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## ICC-ES Evaluation Report ESR-4288

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**DIVISION: 21 00 00—FIRE SUPPRESSION**  
**Section: 21 13 13—Wet-Pipe Sprinkler Systems**

**REPORT HOLDER:**

THE VIKING CORP.

**EVALUATION SUBJECT:**

**VIKING SPECIFIC APPLICATION WINDOW  
SPRINKLERS (K5.6): MODEL VK960 AND MODEL  
VK962 WINDOW SPRINKLER**

**1.0 EVALUATION SCOPE**

**Compliance with the following code:**

2018, 2015, 2012 and 2009 *International Building Code*® (IBC)

**Property evaluated:**

Alternative to a fire-resistance-rated wall assembly

**2.0 USES**

The Viking Specific Application Window Sprinklers automatic special-purpose sprinkler system incorporating Model VK962 and Model VK960 window sprinklers are used in conjunction with a fixed glazed wall assembly to provide an alternative to a two-hour fire-resistance-rated nonload-bearing interior fire barrier assembly prescribed in IBC Section 707, fire partition assembly prescribed in IBC Section 708, or exterior wall assembly prescribed in IBC Section 705. The Model VK962 and Model VK960 sprinklers are recognized as a means to achieve a fire-resistance rating on fixed glazed wall assemblies in exterior fire-resistance-rated walls only when the horizontal fire separation distance is 5 feet (1525 mm) or greater.

**3.0 DESCRIPTION**

**3.1 General:**

The Model VK962 and Model VK960 window sprinklers are used as part of a wet-pipe fire suppression system to provide a two-hour fire-resistance rating to an interior nonload-bearing fire barrier, fire partition or exterior wall assembly consisting of fixed glazing as described in this report. When activated, the sprinklers are designed to wet the entire surface of the affected side of the fixed glazed

openings in the fire barrier and exterior wall assembly in order to achieve the fire-resistance rating of the wall. For exterior glazed assemblies that are permitted to be rated only from the interior, the sprinklers must be located on the interior side of the glazing. For interior glazed assemblies, the sprinklers must be located on the interior side of the glazing. For interior glazed assemblies, the sprinklers must be located on both sides of the assembly. The primary components of the fire-resistance rated assembly are as described in Section 3.2.

**3.2 Model VK962 and Model VK960:**

The Model VK962 and Model VK960 window sprinklers described in this report are quick-response sprinklers that activate to release water flow when they reach an ambient temperature of either 155°F or 200° F (68°C or 93°C). The sprinklers have an orifice and thread size of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). The sprinklers are manufactured for two orientations; the horizontal sidewall type (Model VK962), as shown in Figure 1, is designed to face the glazing of the fire barrier assembly in a horizontal orientation and the pendent vertical sidewall type (Model VK960), as shown in Figure 2, is designed to face the glazing of the fire barrier assembly in a vertical orientation.

**3.3 Glazed Fire Barrier Assembly:**

The glazing used in the fire barrier must be nominally 1/4-inch-thick (6.35 mm) heat-strengthened or tempered glass complying with ASTM C1048 or Federal Specification DD-G-1403B, installed as a single pane or dual pane. The exposed glass component of the wall assembly must not exceed 13 feet (4 m) in height. There is no exposed width restriction for the horizontal span, except where necessary to comply with the requirements of IBC Sections 2403 and 2404.

All interfaces between the fixed glazed wall assembly and adjacent wall assemblies must include termination of the glazing within a window frame as described in this section. The glazing is held in place by a metallic frame with an elastomeric seal allowing for thermally initiated contraction and expansion. Unframed vertical joints between glazing panels are permitted provided that such joints are connected by butt-joints using silicon sealant between the individual panes or by noncombustible mullions. Intermediate horizontal mullions are not permitted as part of the fixed glazed wall assembly. The interface details and mounting method must be approved by the code official.

## 4.0 INSTALLATION

### 4.1 Sprinkler Orientation:

For the Model VK962 horizontal sidewall sprinkler, the deflector of the sprinkler must be placed from 1/2 inch to 4 inches (12.7 to 102 mm) away from the glass and 1 to 3 inches (25 to 76 mm) down from the top of the noncombustible frame as shown in Figure 3.

The Model VK960 pendent vertical sidewall sprinkler must be located 4 to 12 inches (102 to 305 mm) from the face of the glass and 2 to 4 inches (51 to 102 mm) down from the top of the noncombustible frame as shown in Figure 4.

Intermediate horizontal mullions are not permitted as part of the glass wall assembly. All combustible materials must be kept a minimum distance of 2 inches (51 mm) from the face of the glass. This can be accomplished by a 36-inch-high (914 mm) "pony wall" as shown in Figures 3 and 4. This "pony wall" is constructed using construction methods and materials as recognized in the applicable codes based on the building's type of construction. The "pony wall" must be constructed in a manner which meets the minimum required fire-resistance rating which is sought for the fixed glazed wall assembly. This "pony wall" construction must be approved by the code official. The evaluation of alternative methods other than the "pony wall" to maintain a minimum 2-inch (51 mm) clearance of combustibles from the face of the assembly is outside the scope of this report.

The maximum distance between window sprinklers is 8 feet (2440 mm) on center for the Model VK962 and 12 feet (3658 mm) on center for the Model VK960; and the minimum distance is 6 feet (1830 mm) on center, except where the sprinklers are separated by a noncombustible vertical mullion located between sprinklers.

The automatic water supply must have the capability to supply water to the assembly for a time not less than the rating of the assembly. The maximum fire-resistance rating recognized in this report is two hours.

### 4.2 Hydraulic Requirements

The code official must be consulted to determine the hydraulic requirements for each installation. Hydraulic calculations must show a maximum pressure of 175 psi (1207 kPa) on the vertical sidewall sprinklers and horizontal sidewall sprinklers separated by a noncombustible vertical mullion.

### 4.3 Interior Protection-Sprinklered Building:

The compartmented area that has the most hydraulically demanding window sprinklers must be identified. The most demanding 46.5 linear feet (14.2 m) of Model VK962 and VK960 window sprinklers is calculated based on  $L=1.2 \sqrt{A}$ , where A is system area of operation, and when A equals 1,500 square feet (139.4 m<sup>2</sup>), in accordance with NFPA 13 Light/Ordinary Hazard density curves.

If an area reduction for quick-response sprinklers is being utilized, the linear length of the calculated window sprinklers may be reduced, to 36 linear feet (11 m) or greater, based on  $L=1.2 \sqrt{A}$ , where A is a minimum of 900 square feet (83.6 m<sup>2</sup>). If a single fire can be expected to cause operation of the Model VK962 and Mode VK960 window sprinklers and sprinklers within the design area of a hydraulically calculated system, the water flow demand of the window sprinklers must be added to the water demand of the hydraulic calculations and must be balanced to the calculated area demand. If the window sprinklers are located in an area other than the hydraulic design area, the

demand of the window sprinklers is not required to be added to the demand of the remote hydraulic design area; however, it is necessary to hydraulically prove that proper simultaneous operation of the Model VK962 and the Model VK960 window sprinklers and the ceiling sprinklers adjacent to the Model VK962 and the Model VK960 window sprinklers will occur.

## 5.0 CONDITIONS OF USE

The Viking Specific Application Window Sprinklers described in this report comply with, or are 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 installation of the special-purpose sprinkler systems must be in accordance with the manufacturer's published installation instructions, this report and the applicable code. In the event of a conflict between this report and the manufacturer's published installation instructions, this report governs. A copy of the installation instructions, and this report must be available at all times on the jobsite during installation.
- 5.2 The design, with plans and details of the fixed glazed assembly with special-purpose sprinklers, must be submitted to the code official for approval. The design must be prepared by a registered design professional where required by the statutes of the jurisdiction in which the project is to be constructed.
- 5.3 When approved by the code official, the fixed glazed assembly described in this report, comprised of special-purpose sprinklers with fixed glazing having specific construction requirements, is intended to provide an alternative to a two-hour fire-resistance-rated nonload-bearing interior fire barrier assembly prescribed in IBC Section 707, a fire partition assembly described in IBC Section 708 or an exterior wall assembly prescribed in IBC Section 705. The registered design professional must provide the code official with documentation outlining the basis of compliance with the criteria specified by the IBC for a code modification in accordance with Section 104.10 or for an alternative method of construction in accordance with Section 104.11.
- 5.4 The assembly must not be used in locations that contain materials that represent deflagration or detonation hazards.
- 5.5 Special-purpose fire sprinkler system piping must be designed, sized and installed in accordance with NFPA 13.
- 5.6 Use of the system is limited to wet-type special-purpose sprinkler systems and nonload-bearing wall assemblies.
- 5.7 Use of special-purpose fire sprinkler systems in exterior wall applications is limited to installations where the fire separation distance is greater than 10 feet (3048 mm) under the IBC.
- 5.8 The assembly is not permitted to incorporate penetrations. Openings must be protected in accordance with applicable requirements of the IBC for opening protection.
- 5.9 The fixed glazed assembly is not permitted to be used in lieu of firewalls. Where the assemblies are used as an alternative to fire barriers for exit-passageways, horizontal exits, or exit enclosures, the fire area (Section 202 of the IBC) in which the assembly is located shall be fully sprinklered in accordance with

Section 903.3.1 of the IBC. The water supply duration for sprinklers, where used, shall be not less than the fire resistance rating that would have been required for a fire barrier. In addition, the registered design professional shall provide the code official with documentation in accordance with Section 104.10 of the IBC for a code modification or Section 104.11 of the IBC for an alternative method of construction that addresses any anticipated impact on the functionality of the means of egress.

- 5.10 The fixed glazed assembly must not have intermediate horizontal mullions that interfere with the uniform distribution of water over the surface of the glazing.
- 5.11 All combustible materials must be kept a minimum distance of 2 inches (51 mm) from the face of the glass, such that the complete coverage of the glass by the sprinklers is not impeded. This is accomplished by a minimum 36-inch-high (914 mm) knee or "pony" wall at the base of the assembly. The means for maintaining clearance must be as set forth in this evaluation report.

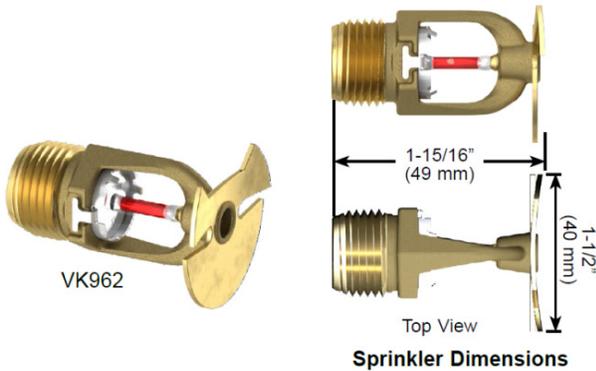


FIGURE 1—HORIZONTAL SIDEWALL SPRINKLER

6.0 EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Data in accordance with the ICC-ES Acceptance Criteria for Special-purpose Sprinklers Used with Fixed Glazed Assemblies to Provide an Alternative to a Fire-resistance-rated Wall Assembly (AC385), dated February 2015 (editorially revised January 2020).

7.0 IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 For field identification, all Viking Specific Application Window Sprinklers (Model VK962 and Model VK960) are labeled with the manufacturer's name (The Viking Corp), the product name, and the evaluation report number (ESR-4288).
- 7.2 The report holder's contact information is the following:

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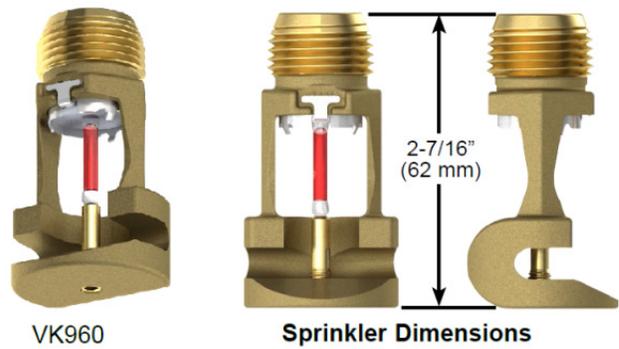


FIGURE 2—PENDENT VERTICAL SIDEWALL SPRINKLER

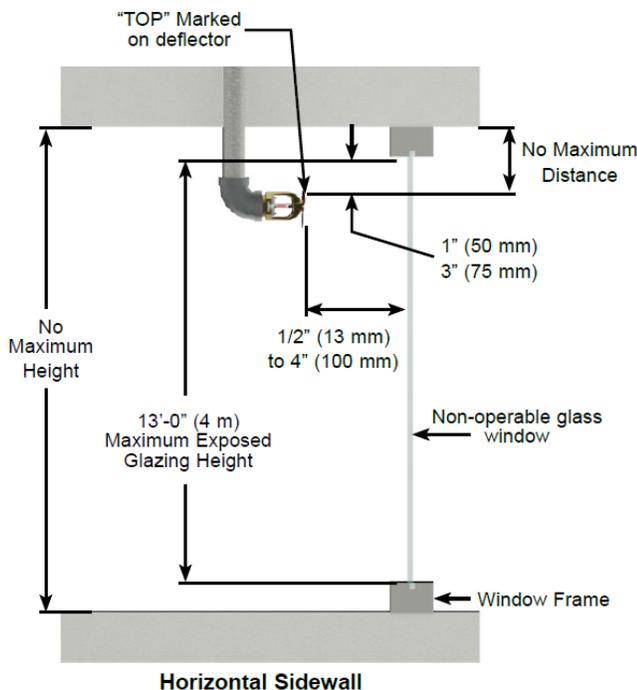


FIGURE 3—HORIZONTAL SIDEWALL SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

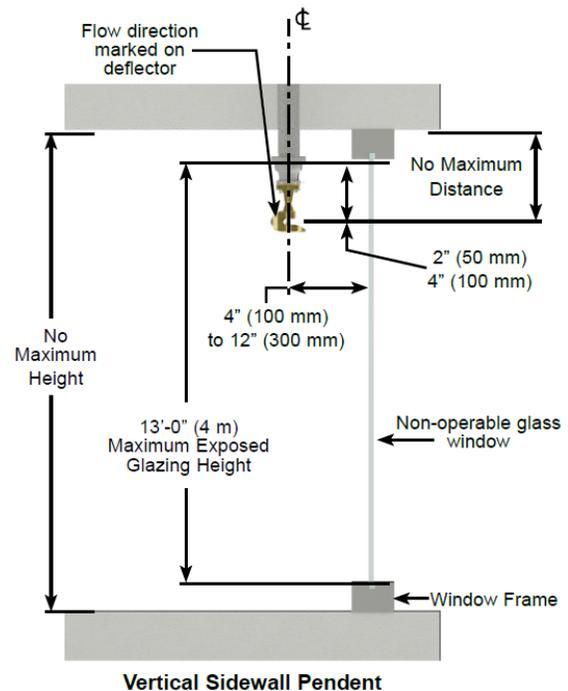


FIGURE 4—PENDENT VERTICAL SIDEWALL SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

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The purpose of this evaluation report supplement is to indicate that Viking Specific Application Window Sprinklers (K5.6): Model VK960 and Model VK926 window sprinklers, described in ICC-ES evaluation report ESR-4288, have also been evaluated for compliance with the code noted below.

**Applicable code edition:**

- 2019 *California Building Code* (CBC)

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

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

The Viking Specific Application Window Sprinklers (K5.6): Model VK960 and Model VK926 window sprinklers, described in Sections 2.0 through 7.0 of the evaluation report ESR-4288, comply with CBC Chapter 7, 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 7 and 9, 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.

This supplement expires concurrently with the evaluation report, reissued August 2021.