



# Product Evaluation

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Engineering Services Program

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**Evaluation ID:** RWA-04

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**Product Name:** SunSky 12" Polycarbonate Light Transmitting Roofing Panels Installed Over Steel Purlins, Non-Impact Resistant

**Manufacturer:** Palram Americas, Inc.  
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## General Description:

The SunSky 12" roof panel is either 1.00mm or 1.5mm thick polycarbonate light transmitting roof panels. The roof panel has a 36" coverage with 1-1/4" tall major ribs at 12" on center.

## Limitations:

**Roof Framing:** The roof panels must be installed minimum 16-gauge open steel purlins.

**New Roof Framing Attachment:** The roof framing must meet or exceed the uplift requirements of the IRC or IBC and must be installed as required for resistance to wind loads.

**Design Wind Pressures:** The design pressure uplift load resistance must be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2.

**Roof Slope:** The roof panels may be installed on roofs with a roof slope as low as 1/2:12 if sealant is used on the panel side laps. If sealant is not used on the panel side laps, then the minimum roof slope is 3:12.

**Installation Over an Existing Roof Covering:** Not permitted.

**Impact Resistance:** The roof panels are not impact resist. Provide an impact protective system when installing the product in areas that require windborne debris protection is required.

**Table 1: SunSky 12" 1.0mm thick Roof Panels Installed Over Steel Purlins**

Design Wind Pressure	Purlins	Attachment of Panels to Steel Purlins
-27.5 psf / +35.0 psf	Minimum 16 Gauge 5'-0" on center	Fasteners @ 7"-5"-7"-5"-7" 5'-0" on center

**Table 2: SunSky 12" 1.5mm thick Roof Panels Installed Over Steel Purlins**

Design Wind Pressure	Purlins	Attachment of Panels to Steel Purlins
-45.0 psf / +50.0 psf	Minimum 16 Gauge 5'-0" on center	Fasteners @ 7"-5"-7"-5"-7" 5'-0" on center
-135.3 psf	Minimum 16 Gauge 2'-6" on center	Fasteners @ 7"-5"-7"-5"-7" 2'-6" on center

**Installation:**

**General:** The roof panels must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended installation instructions and this evaluation report.

**Steel Purlins:** The minimum thickness of the steel purlins must be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2.

**Underlayment:** N/A

**Attachment of Roof Panels to Steel Purlins:** The roof panels must be fastened to the purlins with minimum No. 12-14 x 1-1/4" long, HWH self-drilling screws with a 1-1/8" oversized bonded washer. A line of fasteners must be located along each steel purlin. The fastener pattern and the spacing along the length of the panel must be as specified in Table 1 and Table 2. The fasteners must be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 3 pitches of thread below the steel purlin. Refer to Figure 1 for an illustration of the required fastener pattern.

**Panel Side Laps:** The panel sidelaps are stitched together with minimum one 1/4-14 x 1" Grommet at each support then 1'-3" on center. Refer to Figure 1 for an illustration of the required fastener pattern.

**Panel Ends and End Laps to the Steel Purlins:** Minimum No. 12-14 x 1-1/4" long HWH self driller screws with a 1-1/8" oversized washer. A line of fasteners in a 7"-5"-7"-5"-7" pattern must be located along the steel purlin. The fasteners must be long enough to penetrate a minimum of 3 pitches of thread below the steel purlin. Refer to Figure 1 for an illustration of the required fastener pattern.

**Trims, Closures, and Accessories:** Components, such as the eave trim, rake trim, rake tie-in, ridge flashing, high-side trim, high-side tie-in, hip flashing, and valley flashing must be installed as required by the manufacturer.

**Note:** Keep the manufacturer's installation instructions on the job site during the installation. Use corrosion resistant fasteners as specified in the IRC, the IBC, and the Texas Revisions.

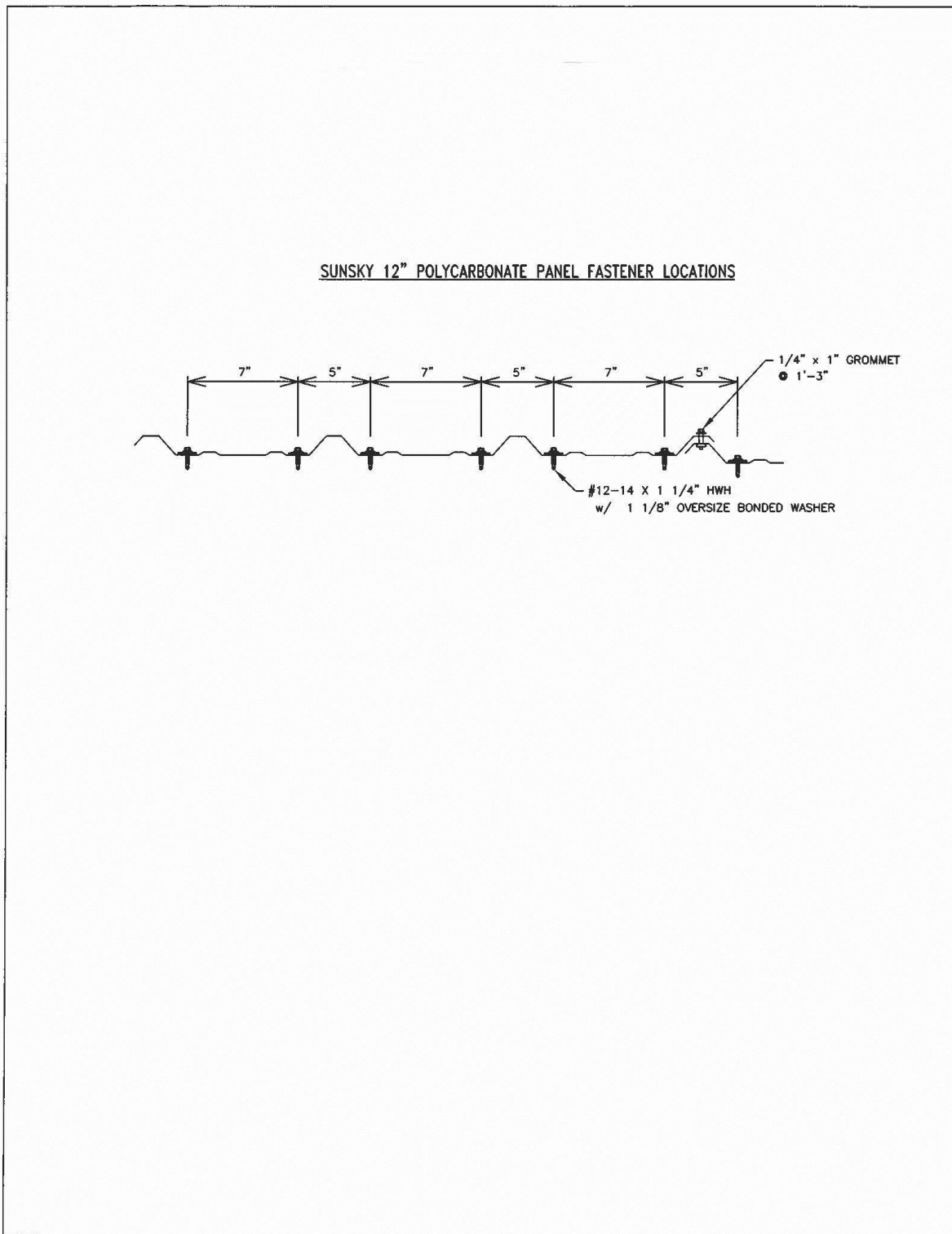


Figure 1. Illustration of the required fastener pattern