

## HILTI EUROFOX RAINSCREEN SYSTEMS

### HILTI EUROFOX RAINSCREEN CLADDING SUPPORT SYSTEMS

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems, comprising a range of aluminium brackets and rail profiles used as a sub-frame to support cladding on the external or internal wall structure of new or existing buildings.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Mechanical resistance and stability** — the systems can be designed to support the cladding and to transfer the design loads to the substrate wall structure (see section 6).

**Behaviour in relation to fire** — the systems have an A1 reaction to fire classification in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 (see section 7).

**Drainage and ventilation** — the amount of water entering the cavity depends on the cladding and the joint type. Provided provision for drainage and ventilation is made, the systems will remove any water collecting in the cavity due to rain and condensation (see section 8).

**Durability** — the systems will have a service life in excess of 35 years (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the systems described herein. These systems have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



### The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>Loading</b>
Comment:		The systems can be designed to adequately transfer the design loads from the cladding to the substrate wall structure. See sections 6.3 and 6.4 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b>	<b>B4(1)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b>
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Requirement. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7(1)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>7(2)</b>	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.



### The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>8(1)</b>	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
Standard:	1.1(a)(b)	Structure
Comment:		The systems can be designed to adequately transfer the design loads from the cladding to the substrate wall structure, with reference to clause 1.1.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See sections 6.3 and 6.4 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Standard, with reference to clauses 2.6.4 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , 2.6.5 <sup>(1)</sup> and 2.6.6 <sup>(2)</sup> . See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	2.7	Spread on external walls
Comment:		The systems are unrestricted by this Standard, with reference to clause 2.7.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . See sections 7.1 and 7.2 of this Certificate.
Standard:	7.1(a)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:		The systems can contribute to satisfying the relevant Requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



### The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
Comment:		The systems are acceptable. See section 10.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Stability</b>
Comment:		The systems can be designed to adequately transfer the design loads from the cladding to the substrate wall structure. See sections 6.3 and 6.4 of this Certificate.

<b>Regulation:</b>	<b>36(a)</b>	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The systems are unrestricted by this Regulation. See section 7.1 of this Certificate.	

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See section: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.4 and 3.6) of this Certificate.

### Additional Information

#### NHBC Standards 2021

In the opinion of the BBA, Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 6.9, D8 (b) *Rainscreen cladding*, 6.9.4 *Loads* and 6.9.5 *Support and fixings*.

### Technical Specification

#### 1 Description

1.1 Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems consist of:

- MFT-MFI<sup>(1)</sup>, MFT-FOX HI<sup>(2)</sup> and X-Fox<sup>(2)</sup> FOX VI/V<sup>(1)(3)</sup> brackets — L shaped aluminium brackets with/without a polypropylene or PVC thermal isolator pad fitted to the back
- MFT-MW aluminium brackets — one or three holes pattern
- L, Z, T and Omega rails — aluminium rails of 'L', 'Z', 'T' and Omega profiles fixed to the aluminium wall brackets using self-drilling screws (see section 1.3).

(1) MFT-MFI and FOX VI/V brackets are used predominantly for vertical rail assembly.

(2) MFT-FOX HI and X-Fox brackets are used predominantly for horizontal rail assembly.

(3) FOX VI/V (small) brackets are used for vertical rail assembly.

1.2 The main system components are manufactured from aluminium alloy to the minimum grade given in Table 1.

*Table 1 Component specification*

Component	Material/grade	Standard
MFT-MFI and MFT-FOX HI brackets	aluminium/EN AW – 6063T66 (Al Mg 0.7Si)	BS EN 573-3 : 2019
X-Fox brackets	aluminium/EN AW – 6060T66 (Al Mg 0.7Si)	BS EN 573-3 : 2019
MFT-MW brackets	aluminium/EN AW – 6063T66 (Al Mg 0.7Si)	BS EN 573-3 : 2019
FOX VI/V brackets	aluminium/EN AW – 6063T66 (Al Mg 0.7Si)	BS EN 573-3 : 2019
L, Z, T and Omega rails	aluminium/EN AW – 6063T66 (Al Mg 0.7Si)	BS EN 573-3 : 2019

Figure 1 Component details

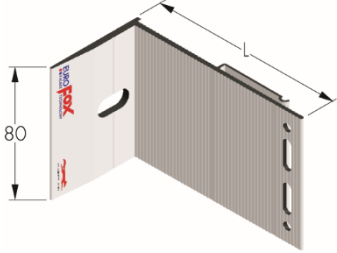
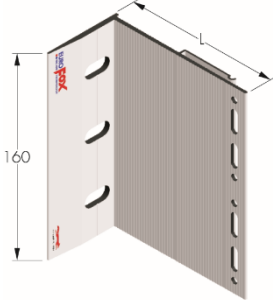
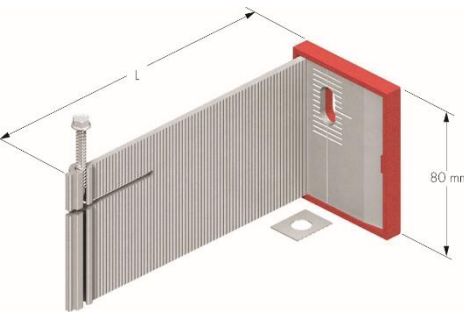
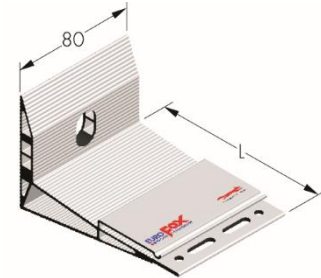
MFT-MFI M bracket – medium	Bracket leg length (mm) <i>L</i>	Projection range (mm) <sup>(1)</sup> <i>a</i>	Code
	40	40–60	2029626
	65	65–105	2029341
	95	95–135	2029344
	125	125–165	2029347
	155	155–195	2029350
	185	185–225	2029352
	215	215–255	2029355
	245	245–285	2029358
275	275–315	2029361	
MFT-MFI L bracket – large			
	40	40–60	2029623
	65	65–105	2029249
	95	95–135	2029343
	125	125–165	2029346
	155	155–195	2029349
	185	185–225	2029351
	215	215–255	2029354
	245	245–285	2029357
275	275–315	2029360	
MFT-FOX HI			
	60	60–95	2084321
	80	75–115	2084324
	100	95–135	2084327
	120	115–155	2084330
	140	135–175	2084333
	160	155–195	2084336
	180	175–215	2084339
	200	195–235	2084342
	220	215–255	2084345
	240	235–275	2084348
	260	255–295	2084351
	280	275–315	2084354
300	295–335	2084357	
X-Fox bracket – medium			
	70	70–110	2029363
	90	90–130	2029768
	120	120–160	2029773
	150	150–190	2029777
	180	180–220	2029781

Figure 1 Component details (continued)

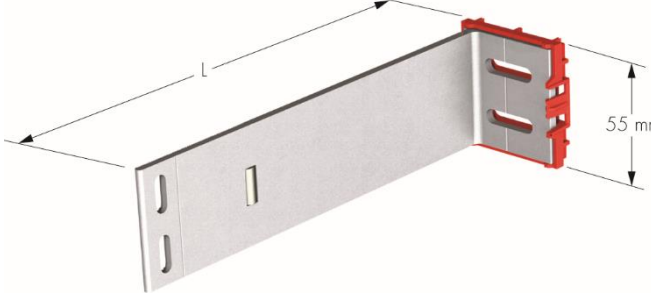
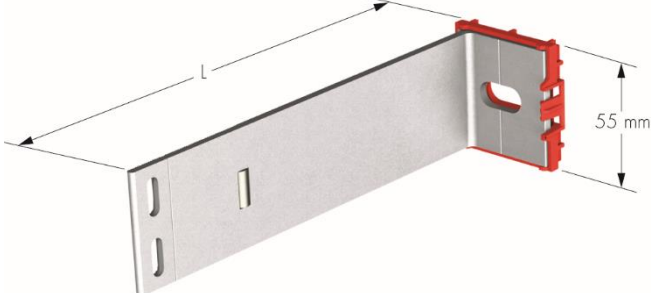
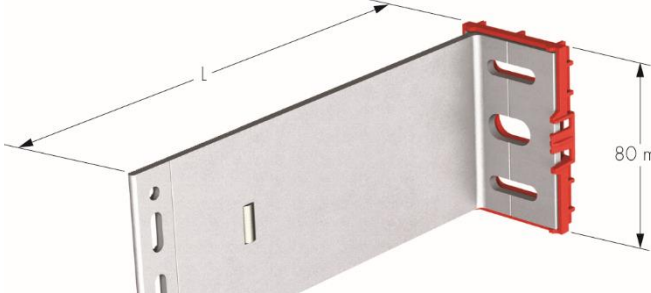
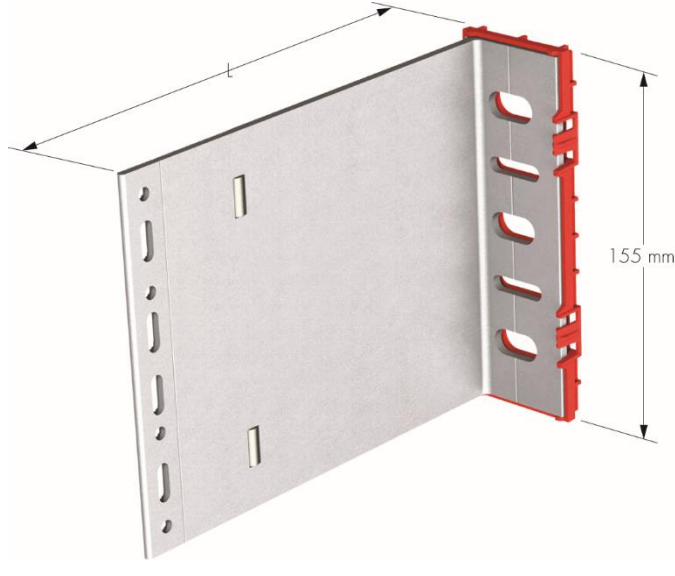
<i>MFT FOX VI/V S 6.5 bracket – small</i>	Bracket leg length (mm) - L	Code VI/V
	40	2305768/2305906
	60	2305769/2305907
	80	2305892/2305908
	100	2305893/2305909
	120	2305894/2305910
	140	2305895/2305911
	160	2305896/2305920
	180	2305891/2305919
	200	2305890/2305918
	220	2305889/2305917
	240	2305888/2305916
	260	2305887/2305921
	280	2305886/2305922
	300	2305885/2305915
<i>MFT FOX VI/V S 11 bracket – small</i>		
	40	2305884/2305914
	60	2305883/2305913
	80	2305882/2305912
	100	2305881/2305994
	120	2305880/2305767
	140	2305897/2305993
	160	2305898/2305992
	180	2305899/2305991
	200	2305900/2305990
	220	2305901/2305989
	240	2305902/2305988
	260	2305903/2305987
	280	2305904/2305986
	300	2305905/2305985
<i>MFT FOX VI/V M 6.5/11 bracket – medium</i>		
	40	2305984/2305964
	60	2305983/2305970
	80	2305982/2305969
	100	2305981/2305968
	120	2305980/2305967
	140	2305979/2305966
	160	2305978/2305965
	180	2305977/2305963
	200	2305976/2305962
	220	2305975/2305961
	240	2305974/2305960
	260	2305973/2305959
	280	2305972/2305958
	300	2305971/2305957

Figure 1 Component details (continued)

MFT FOX VI/V 6.5/11 L bracket – large



40	2305950/2305936
60	2305949/2305935
80	2305948/2305934
100	2305947/2305933
120	2305946/2305932
140	2305945/2305931
160	2305944/2305930
180	2305943/2305929
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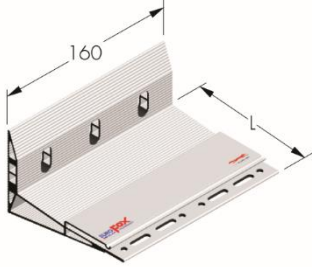

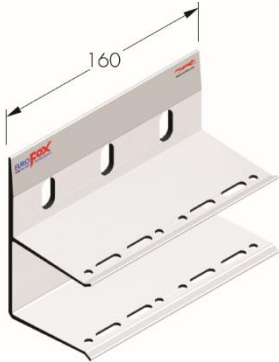
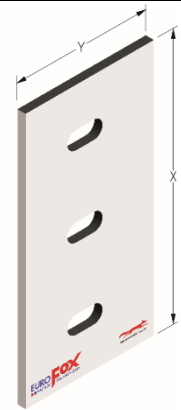

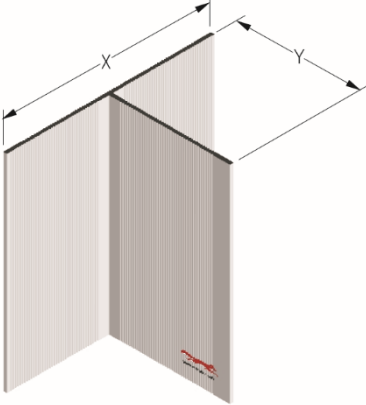


<i>X-Fox bracket – large</i>					
	Bracket leg length (mm)	Projection range (mm) <sup>(1)</sup>	Code		
	<i>L</i>	<i>a</i>			
		70	70–110	2029362	
		90	90–130	2029766	
		120	120–160	2029771	
		150	150–190	2029775	
	180	180–220	2029779		
<i>MFT-MW M bracket – medium</i>					
	70	70	2030896		
	90	100	2030892		
<i>MFT-MW L bracket – large</i>					
	70	70	2030894		
<i>Isolator – large</i>					
	Y (mm)	X (mm)	thickness (mm)	Code	
	80	160	5	2029365	

Figure 1 Component details (continued)

<b>L Profile</b>					
	Y (mm)	X (mm)	thickness (mm)	surface	Code
	40	40	1.8	fluted	2029783
	60	40	2	flat	2029372
	60	40	2	flat, black	2050781
	60	40	1.8	flat	2029370
	60	40	1.8	flat, black	2050780
	60	40	2.2	fluted	2029785
	60	50	2	fluted	2029786
<b>T-Profile</b>					
	X (mm)	Y (mm)	thickness (mm)	surface	Code
	80	40	1.8	fluted	2029787
	80	60	1.8	fluted	2029788
	100	60	2	flat	2029375
	100	60	2	flat, black	2050783
	100	60	1.8	flat	2029374
	100	60	1.8	flat, black	2050782
	100	60	2.2	fluted	2029789
	120	40	2	flat	2050268
	120	60	2	flat	2029378
	120	60	2	flat, black	2050785
	120	60	1.8	flat	2029377
	120	60	1.8	flat, black	2050784
	140	60	2.2	flat	2029792
140	60	2	fluted	2029791	
<b>Z-Profile</b>					
	Y (mm)	X (mm)	thickness (mm)	Code	
	40	29.8	1.9	2029382	
	40	55	2.2	2029796	
	40	70	2.2	2029797	
<b>Omega-Profile</b>					
	Y (mm)	X (mm)	thickness (mm)	surface	Code
	86	25	1.9	flat	2029794
	110	29.8	1.9	flat, perforated	2029380
	110	29.8	1.9	flat	2029379

(1) Projection range distance permissible covers the distance between the bracket and the rail overhang.

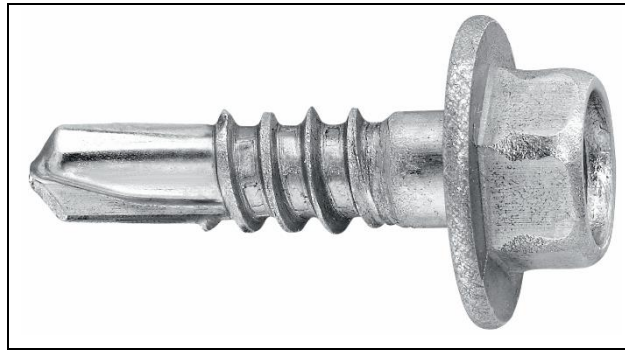


1.3 The systems' rail profiles are fixed to the wall brackets using Hilti self-drill screws S-AD01S 5.5 x 19 and S-AD01SS 5.5 x 19 as described in Table 2 (see also Figure 2), with a minimum edge distance of 10 mm.

*Table 2 Rail to bracket fixings*

Fixing code	Grade of stainless steel to EN 10088-1 : 2005	Screw diameter (mm)	Length (mm)	Screw head diameter (mm)	Maximum fastened thickness (mm)
S-AD01S	1.4567	5.5	19	8	11
S-AD01SS	1.4578	5.5	19	8	11

*Figure 2 Self-drilling screws – rail to bracket*



1.4 Ancillary items specified for use with the systems and recommended by the Certificate holder, but outside the scope of this Certificate, include:

S-MD, S-MS and S-MP fastening screws — self-drilling and self-tapping screws made of stainless steel or case-hardened carbon steel used to attach the systems to steel substrate wall as covered by ETAs 10/0182 and 18/0880

- Isolator MFT-ISO FOX H M 5 mm, Washer MFT-FOX H 11 and MFT-FOX H 5
- HRD frame anchors — anchors consisting of a plastic sleeve made of polyamide and an accompanying specific screw of electro galvanized steel, hot-dip galvanized steel or stainless steel used to attach the support systems to concrete or masonry substrate walls as covered by ETA 07/0219
- HST and HSA ultimate-performance wedge anchors — steel expansion anchors used to attach the support systems to concrete substrate walls as covered by ETAs 98/0001 and 11/0374 respectively
- HUS ultimate/high-performance screw anchors – steel screw anchors used to attach the support system to concrete substrate walls as covered by ETAs 08/0307 and 10/0005.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 The systems are manufactured from aluminium using conventional metalworking techniques.

2.2 As part of the assessment and on-going surveillance of the quality of the systems components, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

## 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The aluminium rails are banded on pallets. Every pallet carries a label bearing the Certificate holder's name and a label bearing the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate.

3.2 Packs of rails should be stacked horizontally on sufficient bearers to prevent distortion to a maximum height of one metre. Other components should be stored safely until ready for use.

3.3 The pallets should be stored on a dry, flat and level surface, suitably protected from the weather. Ancillary items should be stored in separate boxes.

3.4 The brackets are delivered to site in cartons of a size suitable for manual handling.

3.5 The systems' components should be handled with care. Damaged items should be discarded.

3.6 Protective clothing should be worn, as required, and all health and safety regulations observed. Care must be exercised when handling long lengths of rail, especially at height.

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems.

## Design Considerations

### 4 Use

4.1 Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems, when installed in accordance with this Certificate, are satisfactory for use in back ventilated and drained cavity rainscreen cladding systems as a sub-frame to support cladding on the external or internal wall structure of new or existing buildings. They are effective in transferring the wind loading and weight of cladding to the substrate wall.

4.2 The systems are applied to the outside of the external or internal wall structure of new or existing buildings. Application must be carried out strictly in accordance with this Certificate and the Certificate holder's instructions, by installers approved by the Certificate holder.

4.3 The substrate wall to which the systems are to be fixed must be structurally sound and watertight.

4.4 The brackets' insulating pads (isolators) act as thermal breaks.

4.5 It is important for designers, planners, contractors and/or installers to ensure that the systems have adequate structural capacity to support cladding panels in accordance with the design and installation requirements of the cladding panel supplier.

### 5 Practicability of installation

The systems should only be installed by installers who have been approved by the Certificate holder.

### 6 Mechanical resistance and stability

6.1 The substrate wall to which the brackets are to be fixed should be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of the relevant national Building Regulations and Standards. The design of the installation must be checked by a suitably qualified and experienced individual.

6.2 Assessment of structural performance of the systems for individual buildings must be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced individual to confirm that:

- the substrate wall to which the brackets are fixed has adequate strength to resist additional loads that may be applied as a result of installing the cladding system
- the proposed system, associated fixings and layout provide adequate resistance to wind actions and self-weight of the chosen cladding
- the bearing capacity of the fixings between the brackets and rails (see section 1.3) is not exceeded

- an appropriate number of site-specific pull-out tests are conducted on the substrate of the building to determine the minimum pull-out resistance to failure of the fixings used to attach the systems to the substrate (see section 1.4). The characteristic pull-out resistance should be determined in accordance with the guidance given in ETAG 020 : 2012, Annex C
- thermal expansion effects of both the system and the cladding to be supported are taken into consideration in the design and detailing.



6.3 Design wind actions must be calculated in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005 and its UK National Annex. Due consideration should be given to higher pressure coefficients applicable to corners of the building, as recommended in this Standard. In accordance with BS EN 1990 : 2002, it is recommended that a partial load factor of 1.5 is applied to determine the design wind load to be resisted by the systems.

6.4 A suitably qualified and experienced design engineer should ensure that:

- any thermal expansion effects of both the system and the cladding to be supported are taken into account in the design and detailing
- the specified fixings have adequate tensile, shear and pull-out strength to resist the applied actions
- the fixing of the support brackets to the supporting wall has adequate tensile, shear and pull-out strength, and corrosion resistance (outside the scope of this Certificate).
- a check is carried out on the combinations of horizontal and vertical actions, in accordance with BS EN 1999-1-1 : 2007, BS EN 1999-1-3 : 2007, BS EN 1993-1-1 : 2005 and BS EN 1993-1-4 : 2006, and their UK National Annexes, in conjunction with BS EN 1990 : 2002 and all relevant standard parts and its corresponding UK National Annex.

6.5 The supporting substrate wall must be able to resist the full wind, as well as any racking loads, on its own. No contribution from the cladding and the systems may be assumed in this respect.

6.6 The number of wall brackets used will be dependent on the weight of the cladding to be supported and is determined on a project-specific basis by the designer.

6.7 Details of the brackets, with their design resistance, are shown in Table 3. The design resistance of the fixings between components of the systems must be greater than the design resistance as tabulated.

6.8 The design of the rails and associated connections should be such as to satisfy the requirement of BS EN 1999-1-1 : 2007, using the mechanical properties of the aluminium grade adopted. Mid-span deflections should be limited to  $L/200$  and cantilever deflections limited to  $L/150$ .

6.9 In general, the rails should be fixed at mid-length using normal clearance holes (fixed point) and allowed to expand toward the ends using slotted holes (flexible or sliding point) (see Figure 1). To allow for expansion, a minimum gap of 2.5 mm per metre length should be provided. For standard three-metre long rails, a gap of 8 mm between adjacent rails is adequate. For calculation purposes, the coefficient of thermal expansion for aluminium may be taken as  $23 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ .

Table 3 Bracket design resistance<sup>(1)</sup>

Code	Design resistance (F <sub>RD</sub> ) (kN)	
	Vertical	Horizontal
<i>MFT-MFI M bracket – medium</i>		
2029626	5.28	2.26
2029341	3.17	2.26
2029344	1.98	2.26
2029347	1.44	2.26
2029350	1.13	2.26
2029352	0.93	2.26
2029355	0.79	2.26
2029358	0.69	2.26
2029361	0.61	2.26
<i>MFT-MFI L bracket – large</i>		
2029623	15.97	4.17
2029249	9.58	4.17
2029343	5.99	4.17
2029346	4.35	4.17
2029349	3.42	4.17
2029351	2.82	4.17
2029354	2.39	4.17
2029357	2.08	4.17
2029360	1.84	4.17
<i>MFT-FOX HI</i>		
2084321	2.98	2.43
2084324	2.07	2.43
2084327	1.58	2.43
2084330	1.27	2.43
2084333	1.07	2.43
2084336	0.92	2.43
2084339	0.81	2.43
2084342	0.72	2.43
2084345	0.65	2.43
2084348	0.59	2.43
2084351	0.54	2.43
2084354	0.50	2.43
2084357	0.46	2.43
<i>X-Fox bracket – medium</i>		
2029363	0.51	1.65
2029768	0.50	1.65
2029773	0.48	1.65
2029777	0.45	1.65
2029781	0.38	1.65
<i>X-Fox bracket – large</i>		
2029362	1.02	3.30
2029766	1.00	3.30
2029771	0.96	3.30
2029775	0.90	3.30
2029779	0.76	3.30
<i>MFT-MW M bracket – medium</i>		
2030896	0.43	0.43
2030892	0.43	0.43
<i>MFT-MW L bracket – large</i>		
2030894	0.86	0.86
2030891	0.86	0.86

Table 3 Bracket design resistance<sup>(1)</sup> (continued)

Code	Design resistance (F <sub>RD</sub> ) (kN)		
	Horizontal		Vertical
	Tension	Compression	
<i>MFT FOX VI/V S 6.5 bracket – small<sup>(2)</sup></i>			
2305768/2305906	2.46	4.63	-
2305769/2305907	2.52	5.41	-
2305892/2305908	2.50	4.23	-
2305893/2305909	2.53	3.29	-
2305894/2305910	2.63	2.92	-
2305895/2305911	2.65	2.32	-
2305896/2305920	2.60	1.85	-
2305891/2305919	2.83	2.37	-
2305890/2305918	2.79	2.10	-
2305889/2305917	2.85	1.61	-
2305888/2305916	2.80	1.85	-
2305887/2305921	2.94	1.59	-
2305886/2305922	2.91	1.38	-
2305885/2305915	2.88	1.33	-
<i>MFT FOX VI/V S 11 bracket – small<sup>(2)</sup></i>			
2305884/2305914	2.46	4.63	-
2305883/2305913	2.52	5.41	-
2305882/2305912	2.50	4.23	-
2305881/2305994	2.53	3.29	-
2305880/2305767	2.63	2.92	-
2305897/2305993	2.65	2.32	-
2305898/2305992	2.60	1.85	-
2305899/2305991	2.83	2.37	-
2305900/2305990	2.79	2.10	-
2305901/2305989	2.85	1.61	-
2305902/2305988	2.80	1.85	-
2305903/2305987	2.94	1.59	-
2305904/2305986	2.91	1.38	-
2305905/2305985	2.88	1.33	-
<i>MFT FOX VI/V M 6.5/11 bracket – medium</i>			
2305984/2305964	2.91	12.61	3.42
2305983/2305970	2.99	13.01	3.57
2305982/2305969	2.95	10.10	3.36
2305981/2305968	2.79	7.62	3.07
2305980/2305967	2.85	6.56	2.81
2305979/2305966	2.84	5.28	2.32
2305978/2305965	2.77	3.97	1.95
2305977/2305963	3.04	4.70	2.24
2305976/2305962	3.12	3.77	1.93
2305975/2305961	3.16	3.08	1.68
2305974/2305960	3.27	3.50	1.81
2305973/2305959	3.04	2.95	1.60
2305972/2305958	3.20	2.54	1.43
2305971/2305957	3.21	2.42	1.36

**Table 3 Bracket design resistance<sup>(1)</sup> (continued)**

Code	Design resistance (F <sub>RD</sub> ) (kN)		
	Horizontal	Vertical	
	Tension	Compression	
<i>MFT FOX VI/V L 6.5/11 bracket – large</i>			
2305950/2305936	2.88	12.57	3.53
2305949/2305935	3.09	14.03	3.37
2305948/2305934	3.16	12.09	3.49
2305947/2305933	3.03	9.80	3.50
2305946/2305932	3.12	8.60	4.03
2305945/2305931	3.23	7.25	4.44
2305944/2305930	3.19	5.86	3.75
2305943/2305929	3.34	7.45	4.19
2305942/2305928	3.27	6.13	3.85
2305941/2305927	3.30	5.11	3.42
2305940/2305926	3.41	5.84	3.50
2305939/2305925	3.38	5.01	3.16
2305938/2305924	3.31	4.34	2.87
2305937/2305923	3.47	4.19	2.73

(1) Achieved with anchor fixings.

(2) For horizontal loads only.

## Impact loading

6.10 The impact resistance of a cladding system is a function of the support framing arrangement and the cladding panel used. The building designer must ensure that the cladding system incorporating Hilti EuroFox Rainscreen Cladding Support Systems has adequate impact resistance for the support frame arrangement and cladding panels used.

## 7 Behaviour in relation to fire



7.1 The aluminium brackets, rails, and associated rail-to-bracket fixings have an A1 reaction to fire classification in accordance with BS EN 13501-1 : 2007 and are not subject to any restriction in building height or proximity to boundary as defined in the national Building Regulations.



7.2 Hilti EuroFox brackets incorporate polypropylene or PVC insulation pads used to reduce the risk of cold bridging across the bracket/wall interface. As they are largely protected by the cladding panels and considered to be present in relatively small quantities, they are unlikely to significantly affect the overall fire performance of the cladding.

7.3 Designers should refer to the relevant national Building Regulations and guidance for detailed conditions of use, particularly in respect of requirements for cavity barriers, service penetrations, substrate fire performance and combustibility limitations for other materials and components used in the overall wall construction (for example, thermal insulation).

## 8 Drainage and ventilation

8.1 The systems, when incorporated in back-ventilated and drained cavity rainscreen cladding systems, will not have an adverse effect on the removal of water from the cavity by drainage and ventilation.

8.2 For the effective removal of moisture from the cavity, a minimum ventilation area of 5000 mm<sup>2</sup> per metre run of cladding must be provided at the building base point and at the roof edge. To prevent the ingress of birds, vermin, insects and/or rain, all ventilation openings should be suitably protected with a ventilation protection mesh, perforated sheet or similar, or should be baffled.

8.3 The minimum cavity width created by the support systems between the back of the specified cladding panels/tiles and the supporting wall must be a minimum of 38 and 50 mm for cladding panels with baffled or labyrinth joints, and open joints, respectively, in accordance with the requirements of the NHBC.

## 9 Maintenance

The systems themselves do not require special maintenance. However, they should be inspected annually to ensure that rainware is complete and in good order and that the cladding panels are in place and secure.

## 10 Durability



10.1 The systems, when used as prescribed in this Certificate, can be expected to have a service life in excess of 35 years in normal UK conditions.

10.2 Unprotected aluminium interacts with cement-based materials, resulting in severe corrosion. Therefore, aluminium brackets should be used with polypropylene or PVC isolator pads when used in masonry walls.

## 11 Reuse and recyclability

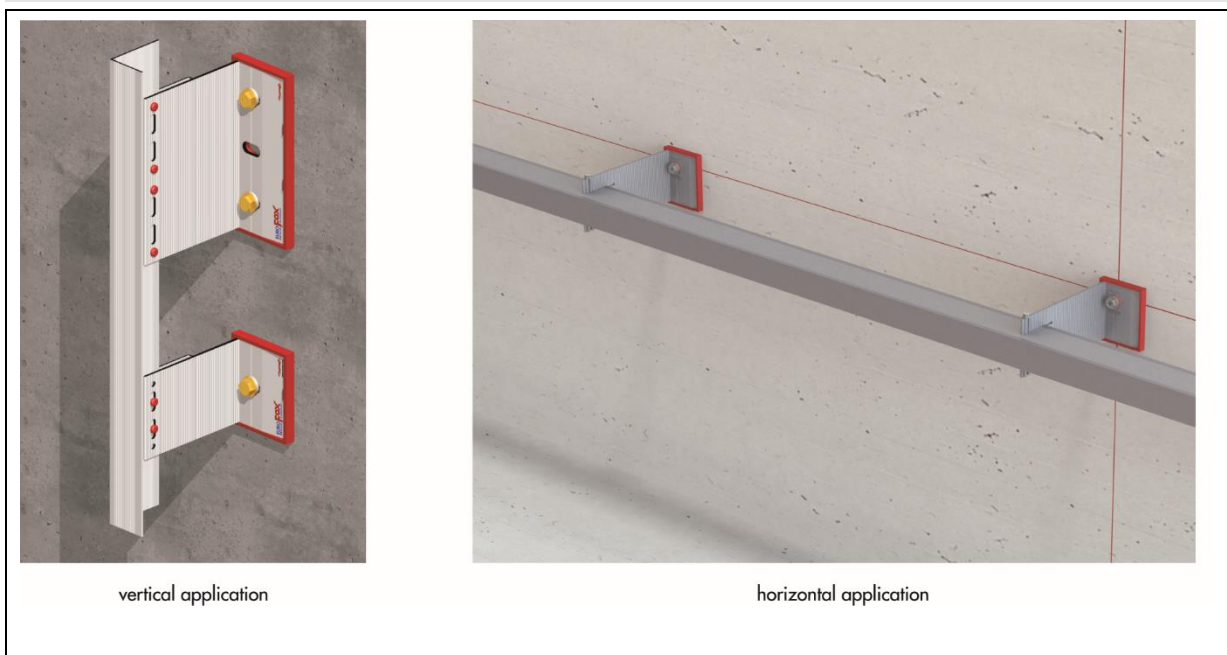
The aluminium and polypropylene components of the systems can be readily recycled.

## Installation

### 12 General

12.1 The systems must be installed in accordance with the Certificate holder's recommendations, the requirements of this Certificate and specifications laid down by the consulting engineer. Typical applications are shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3 Typical rail/bracket arrangement



12.2 Installers must be approved by the Certificate holder, who can provide technical assistance at the design stage and at the start of the installation.

### 13 Procedure

13.1 Based on a preliminary survey of the wall and architectural/structural design, a grid layout for the sub-frame is first prepared.

13.2 The brackets (with/without the isolator pad) are fixed to the substrate wall using fixings of appropriate type and size as determined by design application (see sections 1.4 and 6.2).

13.3 The rails are inserted into the brackets and, after adjustment for line and level, are fixed to them using self-drilling stainless steel screws, or rivets, as determined by design.

13.4 The rails are normally attached to the substrate wall to span one storey height. They are normally anchored at mid-span using the round holes in the brackets (fixed point/dead loads), and allowed to expand at the ends using the elongated holes in the brackets (flexible point).

13.5 Where specified, insulation should be tightly butted around the brackets and secured to the substrate wall using the appropriate fixings.

13.6 The cladding panels deemed to be compatible with the support system are appropriately fixed to the vertical or horizontal rail profiles.



### 14 Investigations

14.1 An assessment was made of the systems' resistance to wind and impact loading, reaction to fire and durability.

14.2 An assessment was made of the systems' behaviour in relation to fire.

14.3 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

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