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Building System
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Product Sheet 1

PORAKABIN BUILDING SYSTEMS

ULTIMA BUILDING SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to the Ultima Building System. The system can be used to construct single-, two-, three- and four-storey buildings for educational, office and institutional purposes, and for accommodation other than dwellings.

(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

Strength and stability — structural testing has been used to verify the relevant aspects of the design outside the scope of the codes, including resistance of panels to racking, fastening characteristics and interaction of components. See section 6.

Behaviour in relation to fire — it can be shown by tests and assessment that the buildings will meet Building Regulations' requirements for fire rating as given in section 7, Table 3.

Thermal insulation — roofs, walls and floors, meet the limit case U value specified for a 'notional' building. See section 8.

Weathertightness and damp-proofing — the steel supporting columns raise the building clear of the ground, giving the system an inherent resistance to ground moisture. See section 12.

Durability — the steel structure has a design life of 60 years and the design life of the external envelope and internal finishes is between 25 and 60 years. See section 15.



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

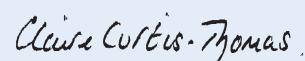


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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the Ultima Building System, 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 regions of the UK depicted):



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

Requirement: A1	Loading
Requirement: A3	Disproportionate collapse
Comment:	The buildings will have adequate strength and stability. See sections 6.1 to 6.10 of this Certificate.
Requirement: B2	Internal fire spread (linings)
Requirement: B3	Internal fire spread (structure)
Requirement: B4	External fire spread
Comment:	The buildings will satisfy the relevant requirements within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See sections 7.1 to 7.6 of this Certificate.
Requirement: C2(a)(b)(c)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable. See sections 9.1 to 9.4 and 12 of this Certificate.
Requirement: E1	Protection against sound from other parts of the building and adjoining buildings
Requirement: E2(a)	Protection against sound within a dwelling house etc
Requirement: E4	Acoustic conditions in schools
Comment:	Separating and internal walls and floors incorporating the system can resist airborne and impact sound transmission. See section 11.1 of this Certificate.
Requirement: H3(1)	Rainwater drainage
Comment:	The buildings will satisfy the relevant Standard, within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See section 12.6 of this Certificate.
Requirement: L2A	Conservation of fuel and power in new buildings other than dwellings
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 to 8.6 of this Certificate.
Regulation: 7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable. See section 15.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation: 26	CO ₂ emission rates for new buildings
Regulation: 26A	Primary energy consumption rates for new buildings (applicable to Wales only)
Comment:	The buildings can contribute to satisfying these Regulations when appropriate compensatory fabric/services measures are taken. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 to 8.6 of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation: 8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable. See sections 14.1 to 14.4 and 15.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation: 9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard: 1.1(a)(b)	Structure
Standard: 1.2	Disproportionate collapse
Comment:	The buildings will have adequate strength and stability, with reference to clause 1.1.1 of these Standards. See sections 6.1 to 6.10 of this Certificate.
Standard: 2.1	Compartmentation
Standard: 2.2	Separation
Standard: 2.3	Structural protection
Standard: 2.4	Cavities
Standard: 2.5	Internal linings
Standard: 2.6	Spread to neighbouring buildings
Standard: 2.7	Spread on external walls
Standard: 2.8	Spread from neighbouring buildings
Comment:	The buildings will satisfy the relevant Standards, with reference to clauses 2.1.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.1.4 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.1.12 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.1.15 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.2.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.2.2 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.2.3 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.2.4 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.2.7 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.3.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.3.2 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.3.4 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.3.5 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.4.1 ⁽¹⁾ to 2.4.9 ⁽¹⁾ (inclusive), 2.5.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.6.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 2.7.1 ⁽¹⁾ and 2.8.1 ⁽¹⁾ of these Standards, within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See sections 7.1 to 7.6 of this Certificate.
Standard: 3.4	Moisture from the ground
Standard: 3.6(b)	Surface water drainage
Standard: 3.10	Precipitation
Standard: 3.15	Condensation
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable, with reference to clauses 3.4.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 3.4.5 ⁽¹⁾ , 3.4.6 ⁽¹⁾ , 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 3.10.5 ⁽¹⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾ of these Standards. See sections 9.1 to 9.4 and 12.1 to 12.6 of this Certificate.
Standard: 6.1	Carbon dioxide emissions
Standard: 6.2	Building insulation envelope
Comment:	The buildings are acceptable, with reference to clauses 6.1.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.1 ⁽¹⁾ , 6.2.4 ⁽¹⁾ and 6.2.5 ⁽¹⁾ of these Standards. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 to 8.6 of this Certificate.

(1) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



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

Regulation:	23	Fitness of materials and workmanship The buildings are acceptable. See section 15.1 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(a)(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather The buildings are acceptable. See sections 12 of this Certificate.
Comment:		Condensation The buildings using the system are acceptable. See sections 9.1 to 9.4 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	29	Stability The buildings will have adequate strength and stability. See sections 6.1 to 6.10 of this Certificate.
Regulations:	30	Disproportionate collapse The buildings will satisfy the relevant Regulations within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See sections 7.1 to 7.6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	31	Internal fire spread – Linings The buildings are acceptable. See sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 to 8.6 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	35	Internal fire spread – Structure
Regulation:	36(a)(b)	External fire spread The buildings will satisfy the relevant Regulations within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See section 12.6 of this Certificate.
Comment:		
Regulation:	39(a)(i)	Conversation measures
Comment:		
Regulation:	82(a)(b)	Rainwater drainage The buildings will satisfy the relevant Regulations within the limitations set out in this Certificate. See section 12.6 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 sections:

3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 and 3.2) and 18 *Procedure* (18.1) of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

General

1.1 This Certificate relates only to the form of construction described below and the Ultima Building Module Technical Specification approved by the BBA, when applied to single-, two-, three- or four-storey buildings⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾.

(1) See section 6.6 of this Certificate.

(2) This assessment does not cover staircases, windows, doorsets, fittings and raised access to floors or the adequacy of the plumbing, drainage and electrical services supplied with the buildings.

1.2 The Ultima Building System is based on a module consisting of a structural steel framework and composite roof and end wall panels. The modules are used to construct single-, two-, three- or four-storey buildings incorporating walls to suit their location in the building (see Figure 1).

1.3 The modules are available in the standard range of sizes given in Table 1.

1.4 The full specification and drawings for the materials and components covered by this Certificate have been examined and are retained by the BBA. This section gives only general details of the system. Typical details are shown in Figures 2 to 8.

Structural frame

1.5 The steel frame for each module comprises four structural steel hollow-section columns, one at each corner of the module, bolted to cold-formed galvanized steel side beams at floor and roof level. Cold-formed galvanized steel floor joists span each module from side to side and are bolted to the two-floor side beams. Longitudinal timber-floor runners are screwed to the steel floor joists to assist in the transportation of the module.

1.6 Each column has an integral lifting point within the top to accept a lifting eyebolt enabling the complete module to be crane handled. Upper floor modules have an integral locating socket within the bottom of the columns which is used to aid module alignment when linking them to lower modules.

Figure 1 Typical Ultima building

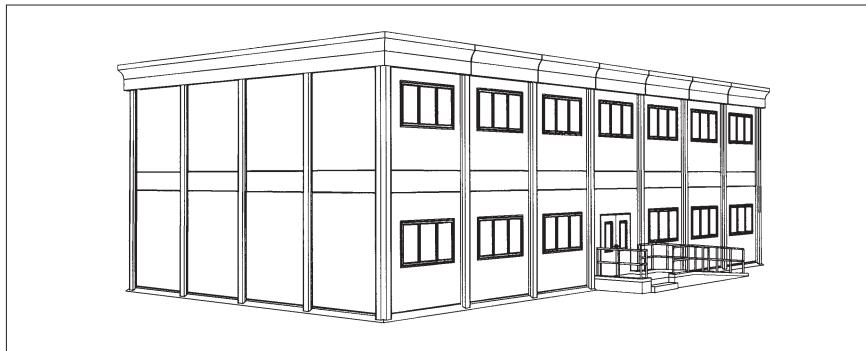
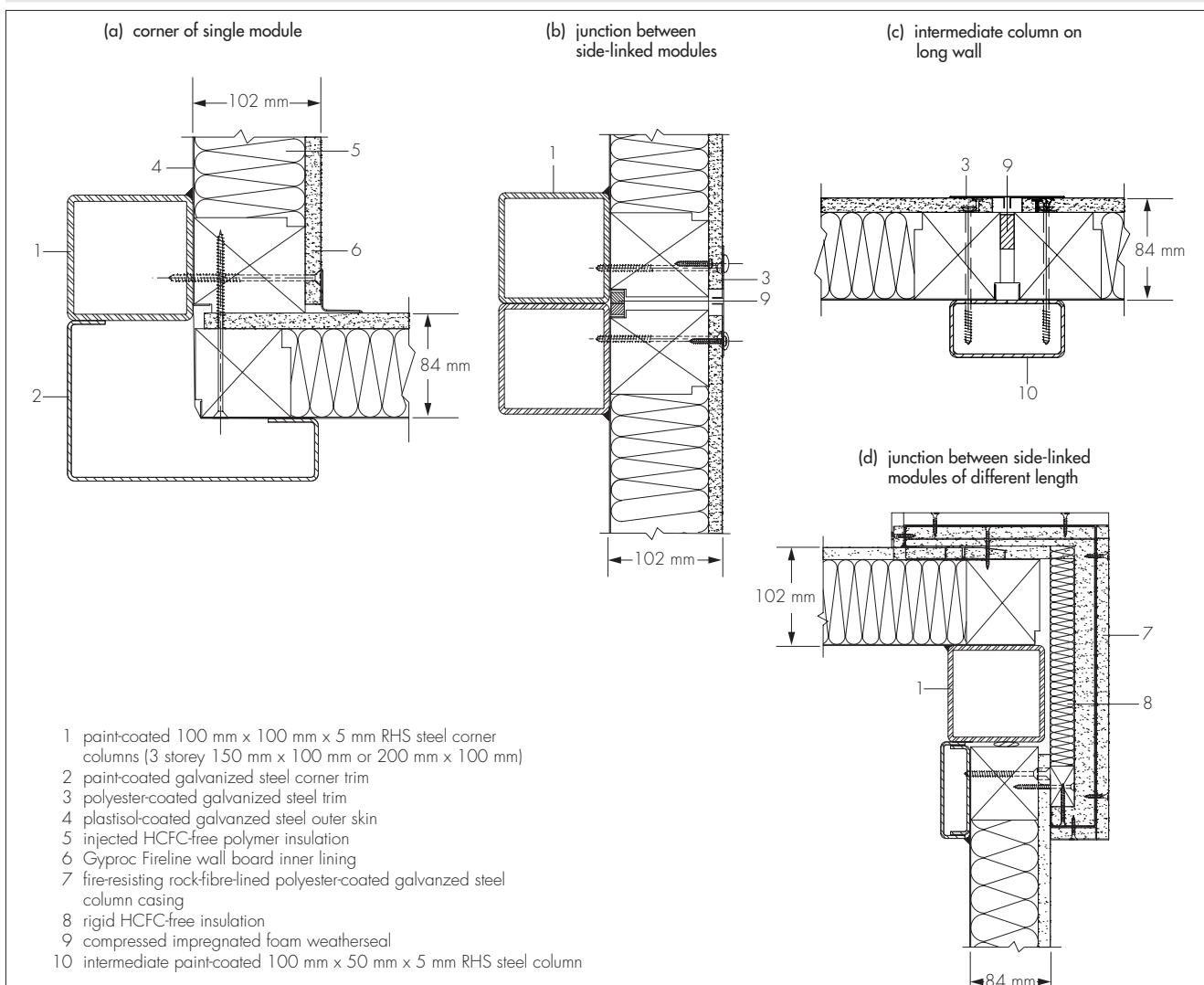


Table 1 Size range⁽¹⁾

Type	Internal length (m)	Internal width (m)	Internal height (m)
7	7.049	2.9, 3.3	2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2
9	9.451	2.9, 3.3	2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2
12	11.853	2.9, 3.3	2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2
14	14.255	2.9, 3.3	2.4, 2.6, 2.8, 3.2

(1) Longer and wider modules are available but are not covered by this Certificate.

Figure 2 Typical Ultima building



Floors

1.7 Floors comprise 18 mm thick moisture-resistant structural particle board type P5 to BS EN 312 : 2010 fixed to the galvanized steel joists with adhesive and zinc-plated screws. The floor is completely underdrawn and insulated with rigid, HCFC-free urethane foam boards with foil-facings on both sides.

Figure 3 Long wall section

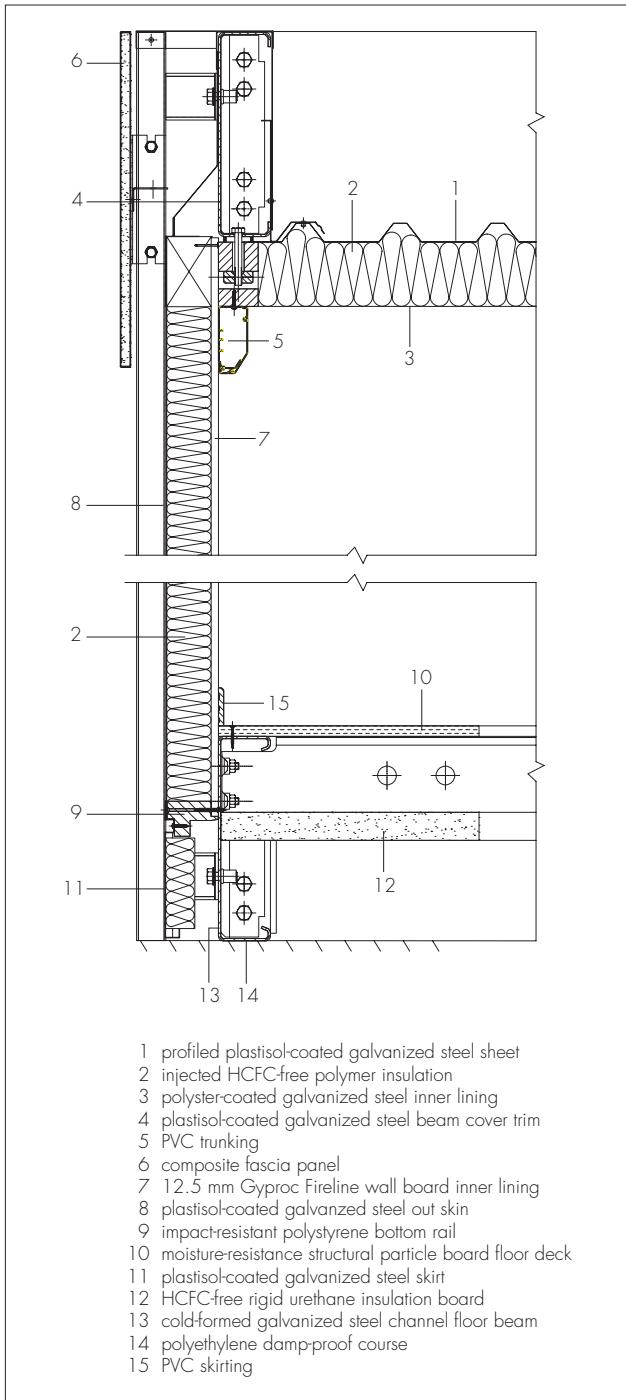
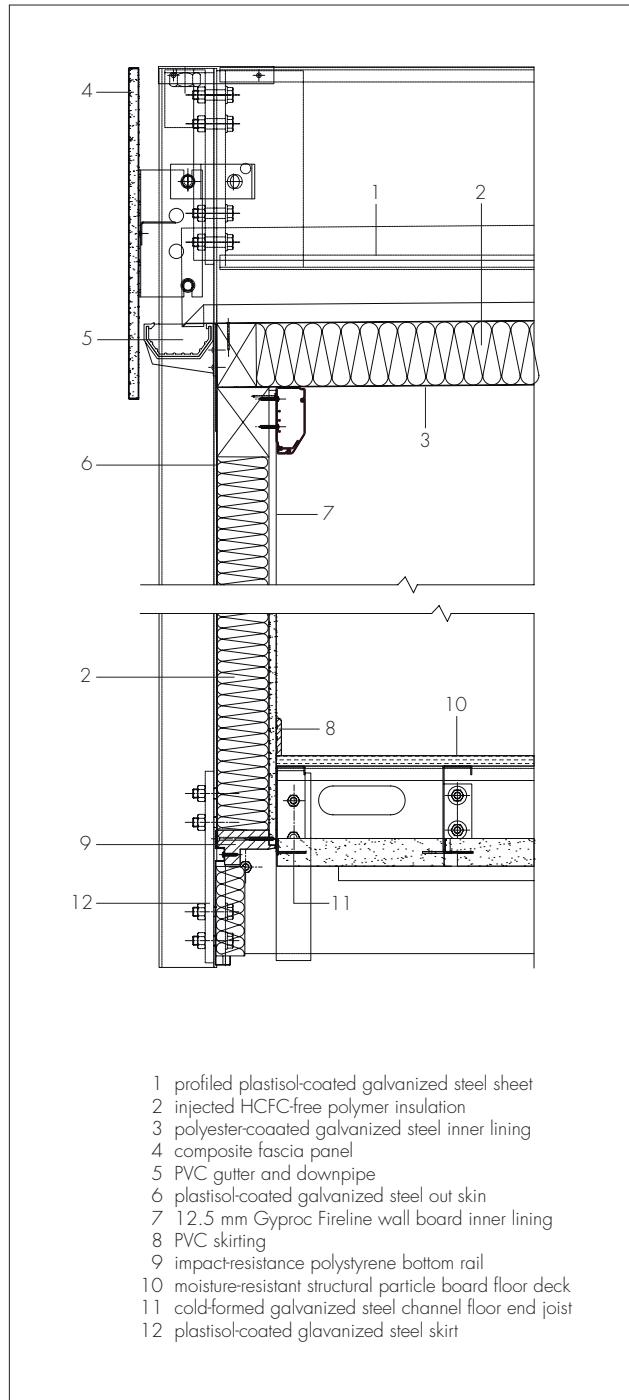


Figure 4 Short wall section



External walls

1.8 External walls are of composite construction, with external skin of plastisol-coated galvanized steel sheet, timber top and end posts, rigid polymer intermediate studs, impact-resistant polystyrene bottom rail and an internal lining of 12.5 mm thick gypsum wallboard to BS EN 520 : 2004, type F (improved fire protection performance), with a vapour check board. The void between the external skin and internal lining is filled with injected HCFC-free polymer insulation. The overall thickness of short walls is 102 mm and long walls 84 mm.

1.9 All walls are fixed to the perimeter of the galvanized steel floor frame with zinc-plated steel screws and, in the case of short walls, also to the steel columns (with zinc-plated steel screws). The wall-to-wall corner joints and the wall-to-roof joints are also fixed with zinc-plated steel screws.

External roof ceiling panel

1.10 The external roof is of composite construction having an upper profiled (trapezoidal) skin of plastisol-coated galvanized steel sheet, rigid polymer/plywood composite inserts, timber peripheral frame and a ceiling lining of polyester-coated galvanized steel. The void between the upper skin and ceiling lining is filled with injected HCFC-free polymer insulation.

1.11 The external roof is bolted to, and supported by, the two steel roof side beams so that it has a 1:127 fall along the length of the module.

Figure 5 Section through junction — two modules joined end to end

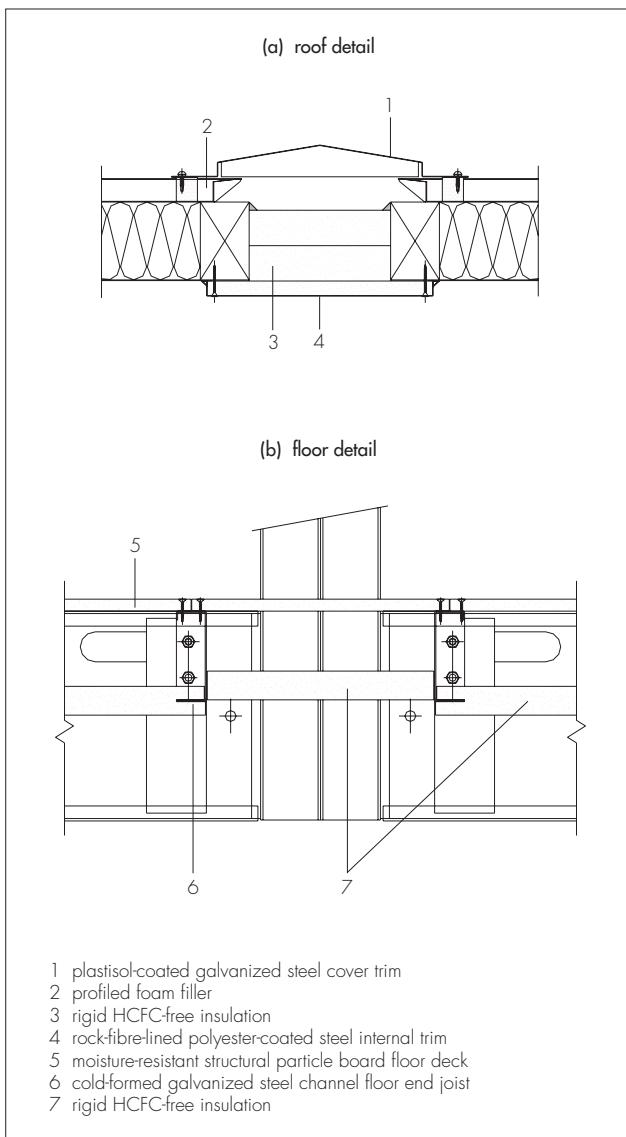
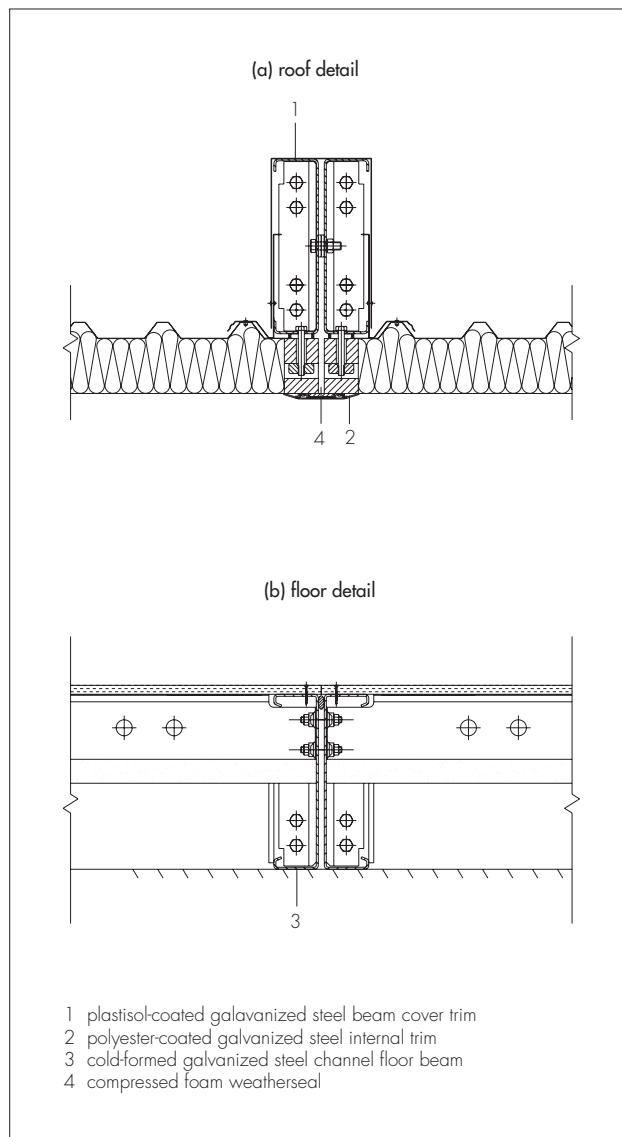


Figure 6 Section through junction — two modules joined side to side



Intermediate ceiling panels for two, three or four storeys

1.12 The ceiling panel is a composite construction, with an upper plywood deck, timber peripheral frame and ceiling lining of polyester-coated galvanized steel. The void between the upper deck and ceiling lining is filled with injected, HCFC-free polymer insulation.

1.13 The ceiling panel is bolted to, and supported by, the two steel roof side beams in a horizontal plane.

Protection of steelwork against corrosion

1.14 Floor side beams are produced from 2.5 mm, 3 mm, 3.5 mm or 4 mm thick galvanized steel sheet to BS EN 10346 : 2015, S350GD + Z450-N-A-C. Roof beams are produced from 2.5 mm, 3 mm, 3.5 mm, 4 mm, 5 mm and 6 mm thick galvanized steel sheet to BS EN 10346 : 2015, S350GD + Z275-N-A-C or better.

1.15 The floor joists are produced from galvanized steel sheet to BS EN 10346 : 2015, with a Z275 coating.

1.16 The structural steel columns are shot-blasted and coated with anti-corrosive primer and finished in grey paint.

1.17 The external skin of the building is protected by a 200 µm coating of PVC plastisol applied over a Z275 zinc coating to BS EN 10346 : 2015.

Finishes

1.18 The external faces of wall panels, wall trims and fascias have a goosewing-grey-coloured plastisol coating, with a leathergrain finish.

1.19 The external face of the roof panel has a white plastisol coating with a leathergrain finish.

1.20 Internal walls have a textured white vinyl covering.

1.21 The ceiling has a white polyester finish.

Figure 7 Floor/ceiling assembly — short wall section

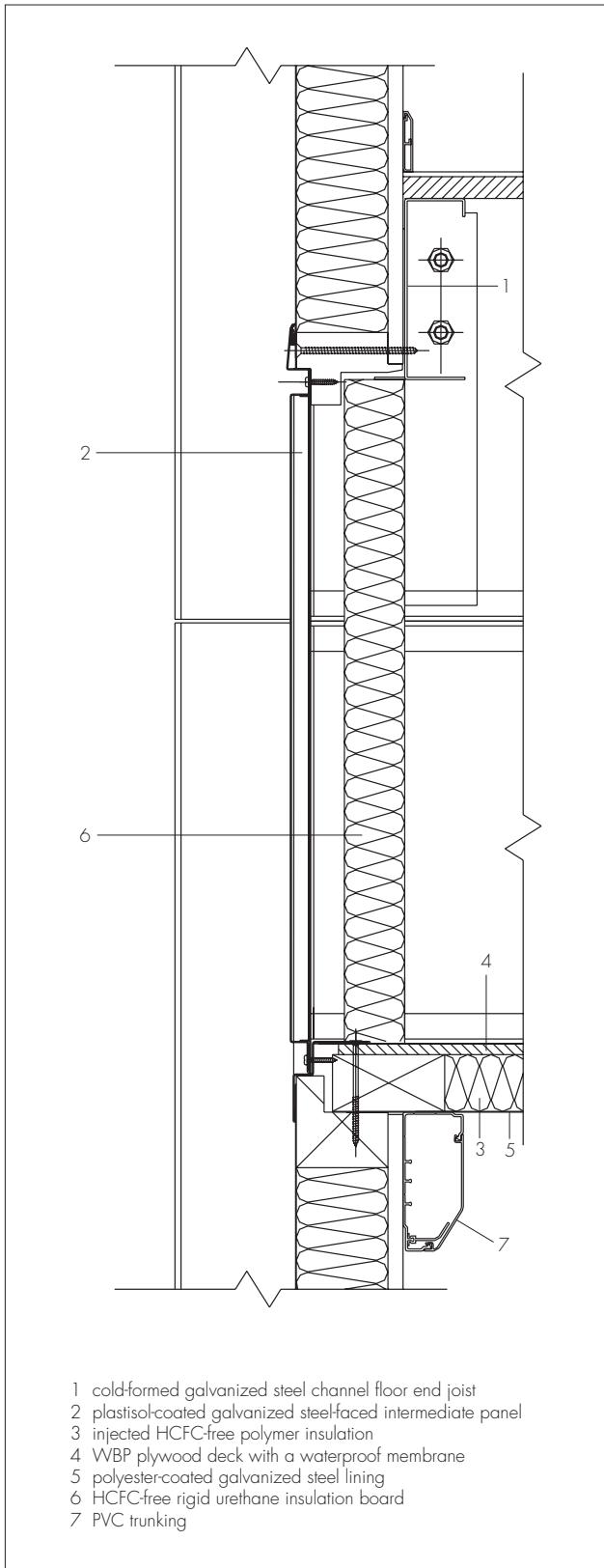
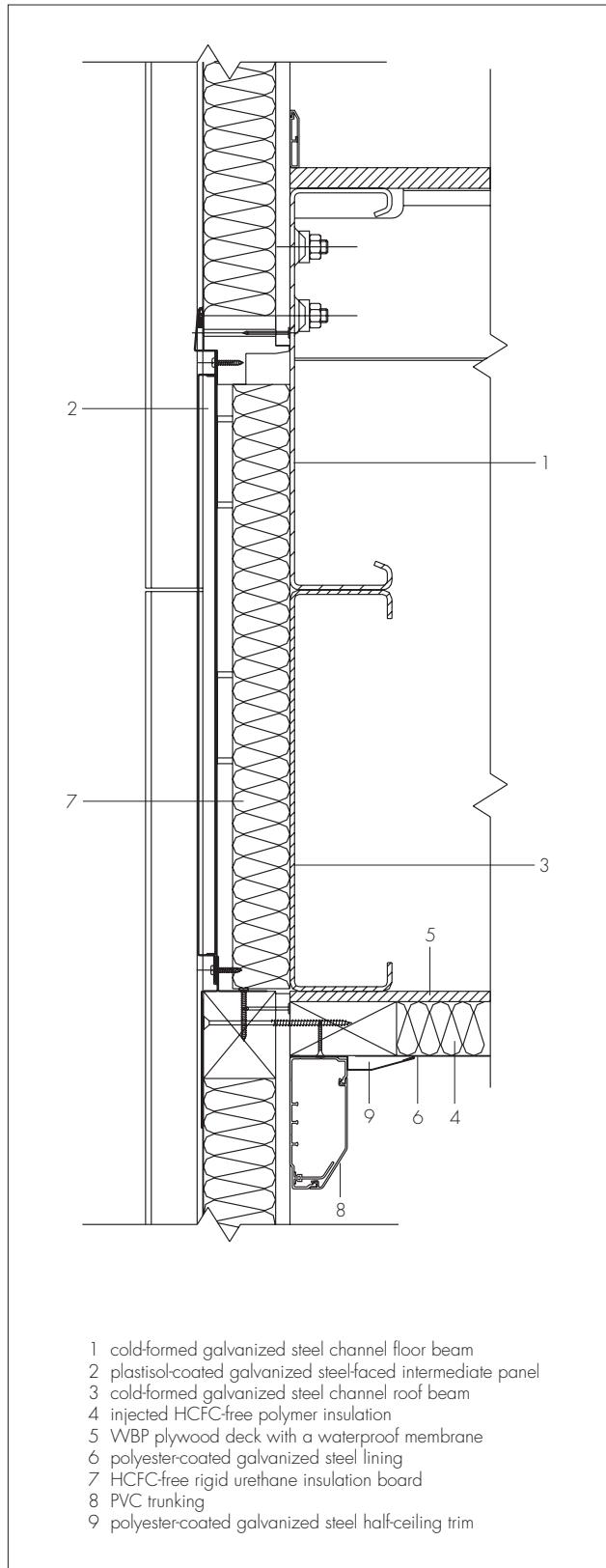


Figure 8 Floor/ceiling assembly — long wall section



1.22 Fascias, roof flashings and wall trims fabricated from plastiisol-coated steel are fitted to the external corners, perimeter of the roof, lower perimeter of all modules, upper perimeter of modules to be used at ground floor in two-, three- or four-storey buildings and the horizontal junction between modules in two-, three- or four-storey buildings. Fascias are factory fitted. Intermediate panels are fitted after site assembly of the modules.

1.23 In some applications, and where water will be present, vinyl floor covering is provided with welded joints and sealed upstands at all floor/wall interfaces. The vinyl floor covering is specified to BS EN ISO 10581 : 2013 and is classified as 23, 24 and 35 in accordance with BS EN ISO 10874 : 2012 and MOAT No 36 : 1987.

2 Manufacture

2.1 Building materials are bought-in and components are to agreed specifications or in accordance with British Standards or Agrément Certificates.

2.2 Steel-framed components of the system are fabricated using conventional metalworking techniques.

2.3 Quality checks are made on the sub-assemblies, such as wall and roof panels and the steel frame, and on the final assembly of the modules. Quality control carried out during manufacture includes checks on dimensions, squareness and welding.

2.4 The management systems of Portakabin Ltd have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by SGS United Kingdom Limited Systems and Services Certification (Certificate GB 91/444).

2.5 The Certificate holder's environmental management system for the offices and manufacturing plant have been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 14001 : 2004 by the BSI (Certificate EMS 515280).

2.6 Portakabin Ltd holds LABC⁽¹⁾ approval for the Ultima Building System (Certificate EW 208A).

2.7 The Certificate holder also has the Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSAS 18001 : 2007).

(1) Local Authority Building Control (national type approval).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The modules are transported to site on a flat-bed lorry or trailer long enough to fully support the module.

3.2 The modules are unloaded by crane.

3.3 The open sides of the modules are weatherproofed during transit.

3.4 The modules are normally positioned on the day of delivery, thus site storage is not required.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Ultima Building System.

Design Considerations

4 Use

The system can be used to construct single-, two-, three- and four-storey buildings for educational, office and institutional purposes, and for accommodation other than dwellings

5 Practicability of installation

The Certificate holder is responsible for delivery and installation.

6 Strength and stability



6.1 With certain exceptions described in this section, the design of the Ultima Building System is in accordance with:

- BS EN 1990 : 2002
- BS EN 1993-1-1 : 2005
- BS EN 1993-1-3 : 2006
- BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004.

6.2 The system is designed to support loads in accordance with:

- BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002
- BS EN 1991-1-3 : 2003
- BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005
- BS EN 1991-1-7 : 2006.

6.3 Where required, structural testing has been used to verify the relevant aspects of the design outside the scope of the codes, including resistance of panels to racking, fastening characteristics and interaction of components.

6.4 The limitations on the number of modules that can be used is detailed in Table 2.

6.5 Two- and three-storey buildings covered by this assessment must be constructed from modules of the same length placed one above the other.

6.6 Four-storey buildings are available and are assessed individually by the Certificate holder. The structural assessment of four-storey buildings is not covered by this Certificate.

6.7 In certain building configurations, the racking resistance of the building is supplemented by internal walls designed generally in accordance with BS EN 1995-1-1 : 2004. All changes to these internal walls must be agreed by the Certificate holder.

6.8 The roof is designed to support a uniformly distributed imposed load of $0.75 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ or a concentrated load of 0.9 kN in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002 and BS EN 1991-1-7 : 2006, and therefore is acceptable where access is not provided, other than that necessary for cleaning or repair.

6.9 The floor is designed to support a uniformly distributed imposed load of $3 \text{ kN}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$ or a concentrated load of 4.5 kN in accordance with BS EN 1991-1-1 : 2002 and BS EN 1991-1-7 : 2006 and therefore is acceptable, for example, in classrooms and offices for general use. Floors designed to support greater loads are available but are not covered within the scope of this Certificate. Raised access floors have not been assessed and, therefore, are not covered within the scope of this Certificate.

6.10 Most building configurations require the modules to be bolted to foundations. Stability calculations are available from the Certificate holder justifying any requirements for bolting modules to the foundation.

6.11 Foundations must be designed in accordance with BS EN 1997-1 : 2004.

Table 2 Standard range of building sizes and configurations

Module	Span ⁽¹⁾	No of storeys ⁽²⁾	Basic wind speed ⁽³⁾ (ms ⁻¹)	Min size of building ⁽⁴⁾ (No of bays)
7	single	1	24	1
7	double	1	24	2
7	single	2	24	3
7	double	2	24	4
7	single	3	24	4
7	double	3	24	7
9	single	1	24	1
9	double	1	24	2
9	single	2	24	3
9	double	2	24	5
9	single	3	24	5
9	double	3	24	9
12	single	1	24	1
12	double	1	24	2
12	single	2	24	5
12	double	2	24	6
12	single	3	24	6
12	double	3	24	10
14	single	1	24	2
14	double	1	24	2
14	single	2	24	4
14	double	2	24	7
14	single	3	24	7
14	double	3	24	11

(1) Where triple or quadruple module spans are required, reference should be made to the Certificate holder.

(2) Where four-storey buildings are required, reference should be made to the Certificate holder.

(3) As defined in BS EN 1991-1-4 : 2005: single- and two-storey buildings sited in country more than 10 km from sea and three-storey buildings sited in towns more than 10 km from sea.

(4) Maximum building size can be determined on a project basis by the inclusion of deflection-limiting walls.

7 Behaviour in relation to fire

 7.1 The reaction to fire classification for the following building system elements are Class 0/'low risk', in accordance with the national Building Regulations:

- plastisol-coated steel (external wall and roof surfaces)
- Gypsum fire-resistant-enhanced vapour check wallboard (internal wall surface)
- polyester ceiling surfaces
- mineral fibre tiles (suspended ceiling surface).

7.2 The reaction to fire classification for ground-floor underdrawing insulation is Class 1/'medium risk', in accordance with the national Building Regulations.

7.3 For buildings subject to Building Regulations, the building system is suitable only for use more than one metre from the boundary.

7.4 The building system is not classified as 'non-combustible' therefore, calculations for unprotected areas may apply dependent on the fire resistance characteristics of the wall.

7.5 Tests and assessment show that the buildings will meet Building Regulations' requirements for fire rating as given in Table 3.

Table 3 Fire rating

Component	Duration
External walls (from inside)	60 minutes integrity
Combined ceiling and floor assembly (from underside)	one hour ⁽¹⁾
Steel column casing	one hour ⁽¹⁾

(1) 'medium duration' in Scotland.

7.6 The roof is designated AA/'low vulnerability' in accordance with the national Building Regulations.

7.7 Adequate provision must be made for escape in case of fire.

7.8 The regulations dealing with fire spread (England and Wales) and structural fire precautions (Scotland and Northern Ireland) contain limits to the size of compartments in buildings according to the use and, in some cases, height.

7.9 Where it is necessary for fittings, services or ducts to penetrate part of the fire-resisting construction, the detailing must ensure that the relevant fire resistance is not impaired, particularly in relation to the integrity requirements.

7.10 The behaviour in relation to fire of any intermediate walls or cavity barriers between modules roof and floor voids (other than where these occur at the perimeter of a module), windows and doors, and internal stairwells, has not been assessed and therefore is outside the scope of this Certificate.

8 Thermal insulation



8.1 For the purpose of calculations, the element U values may be taken from Table 4.

Table 4 Element U values (W·m⁻²·K⁻¹)

Element	U value
Ground floor	0.25 ⁽¹⁾
External walls	
short wall	0.34
long wall	0.33
Flat roof	0.25

(1) For a typical floor p/a of approximately 0.7.

8.2 The building fabric's 'conductive' heat losses (see Table 4) do not exceed those specified for a 'notional' building (with metal cladding) in the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) or the fabric performance limits specified in the relevant documents supporting the national Building Regulations.

8.3 Designers must select services, envelope airtightness and window/door specifications that will achieve a carbon emissions reduction of 23.5% to 28% for the complete proposed building when compared to the 'notional' building.



8.4 Tests to CIBSE TM 23 : 2000 *Testing buildings for air leakage*, on a single-storey building with a floor area of 190 m² resulted in an air leakage of less than 10 m³·h⁻¹·m⁻² at an applied pressure difference of 50 Pa.

Special considerations



8.5 Temporary buildings with a planned use of less than two years (less than and including two years in England and Wales) are exempt from national Building Regulation requirements for energy efficiency.

8.6 Where more than 70% of the external envelope is created from sub-assemblies (or disassembly of existing buildings), the Target Emission Rate (TER) should be adjusted by the relevant factor depending on the date of manufacture, as defined in the following national Building Regulations:

England and Wales — Table 2, Approved Document L2A

Scotland — Table 6.11, Technical Handbook, Non-Domestic, Energy

Northern Ireland — Table 2.1, Technical Booklet F2.

9 Condensation



9.1 The system is not suitable for use where the internal relative humidity is expected to exceed 70% for any significant length of time since condensation may occur. Assuming normal internal conditions of temperature and humidity, and appropriate ventilation (see section 10.1), the amount and duration of any condensation will be insufficient to significantly affect the structural or thermal properties of the building.

9.2 If the floor is penetrated by services, eg soil pipes, the joints between the services and the floor deck and floor insulation must be adequately sealed to prevent the ingress of water and water vapour.

9.3 Equipment producing large quantities of water vapour, for example flueless heaters, must not be used.

9.4 Adequate underfloor ventilation is provided to ensure that any condensation on the steelwork or insulation is effectively dispersed (see section 9.2).

10 Ventilation

10.1 The design of the windows should allow adequate ventilation and is an important factor in reducing the incidence of surface condensation. Windows should be designed so that the amount of openable window ventilation is a minimum of 5% of the floor area, otherwise the provision of mechanical ventilation should be considered. The Certificate holder should be consulted with regard to the requirements for background ventilation which can be facilitated by the standard window system.

10.2 The void beneath the ground floor must have at least 600 mm² of open ventilation area per metre run of external wall.

11 Sound insulation



11.1 For use in schools, the systems should satisfy Requirement E4 with regard to sound insulation, reverberation time and indoor ambient noise (as detailed in Building Bulletin 93 *Acoustic design of schools – performance standards*).

11.2 Tests and assessments in accordance with BS 2750-3 : 1980 show that the weighted sound reduction index (R_w) of an external wall, with and without a window, was estimated to be 29 dB, and measured to be 31 dB, respectively.

11.3 When tested in accordance with BS 2750-4 : 1980, the mean standardized Level Difference ($D_{nT,w}$) of four floor/ceiling assemblies was 47 dB. Flanking transmission varies with the layout of the building and will affect this value.

11.4 Impact sound transmission will depend on the resilience of the floor coverings used in the buildings.

12 Weathertightness and damp-proofing



12.1 The steel supporting columns raise the building clear of the ground, giving it an inherent resistance to ground moisture. A damp-proof course (dpc) to protect the galvanizing must be used where the galvanized steel structure comes into contact with the foundations.

12.2 The ground beneath the building, as a minimum, should be effectively cleared of turf and other vegetable matter (at least to a depth sufficient to prevent later growth).

12.3 In preparing the site for erection of the building, adequate drainage must be provided, to prevent water collecting beneath or against the building structure. Flower beds should not be positioned so that loose soil can become banked against the building perimeter.

12.4 The roof and external wall surfaces provide adequate weather resistance. The final weathertightness of the building is dependent upon correct positioning and sealing of the roof beam casings, and the sealing of the horizontal and vertical joint between modules.

12.5 The performance of windows and doors is not covered by this Certificate; however, the perimeter joints between windows and doors and the wall panels have been assessed and are adequate to ensure that water penetration will not occur at these positions.

12.6 The buildings are provided with suitable rainwater gutters and downpipes.

13 Services

Electrical and plumbing services are outside the scope of this Certificate; however, in designing and installing these services, precautions must be taken to avoid the possible risk of long-term damage to the structure or the services by, for example, the ingress of water, water vapour or condensate from cold water service pipes.

14 Maintenance



14.1 The external wall skin of plastisol coating requires an occasional washing down with water containing a mild detergent. Where a high aesthetic standard is required, maintenance painting may be required after a period of 10 to 30 years, depending on colour and environmental conditions, using a paint recommended by the Certificate holder.

14.2 The exposed columns should be repainted in accordance with BS EN ISO 12944-2 : 1998.

14.3 In the event of impact or other damage to an external wall, a replacement plastisol-coated galvanized steel panel can be fitted over the original panel by the Certificate holder. If necessary, damage to the foam core of the wall can be made good before fitting the replacement panel. This will restore the appearance and ensure that the weathertightness and insulation are unaffected.

14.4 Trims or skirt panels can be readily replaced if necessary.

14.5 The ceiling and internal surfaces can be cleaned using water containing a mild detergent. These surfaces can be decorated using a paint recommended by the Certificate holder.

14.6 Should it be necessary to replace or repair the vinyl floor covering, all joints must be welded. Any replacement vinyl floor covering must be to an equivalent specification to the original.

15 Durability

 15.1 The main structural framework is assessed as capable of achieving a design life of 60 years. Other elements can achieve a design life of between 25 and 60 years depending on the materials, construction and degree of maintenance. Reference may be made to BS 7543 : 2015.

15.2 Particular care is required regarding the arrangement of dpcs, integrity of vapour control layers and weathertightness of the building envelope.

15.3 Foot traffic over the roof should be restricted to maintenance purposes, and suitable precautions must be taken to avoid the risk of damaging the plastisol coating.

15.4 The ceiling covering will remain effective for this period (see 15.1).

15.5 If a suspended ceiling is used, the mineral fibre tiles will be effective for the building's envisaged life, but may require occasional painting. Care must be taken to ensure that any paint coating maintains the Class 0 surface spread of flame of the tiles.

15.6 The vinyl floor covering may require replacement during the building's envisaged life, depending on the use.

15.7 The sealants used in the construction of the modules in the factory and the seal between modules on site are concealed and are not subject to excessive movement. They should not normally require replacement during the building's envisaged life.

Installation

16 General

16.1 Buildings must be erected with due regard to any boundary (see sections 7.1 and 7.2).

16.2 Erection is carried out by the Certificate holder. The arrangements for erection have been assessed and found to be satisfactory.

17 Preparation

Clients are normally responsible for the provision of suitable foundations and services and, therefore, the following aspects are subject to supervision and should be checked before the Ultima Building System modules are delivered to site:

- setting out and level of foundations
- setting out of services connections.

18 Procedure

18.1 The modules are placed by crane by Portakabin Ltd on prepared foundations using purpose-designed lifting points incorporated in the steel frame. Access to the site is required for the crane and this requirement will be agreed with the client.

18.2 Temporary weatherproofing at joints between modules and the open ends of incomplete buildings is provided by Portakabin Ltd to suit the construction sequence.

18.3 Where specified, the building modules must be bolted to the foundations.

18.4 Building modules of the same length can be multi-stacked. The modules are bolted together at the four steel column points and along the longitudinal beams.

18.5 The completion of external and internal cladding and trims is carried out on site. Service connections are made and internal subdivisions and finishes completed at joints between modules.

19 Supervision

For the benefit of clients who may wish to carry out their own checks during installation, the following, in addition to those carried out routinely, can be made:

- before each ground-floor module is positioned:
 - location of dpc's
 - positioning of sealing strip between adjacent modules.
- during positioning of ground-floor modules:
 - damage is not caused to the steelwork protective systems.
- after each ground-floor module is positioned:
 - fixings between modules.
- before each first-, second- and third-floor module is positioned:
 - position of sealing strip between adjacent modules.

- after each first-, second- and third-floor module is positioned:
 - fixings between modules
- completion of roof weatherproofing at junction between modules
- satisfactory extension of finishings over joints between modules
- fixing of casings to columns to ensure continuity of fire protective systems
- satisfactory fixing of ground-floor skirt panels to provide ventilation.

Technical Investigations

20 Investigations

An analysis was made of data to determine:

- structural adequacy
- behaviour in fire
- airtightness
- effect of thermal bridging
- roof and wall U values to BS EN ISO 6946 : 2017
- floor U values to BS EN ISO 13370 : 2017 and BS EN ISO 10211 : 2017.

21 Other investigations

21.1 An assessment was made of existing data to assess:

- structural strength and stability
- behaviour in fire
- impact resistance of floor and wall panels
- load capacity of roof and floor
- physical characteristics of injected, HCFC-free polymer insulation
- resistance to sound transmission
- weathertightness
- durability
- maintenance requirements
- acoustic performance
- suitability of three-storey applications.

21.2 Calculations were undertaken and examined in conjunction with the results of the tests referred to in sections 20 and 21.1, to establish the structural strength and stability.

21.3 Calculations were made and computer simulations carried out to determine the effectiveness of the insulation arrangements and the risk of condensation.

21.4 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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Conditions of Certification

22 Conditions

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