

# ICC-ES Evaluation Report

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<p><b>DIVISION: 08 00 00— OPENINGS</b></p> <p><b>Section: 08 95 43— Vents / Foundation Flood Vents</b></p>	<p><b>REPORT HOLDER: SMART PRODUCT INNOVATIONS, INC.</b></p>	<p><b>EVALUATION SUBJECT: FREEDOM FLOOD VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENT: MODEL FFV-1608</b></p>	
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## 1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE

### Compliance with the following codes:

- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 [International Building Code® \(IBC\)](#)
- 2021, 2018, 2015, 2012, 2009 and 2006 [International Residential Code® \(IRC\)](#)

### Properties evaluated:

- Physical operation
- Water flow
- Weathering

## 2.0 USES

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is used to equalize hydrostatic pressure on walls of enclosures subject to rising or falling floodwaters. With the cover removed, the model FFV-1608 also provides natural air ventilation.

## 3.0 DESCRIPTION

### 3.1 General:

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is an engineered mechanically operated in-wall flood vent (FV) that automatically allows floodwater to enter an enclosed area and exit. The FV is comprised of a polycarbonate frame with mounting flange and a polycarbonate horizontally pivoting door. When subjected to rising water, the model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® door is activated and pivots to allow water and debris to flow in either direction to equalize hydrostatic pressure from one side of the enclosure to the other. The FV features a removable polycarbonate cover. The FV door will activate and pivot when subjected to rising water with or without the polycarbonate cover installed.

### 3.2 Engineered Opening:

The FV complies with the design principle noted in Section 2.7.2.2 and Section 2.7.3 of ASCE/ SEI 24-14 (2021, 2018 and 2015 IBC and IRC) [Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/ SEI 24-05 (2012, 2009, 2006 IBC and IRC)] for a maximum rate of rise and fall of 5.0 feet per hour (0.423 mm/s). In order to comply with the engineered opening requirement of ASCE/ SEI 24, Freedom Flood Vent® FVs must be installed in accordance with Section 4.0 below. See [Table 1](#) for vent size and maximum allowable area coverage for a single vent.

## 4.0 DESIGN AND INSTALLATION

The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is designed to be installed into walls or overhead doors of existing or new construction. Installation of the vent must be in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions, the applicable code, and this report. In order to comply with the engineered opening design principle noted in Sections 2.7.2.2 and 2.7.3 of ASCE/ SEI 24-14 (2021, 2018 and 2015 IBC and IRC) [Section 2.6.2.2 of ASCE/ SEI 24-05 (2012, 2009, 2006 IBC and IRC)], the Freedom

Flood Vent® must be installed as follows:

- With a minimum of two openings on different sides of each enclosed area.
- With a minimum of one FV for every 250 square feet (23.2 m2) of enclosed area.
- Below the base flood elevation.
- With the bottom of the vent located a maximum of 12 inches (305.4 mm) above the higher of the final interior grade or floor and the finished exterior grade immediately under each opening.

## 5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE:

The Freedom Flood Vent® described in this report complies with, or is a suitable alternative to what is specified in, those codes listed in Section 1.0 of this report, subject to the following conditions:

- 5.1 The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® unit must be installed in accordance with this report, the applicable code and the manufacturer’s published installation instructions. In the event of a conflict, the instructions in this report shall govern.
- 5.2 The model FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® unit must not be used in place of “breakaway walls” in coastal high hazard areas, but are permitted for use in conjunction with breakaway walls in other areas.
- 5.3 Use of the Freedom Flood Vent as under-floor space ventilation is outside the scope of this report.
- 5.4 FFV-1608 Freedom Flood Vent® is manufactured in Gastonia, North Carolina under a quality control program with inspections by ICC-ES.

## 6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the [ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Mechanically Operated Flood Vents \(AC364\)](#), dated August 2015 (editorially revised February 2021).

## 7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 The Freedom Flood Vent® model described in this report must be identified by a label bearing the manufacturer’s name (Smart Product Innovations, Inc.) and the evaluation report number (ESR-4332).
- 7.2 The report holder’s contact information is the following:

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TABLE 1—FREEDOM FLOOD VENT®

MODEL NAME	MODEL NUMBER	MODEL SIZE	COVERAGE (sq. ft.)
Freedom Flood Vent®	FFV-1608	15 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " X 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>16</sub> "	250

For SI: 1 inch = 25.4 mm

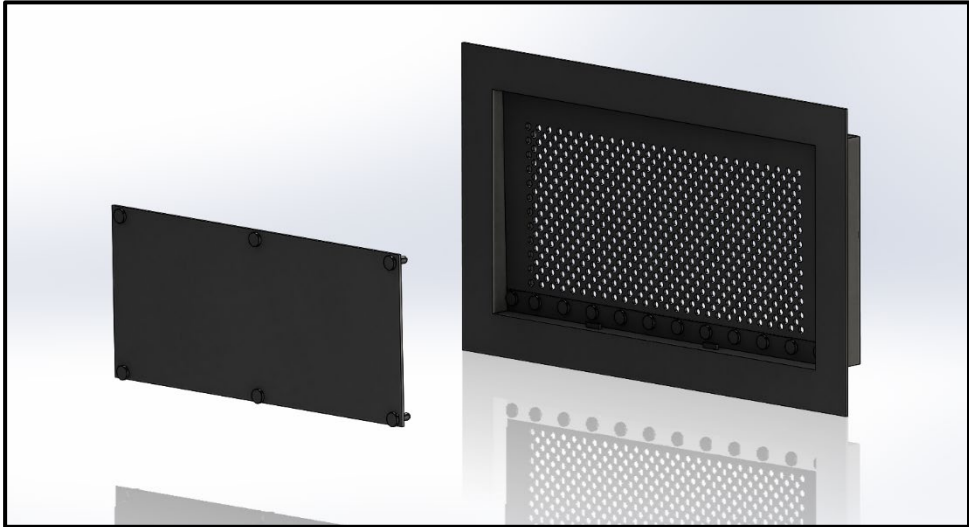


FIGURE 1—MODEL FFV-1608 FREEDOM FLOOD VENT®: SHOWN WITH COVER REMOVED



FIGURE 2—MODEL FFV-1608 FREEDOM FLOOD VENT®: SHOWN WITH FLOOD DOOR PIVOTED OPEN

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**EVALUATION SUBJECT:**

FREEDOM FLOOD VENT® AUTOMATIC FOUNDATION FLOOD VENT: MODEL FFV-1608

**1.0 REPORT PURPOSE AND SCOPE****Purpose:**

The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that the Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-4332, has also been evaluated for compliance with codes noted below.

**Applicable code editions:**

- 2019 *California Building Code* (CBC)

For evaluation of applicable chapters adopted by the California Office of Statewide Planning and Development (OSHPD) AKA: California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) and the Division of State Architect (DSA), see Sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 below.

- 2019 *California Residential Code* (CRC)

**2.0 CONCLUSIONS****2.1 CBC:**

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with CBC Chapter 12 provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC) provisions noted in the evaluation report and the additional requirements of CBC Chapters 12 and 16, as applicable.

**2.1.1 OSHPD:** The applicable OSHPD Sections and Chapters of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

**2.1.2 DSA:** The applicable DSA Sections and Chapters of the CBC are beyond the scope of this supplement.

**2.2 CRC:**

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with the 2019 CRC, provided the design and installation are in accordance with the 2018 *International Residential Code*® (IRC) provisions noted in the evaluation report.

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## Applicable code editions:

- 2020 Florida Building Code—Building
- 2020 Florida Building Code—Residential

## 2.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4332, complies with the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, provided the design requirements are determined in accordance with the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, as applicable. The installation requirements noted in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-4332 for the 2018 *International Building Code*® (IBC) meet the requirements of *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*, as applicable.

Use of the Freedom Flood Vent® Automatic Foundation Flood Vent: Model FFV-1608 has also been found to be in compliance with the High-Velocity Hurricane Zone provisions of the *Florida Building Code—Building* and the *Florida Building Code—Residential*.

For products falling under Florida Rule 61G20-3, verification that the report holder's quality assurance program is audited by a quality assurance entity approved by the Florida Building Commission for the type of inspections being conducted is the responsibility of an approved validation entity (or the code official, when the report holder does not possess an approval by the Commission).

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