



Research Report Service

On March 1, 2016, PFS TECO unveiled our Research Report service (PFS RR), a program developed to provide building component manufacturers with an alternative path to obtaining a Research Report for their products. Demonstrating code compliance is essential in today's built environment, and a PFS RR accomplishes that goal with a name manufacturers and building code officials know and trust.



For many years, PFS TECO has been approved as an ISO/IEC 17065 certification agency for a wide variety of product lines. We have decades of experience in the construction material testing, inspection, and listing arena. The PFS RR was launched to offer existing and new clients alike a "one-stop shop" for all their regulatory approval needs.

Key advantages of working with PFS TECO are:

- Improved, simplified, fast-to-market listing process
- Expertise in wide variety of building products, materials, and systems
- Independence coupled with unmatched service

Quality ■ Integrity ■ Expertise ■ Service

Marks You Can Build On



As an independent, employee-owned, third-party agency, PFS TECO provides a wide variety of services for structural and nonstructural engineered wood products, pre-cast concrete panels, structural insulated panels, composite wood products, adhesives, and fasteners. Our independence gives you real and tangible benefits including objectivity. It is critical if you want accurate and reliable testing, certification, and evaluation of the construction materials you manufacture.

Along with offices in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas, and California, we operate test laboratories in Oregon and at our corporate office in Wisconsin. Our highly trained and experienced engineers, architects, chemists, and wood scientists work not only for but also with you every step of the way.

In North America and around the world, the PFS and TECO marks give companies confidence in their products and the structures they go into. Contact us to learn more.

Questions? Answers.

What is a Research Report?

The International Building Code (IBC) defines a research report as a publication from an approved source where supporting data is evaluated to assist in the approval of materials or assemblies not specifically provided for in the code. PFS RR helps building code officials decide whether or not a product, material, or method of construction can be approved for use under the “alternative materials, design and methods of construction” provisions of the applicable code(s).

Where can I find the program details?

The PFS RR service—which is fully explained in PFS 1601, *Requirements Covering Research Reports*—provides our requirements for PFS RR within the framework of nationally recognized codes and standards. In it, we define the sequence of events and actions that must take place from the time the applicant contacts PFS TECO to the time the PFS RR is reviewed, accepted, and published on the PFS TECO website. Contact PFS TECO for additional information and to obtain a copy of PFS 1601.

What qualifies PFS TECO to provide these services?

The IBC requires that approved agencies shall “be objective, competent, and independent,” have “adequate equipment to perform required tests,” and “employ experienced personnel.” PFS TECO delivers on all three counts with approvals to provide inspection, testing, and certification services in accordance with the following internationally recognized standards:

- ISO/IEC 17020, *Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*
- ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*
- ISO/IEC 17065, *Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*

Does PFS TECO have expertise in the evaluation and listing of construction products and systems?

Very simply, YES, and lots of it. Initially formed as separate companies that began in 1933 (TECO) and 1959 (PFS), PFS TECO has institutional expertise and knowledge that is second to none. We employ more than forty professionals with decades of experience in testing, inspecting, and listing innovative building products. We are known as North America’s premier value-added certification and testing agency because of our dedication and commitment to quality, integrity, expertise, and service.

What are certification marks?

Certification marks, like the PFS checkmarks and the TECO TESTED® mark shown here, are used to certify the performance and/or quality of a product, material, or assembly. PFS TECO maintains registered certification marks which are recognized in the United States and/or Canada. When building officials and consumers see a PFS TECO certification mark on a product, material or assembly, this is evidence that PFS TECO has successfully evaluated a representative sample of the product, material or assembly for conformance to published standards, and that the manufacture of the product, material or assembly is under periodic audit/inspection by PFS TECO.



How can I learn more?

Contact PFS TECO by calling the Wisconsin corporate office at 608/839-1013 or by visiting our website at www.pfsteco.com. Your success is our success!