cracking or breakage
Results: Pass

Test Results: (Continued)

Test Unit 3 (unfading black): Class 3

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 30.91 m/s (101.4 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.0 g (0.0948 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.15 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 30.60 m/s (100.4 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 44.7 g (0.0985 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.44 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 30.75 m/s (100.9 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.4 g (0.0957 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.14 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 30.91 m/s (101.4 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 43.3 g (0.0955 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 44.5 mm (1-3/4")

Kinetic Energy: 15.26 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Test Specimen Description:

Company Name: The National Slate Association

Series/Model: North American Natural Roofing Slate 10mm (3/8") thick

Product Type: Natural Roofing Slate

Individual Slate Size: 203 mm (8") width by 406 mm (16") height

Individual Slate Size (starter slate): 406 mm (16") width by 254 mm (10") height

Exposed Slate Size: 203 mm (8") width by 165 mm (6-1/2") height

Overall assembly size: 813 mm (32") width (second and fourth row from top) and 1016 mm (40") width (first, third, and fifth row from top) by 902 mm (35-1/2") height

Number of slates: 4 wide (second and fourth row from top), 5 wide (first, third, and fifth row from top), by 5 high

Average Nominal Thickness: 10 mm (3/8")

Color: Unfading black, semi-weathering gray/green, semi weathering strata gray

Finish: None

Deck Construction: The wood test deck was 36" wide x 36" high. The deck was constructed with 2" wide x 4" high lumber at the perimeter with one stud located at the midspan. Fastened to the top of the frame was a piece of 5/8" plywood. (Note: FM 4473 specifies 15/32" plywood deck)

Slate Description: The slates had a lightly textured front and back. The front had tapered edges. Two nail holes were located on the top of each slate. Both were 5" on center from the top edge, and 1-1/2" from each side edge. The starter slate had holes at 3" on center from the top edge, and 1-1/2" from each side edge.

Clips: No clips were utilized.

Installation: A 0.042" thick felt underlayment was fastened to the deck. One wooden cant strip measuring 1/4" thick x 1" wide was secured to the felt and plywood at 3" on center spacing from the bottom edge of the bottom row of slates. The cant strip was fastened with 1/8" x 1-1/2" copper nails, at 2" from cant strip ends and one at midpoint. The slates were placed over the felt in overlapped weatherboard fashion. Slates had a 9-1/2" overlap. Bottom slates were placed over a row of starter slate. Each Slate was fastened to the deck through both nail holes with 1/8" x 1-1/2" copper nails.

Test Results: The following results have been recorded:

FM 4473, Ice Ball Impact Resistance

Sample Conditioning Temperature: 22°C (71°F) for at least 4 hours

Sample Conditioning Relative Humidity: 32% for at least 4 hours

Ice Ball Conditioning Temperature: -22°C (-8°F) for at least 48 hours

Muzzle Distance from Test Specimen: 914 mm (36")

Test Unit 1 (unfading black): Class 4

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 34.81 m/s (114.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 64.0 g (0.1411 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.60 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 34.75 m/s (114.0 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 66.1 g (0.1457 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 29.44 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 33.89 m/s (111.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 63.5 g (0.1400 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 26.91 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 34.91 m/s (114.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 63.4 g (0.1398 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.33 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Test Results: (Continued)

Test Unit 2 (semi-weathering gray/green): Class 4

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 34.99 m/s (114.8 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 62.9 g (0.1387 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.40 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 34.41 m/s (112.9 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 66.8 g (0.1473 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 29.18 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 33.83 m/s (111.0 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 64.0 g (0.1411 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 27.02 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 34.99 m/s (114.8 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 64.1 g (0.1413 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.95 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Test Results: (Continued)

Test Unit 3 (semi-weathering strata gray): Class 4

Impact #1: Missile Velocity: 34.99 m/s (114.8 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 63.0 g (0.1389 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.45 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #2: Missile Velocity: 34.81 m/s (114.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 64.0 g (0.1411 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.60 ft-lb

Impact Area: Bottom right corner, 2" from bottom

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #3: Missile Velocity: 34.81 m/s (114.2 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 63.2 g (0.1393 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 28.24 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Impact #4: Missile Velocity: 34.59 m/s (113.5 fps); orientation 15° of vertical

Missile Weight: 66.2 g (0.1459 lbs)

Missile Diameter: 50.8 mm (2.0")

Kinetic Energy: 29.22 ft-lb

Impact Area: Left side, 2" from edge

Observations: No visible cracking or breakage

Results: Pass

Test Equipment:

Cannon: Constructed from steel piping utilizing compressed air to propel the missile

Missile: 44.5 mm (1-3/4") and 50.8 mm (2.0") diameter ice balls

Timing Device: Electronic Beam Type

Timing Device Calibration Date: 9/18/09

List of Official Observers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
David Large	North Country Slate
Tom Klein	Architectural Testing, Inc.
Jesus Mata	Architectural Testing, Inc.

Data sheets, representative samples of test specimens, a copy of this report, or other pertinent project documentation will be retained by Architectural Testing, Inc. for a period of four years from the original test date. At the end of this retention period, such materials shall be discarded without notice and the service life of this report will expire.

Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test methods. This report does not constitute certification of this product nor an opinion or endorsement by this laboratory. It is the exclusive property of the client so named herein and relates only to the specimen(s) tested. This report may not be reproduced, except in full, without the written approval of Architectural Testing, Inc.

For ARCHITECTURAL TESTING, INC.



Digitally Signed by: Tom Klein

Tom Klein
Technician



Digitally Signed by: Andy Cost

Andy Cost
Laboratory Manager

TK:ac

Attachments (pages): This report is complete only when all attachments listed are included.

Revision Log

<u>Rev. #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>	<u>Revision(s)</u>
0	02/25/10	N/A	Original Release