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RE: PRODUCT APPROVAL FOR ABS FOOTINGS

Thank you for your letter of April 10, 1995 in which you asked the three questions reiterated below. Our answers to these questions are based on the current Oregon code, but be advised, when the current code is replaced with a new standard on January 1, 1996, the answers to these questions may change.

Question: (1) Are the ABS footings manufactured by our company approved for use in Oregon?

Your company's ABS footings, under current Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR's), are considered prefabricated load bearing devices. If these devices have been tested, listed and labeled by a nationally recognized testing and listing agency to the minimum requirements of OAR 918-505-020 attached, they are approved for use anywhere in Oregon.

The label or stamp supplied by the listing agency is required to contain the following information:

- The product's intended use (i.e. footing);
- The product manufacturer's name and location;
- The product's model or identification number;
- The product's design loads or capacity (i.e., 6,000 lbs.);
- The product's tested or calculated loads (i.e., 18,000 lbs.);
- The name, logo or identification mark of the testing and listing agency; and
- The product's test report and listing numbers.

Question: (2) Can cities or other local jurisdictions require concrete slabs and footings?

Oregon installers have several footing options to choose from including concrete slabs and footings. Since Oregon has a state-wide minimum code, a local jurisdiction must accept any of the footing types recognized by the state code. Prefabricated footings such as yours may be used in Oregon providing they meet all the requirements of OAR 918-505-020.

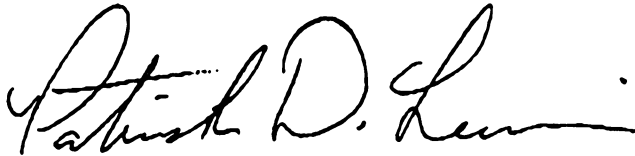
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**Question:** (3) Can an approved Earthquake Resistive Bracing System (ERBS) be installed in place of a standard foundation system?

If the earthquake resistant bracing system is designed as the entire support system for a manufactured dwelling, it may be used in place of the standard foundation system if installed according to the installation instructions approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

I hope this information is adequate to meet your needs. If you have any other questions, please call me at (503) 373-1266.



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