



Transparent Test Data vs. Ambiguous Info

*A summary table is a claim. A test report is evidence.
A Duly Authenticated Report is evidence with an audit
trail. In today's façade market, the difference is decisive.*



For most of the industry’s history, façade documentation lived in a brochure — a few rows of test results, an accredited-lab logo, a “compliant with NFPA 285” line near the bottom. That convention held when no one read past the table. It doesn’t hold anymore.

Authorities Having Jurisdiction are asking for the underlying report at permit review. Envelope consultants are documenting their diligence in writing. Insurers are reviewing façade documentation during underwriting. What used to be the evidence is now the marketing — and the actual evidence has moved up the buying chain.

This is where transparent test data parts ways with ambiguous info. They look similar on a quick scan. They function very differently when scrutiny arrives.

The Difference

Ambiguous Info	Transparent Test Data (Fairview)
A summary table of results	A Duly Authenticated Report (DAR) from an ANAB-accredited approved agency
“Passes NFPA 285”	Report number, issuing agency, accreditation, test date, renewal date, and pass margin
A generic compliance badge	Approved wall assemblies — every layer, every component, named and dimensioned
Scope limitations omitted	Scope, conditions of use, and excluded applications clearly disclosed
“Equivalent to” or “based on” claims	Specific tested configurations evaluated by a Registered Design Professional
One test, one data point	Test results + engineering analysis + approved assemblies + jurisdictional applicability — in one document
“Available on request” — that doesn’t arrive	Documentation that arrives during business hours, on the current product
No audit trail	ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accredited issuer, ISO/IEC 17025 accredited testing, periodic third-party renewal

Why a Duly Authenticated Report Carries More Weight Than a Raw Test Report

A raw third-party test report shows you the result of one test. It’s evidence — but it’s a single slice of evidence, and it leaves the reader to do the work of matching the tested configuration to the proposed application, evaluating the engineering judgment, and confirming jurisdictional acceptance.



A **Duly Authenticated Report (DAR)** is the next layer up. It's issued by an approved agency — in Fairview's case, **DrJ Engineering, LLC**, accredited under **ANAB ISO/IEC 17065** as a product certification body and it consolidates, in one document:

- The underlying laboratory testing, performed under **ISO/IEC 17025** accreditation by the **Center for Building Innovation (CBI)**.
- The engineering analysis sealed by a Registered Design Professional.
- Every approved wall assembly, with all components named and dimensioned.
- Conditions of use, scope limitations, and storage/installation requirements.
- Jurisdictional applicability across local, state, and federal codes — including FBC, CBC, LABC supplements.
- A unique report number, an issue date, a revision history, and a defined renewal date.

This matters for three reasons.

First, AHJ acceptance is codified. Under **IBC Section 1707.1**, the building official *shall accept duly authenticated reports from approved agencies* in respect to the quality and manner of use of new materials or assemblies. A DAR is the document this section was written for.

Second, international portability is built in. Because DrJ is accredited by ANAB — a signatory to the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement — a DAR is recognized by conformity assessment bodies in every other MLA signatory country. The report doesn't need to be re-issued for international projects.

Third, the audit trail is active. Every DAR, including Fairview's current Vitrabond (Report 1809-01) and Vitraplate (Report 2312-08), moves through a defined cycle of periodic review and renewal, and the issuer (DrJ) is itself third-party audited under ANAB. The "legacy report on a superseded product" problem, where a brochure outlives the formulation it describes, is structurally constrained by that cycle in a way that uncertified, unrenewed data sheets are not.

When a specifier, consultant, AHJ, or insurer asks for "the test report," what they actually need is everything a DAR contains. Fairview's posture is to send the DAR, because the DAR is the evidence — assembled, evaluated, accredited, and current.

What Ambiguous Info Doesn't Tell You



The gap between a table and a Duly Authenticated Report is where most specification problems, warranty disputes, and — in rare cases — catastrophic failures originate.

A summary cannot show you whether the tested build-up matches what's being specified. It cannot show you the pass margin. It cannot show you which lab performed the testing, when, or under what scope. It cannot show you the engineering analysis that determined which substitutions are valid within the tested assembly. It cannot show you whether the issuing agency is accredited, or whether the report is currently in renewal.

For most projects, none of that matters until someone — an AHJ, a consultant, an insurer, a lawyer — starts asking. Then it matters a great deal.

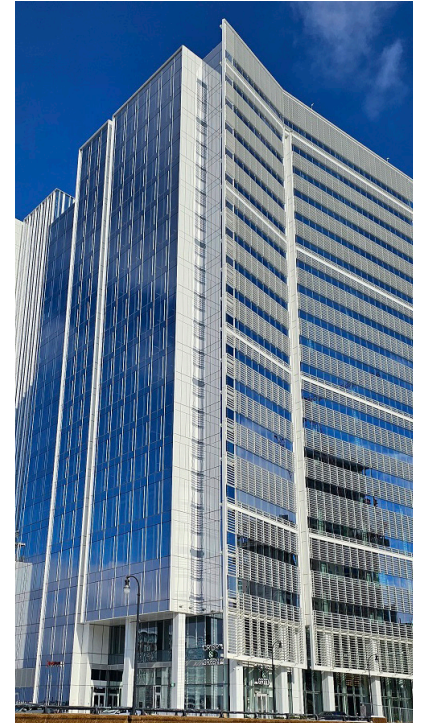
What Transparent Test Data Looks Like at Fairview

Every Fairview product — Vitrabond, Vitraplate, Arrowhead, Edgeline, Vitranar, and RapidWrapCI — is tested to the standards your project requires: NFPA 285, ASTM E84, ASTM E283 / E330 / E331, AAMA 508/509, AAMA 2605, CAN/ULC S134, TAS 201/202/203 for HVHZ applications, and equivalent references where applicable. That's the same as most reputable manufacturers.

The difference is what happens when a qualified stakeholder — an architect, an envelope consultant, a fabricator, a GC, an AHJ, or an insurer — asks for the report itself. We send the Duly Authenticated Report. Not a redrawn extract. Not a “we'll get back to you.” The document.

Inside that document: the laboratory test data, the engineering analysis, the approved wall assemblies (Vitrabond's DAR alone catalogs three full NFPA 285-approved configurations with every component named), the scope, the conditions of use, the report number, the accreditation, the renewal date, and the jurisdictional applicability across all referenced codes.

That's been our posture since long before the market started asking for it. The industry is now selecting for transparency with an audit trail. Fairview was already there.



The Diagnostic Question

When you're standing in front of a specification decision, the most useful question is the simplest one:

“Can I see the actual report — issued by an accredited agency, on the current product, with the approved assemblies?”

How a manufacturer answers — and how quickly — is itself data. A direct yes, with a Duly Authenticated Report from an ANAB-accredited issuer attached, tells you one thing. A vague deflection, a data-sheet excerpt, or a “we'll send it later” that never arrives tells you something else.

You don't have to interpret the signal. The signal interprets itself.

Ask Us for the Report. We'll Send It.

For qualified project stakeholders, full Duly Authenticated Reports — issued by DrJ Engineering under ANAB ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation, with testing performed under ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation — are available on request, in business hours, on the current product, with approved assemblies and scope intact.

Request the Duly Authenticated Report

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