



Technical Report – R4790476025 Rev 2
BS 6375-2:2009 – Performance of
Windows and Doors, Classification for
operation and strength characteristics
and guidance on selection and
specification

Orbit Design Limited 16" (406mm) Diamond Link Hinge



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Rev 1 (Revised Report): This report has been amended as shown in Section 8 and it replaces previous report No. R4790476025 Rev 1 dated the 7^{th} of December 2022.





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1. Introduction

This report describes tests carried in order to determine the durability of the sample with respect to operating forces, mechanical strength and resistance to repeated operation of the test specimen supplied as follows:

Test Details			
Customer:	Orbit Design Limited The Walnuts Ingleby Road Stanton by Bridge DE73 7HU GB		
Product Tested:	16" (406mm) Diamond link hinge fitted to side hung window		
Date of Sample Received:	21st June 2022		
Date of Test:	Mechanical Strength: 2 nd November 2022 Resistance to Repeated Opening & Closing: 13 th to the 24 th October 2022		
Test Conducted at:	UL International (UK) Limited Halesfield 2 Telford Shropshire TF7 4QH		
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2. **Summary of Results**

The following summarises the results of testing carried out, in accordance with the relevant testing and classification standards.

The performance of the sample tested has been assessed against the criteria described in below standards.

Test Method & Classification Standard	Description	Classification
BS EN 12046-1: 2003 BS EN 13115:2001	Operating forces	2
BS EN 13115:2001	Mechanical Strength	3
BS EN 14608: 2004 BS EN 13115:2001	Racking	600 N
BS EN 14609: 2004 BS EN 13115:2001	Static torsion	300 N
BS EN 1191:2000	Repeated opening and closing	3

More comprehensive details are reported in Section 6.

Note: These results are valid only for the conditions under which the test was conducted.

Note: All measurement devices, instruments and other relevant equipment were calibrated and traceable to National Standards.

2.1 **Decision Rule**

Classifications reported in Section 6 indicate that the product conforms with the relevant accuracy requirements of the testing standards (as summarised below) and the expanded measurement uncertainty (k= 2 for approximately 95% coverage probability) is no greater in magnitude than the accuracy requirements defined in Section 2 of BS EN 947 - 1999, BS EN 948 - 1999, BS EN 949 - 1999, BS EN 950 - 1999, and Section 5 of BS EN 12046-1 - 2003 and/or BS EN 12046-2 - 2000.

2.2 **Measurement Uncertainty**

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k = 2, providing a level of confidence of approximately 95%, and for the operating forces is +/-1.6%, for mechanical strengths is +/- 0.10% and for indentation during impacting is +/- 0.29%.





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3. Description of Test Sample

The description of the test sample in this section has been supplied by the customer and has not been verified by UL International (UK) Limited.

See Section 7 for test sample drawings as supplied by Orbit Design Limited.

General Information	
Product range name:	Diamond Link Hinges
Project name to appear on front page of the test report:	16" (406mm) Diamond Link Hinge
Configuration:	16" (406mm) Diamond Link Hinge 16.5mm stack height
Opening direction:	Right Opening (As viewed from the inside)
Product manufacturer:	Orbit Designs Ltd
Is the sample typical of normal production?	Yes
Please define the closing condition of the sample: i.e. closed, fastened, latched, locked and secured etc.	Closed and locked
Weight of Sample including subframe (kg):	65kg Approximately
Weight of Sash (kg)- applicable for sample tested with accordance with BS 6375-2:2009	50kg

Outer Frame			
Outer frame width:	1100mm	Outer frame material:	UPVC
Outer frame height:	1500mm	Outer frame gasket	EPDM
Outer frame Part Numbers		Gasket type:	Standard Co-Extruded
Top:	EWS 7721	Manufacturer:	Eruocell
Bottom:	EWS 7721	Product name:	Logik 70 Ovolo Main Frame
Lock side:	EWS 7721	Product code:	EWS7312
Hinge side:	EWS 7721	Threshold	No Threshold
Outer frame section size		Manufacturer:	NA
Width:	70mm	Product name:	NA
Depth:	60mm	Product code:	NA
Reinforcing:		Material:	NA
Manufacturer:	Eorocell	Outer frame joint method	
Product name:	Frame Reinforcement	Head:	Welded
Product code:	EWS 7621S	Foot:	Welded
Material:	Steel	Surface Finish	White/Smooth





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Leaf/Casement	1000mm	Leaf/ Casement	UPVC
width: Leaf/ Casement	1400mm	material: Leaf/ Casement	EPDM
height:	140011111	gasket	
Leaf/ Casement Part Numbers		Gasket type:	Standard Co-Extruded
Top:	EWS 7705	Manufacturer:	Eurocell
Bottom:	EWS 7705	Product name:	Logic 70 Ovolo T Sast
Lock side:	EWS 7705	Product code:	EWS 7705
Hinge side:	NA	Leaf midrail:	No Midrail
Leaf/ Casement section size		Manufacturer:	NA
Width:	75mm	Product name:	NA
Depth:	70mm	Product code:	NA
Reinforcing:	NA	Material:	
Manufacturer:	Eurocell	Leaf/Casement joint method	
Product name:	Sash Reinforcement	Head:	Welded
Product code:	EWS 7604S	Foot:	Welded
Material:	Steel	Surface Finish	Smooth White
Glazing			
Glass unit	MDF Weighted Panel	Glazing gasket	
Manufacturer:	NA	Gasket type:	Co Extruded
Inner thickness:	NA	Manufacturer:	Eurocell
Spacer material:	NA	Product name:	Logic 70 Ovolo Bead
Outer thickness:	24mm	Product code:	EWS7312
Unit sizes:	1320mm x 920mm	Glazing clip	No Glazing Clip
Bead		Manufacturer:	NA
Manufacturer:	Eurocell	Product name:	NA
Product name:	Logik 70 Ovolo Bead	Product code:	NA
Product code:	EWS7312	Glazing tape details	No Glazing Tape
Bead size:	Standard	Manufacturer:	NA
Bead material:	UPVC	Product name:	NA
		Product code:	NA





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Hardware				
	Manufacturer:	Product description:	Product code:	Quantity:
Hinges:	Orbit Designs Ltd	16" (406mm) Diamond Link hinge 16.5mm Stack	01-1-16-16.5	1 pair
Hinge fixing:	Rapierstar	PH2-Cheese head- Gimlet point-4.8 x 25mm	SFG 4.8 x 25 S	16
Hinge protectors:	NA			
Hinge protector fixings:	NA			
Locking hardware:	ERA	Espagnolette	NA	1
Locking hardware fixing:	NA			
Cylinder:	NA			
Cylinder fixing:	NA			
Handle:	NA			
Handle fixings:	NA			
Touch Bar	NA			
Cylinder Support	NA			
Cylinder Escutcheon	NA			
Keeps:	ERA	Espagnolette keep	NA	3
Keep fixings:	NA			
Drip bar:	NA			
Drip bar fixings:	NA			
Additional Hardware:	NA			

Confirmation

Customer is to confirm that the samples provided for testing are representative of standard production. Please note: the details given above, as well as the drawings supplied by the customer as confirmed as typical of normal production are not verified by UL International (UK) Limited.

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4. Test Arrangement

4.1 Test Rig

The test sample was mounted in to a 100 x 75 mm timber sub-frame in accordance with manufacturer's installation requirements and was secured into the test rig ready for testing.

4.2 Instrumentation

4.2.1 Force Measurement

Calibrated force gauges and load cells were used to measure operation forces to +/- 5%.

4.2.2 Time

A calibrated stopwatch was used to measure/record time

4.2.3 Torque

A calibrated torque meter was used for recording forces required to operate any finger operated hardware with an accuracy of +/- 5%

4.2.4 Scales

The mass of the opening leaf was measured using scales accurate to +/- 2%

4.2.5 Measuring Tape

A measuring tape and rule accurate to +/- 0.5mm were used

4.2.6 Impactor

An impactor consisting of two pneumatic tyres as specified in BS EN 12600:2002 together with two steel weights of equal mass and a total mass of 50 kg \pm 0.1 kg was used for impacting

4.2.7 Temperature & Humidity

A digital data logger capable of measuring temperature with an accuracy of \pm 1°C and humidity with an accuracy of \pm 5 %Rh was used.





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5. Test Procedures

5.1 Sequence of Testing

Sample 1

- 1. Operating Forces
- 2. Resistance to Racking
- 3. Operating Forces
- 4. Resistance to Static Torsion
- 5. Operating Forces
- 6. Load-bearing Capacity of Safety Devices
- 7. Impact Resistance

Sample 2

- 8. Operating Forces
- 9. Resistance to Repeated Opening and Closing
- 10. Operating Forces

5.2 Resistance to racking

Prior to the test, the window was opened and closed 5 times to an angle of either 90° or its maximum extent in relation to the plane of the frame.

The window vent was opened to an angle of either 90° or its maximum extent in relation to the plane of the frame and a pre-load was then applied to the opening edge corner of the window and held for a period of 60 secs, the load was removed and following a rest period of 60 secs a measurement was recorded at the opposite opening edge corner to that which the load was applied.

The test load was then applied to the same position as that described above and held for a period of 5 mins. On completion of the 5 mins a measurement was recorded at the opposite opening edge corner to that which the load was applied, the load was then removed.

Following a 1-minute period with no load applied to the sample, a further measurement was recorded in order to determine any residual deformation.

5.3 Resistance to static torsion

Prior to the test, the window was opened and closed 5 times to an angle of either 90° or its maximum extent in relation to the plane of the frame as required by the test standard

The window vent was opened to an angle of either 90° or its maximum extent in relation to the plane of the frame and the opposite opening edge corner to that which the load was being applied was locked firmly in position. A pre-load was then applied to the opening edge corner of the window, and held for a period of 60 secs, the load was removed and following a rest period of 60 secs a measurement was recorded at the loading position.

With the opposite opening edge corner to that which the load was being applied locked firmly in position, the test load was then applied to the same loading point and held for a period of 5 mins. On completion of the 5 mins a measurement was recorded at the loading position and the load was then removed.

Following a 1-minute period in which no load was applied to the sample, measurement at the loading position was recorded.





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5.4 Operating forces

Prior to the test, all moving parts of the window were operated 5 times as required by the test standard.

The minimum forces, to disengage the hardware, then open and close to/from a distance of 100mm before finally engaging and securing the hardware, was recorded.

The sequence was repeated three times with the results averaged to obtain the final value with a 1 minute rest period between each sequence.

5.5 Resistance to Repeated Opening and Closing

5.5.1 Prior to the test

The mass of the casement, sash or leaf was measured prior to any testing.

With the test sample installed in accordance with clause 6 of EN 1191:2000, the sample was subject to 5 manual operations before the following initial measurements were taken:

- a) The dead load applied by the operating equipment on the casement, sash or leaf
- b) The stroke of the casement, sash or leaf in degrees or millimetres
- c) Dimensions at datum points were taken in order to establish a nominal set of dimensions
- d) The operating forces, measured in accordance with BS EN 12046-1:2003

The cylinders were adjusted in accordance with the operation of the hardware its reference velocity and attainment of forces within the specified limits, the rest times and strokes.

5.5.2 Cyclic test

The test was configured for the correct amount of cycles according to the required classification as outlined in BS EN 12400:2002.

At every period equal to 25% of the specified total test cycles (or less if specified by the manufacturer for lubrication) the test was stopped, and the test specimen examined. The test was continued and paused at the examination periods throughout its duration as defined above.

5.5.3 Following the test

Following the completion of the defined number of cycles, the following measurements were taken:

- a) The dead load applied by the operating equipment on the casement, sash or leaf
- b) The stroke of the casement, sash or leaf in degrees or millimetres
- c) Dimensions at datum points were taken in order to establish a nominal set of dimensions
- d) The operating forces, measured in accordance with BS EN 12046-1:2003





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6. **Test Results**

6.1 **Lab Conditions**

The conditions measured inside the laboratory were as follows:

	Temperature (°C)	Humidity (%RH)
At start of test	20.1	38.4
At completion of test	18.8	56.8

6.2 **Operating forces**

The results of the tests carried out are as follows:

Description	Primary Leaf	Classification
Disengage Hardware (N)	8.3	2
Commence Opening (N)	12.5	2
Commence Closing (N)	22.8	2
Engage Hardware (N)	17.5	2
Overall Classification according to BS EN 13115:2001		2

The overall classification for operating forces is: **CLASS 2**

6.3 **Resistance to Racking**

	Primary Leaf
Test Load (N)	600 N
Deformation Under Load (mm)	4.82
Residual Deformation Following Test (mm)	1.47

Following the test there were no signs of damage to the sample or loss of functionality.

6.4 **Operating forces**

The results of the tests carried out are as follows:

Description	Primary Leaf	Classification
Disengage Hardware (N)	7.3	2
Commence Opening (N)	12.8	2
Commence Closing (N)	21.6	2
Engage Hardware (N)	13.4	2
Overall Classification according to BS EN 13115:2001		2

The overall classification for operating forces is: **CLASS 2**

6.5 Resistance to static torsion

	Primary Leaf
Test Load (N)	300
Deformation Under Load (mm)	27.5
Residual Deformation Following Test (mm)	4.6

Following the test there were no signs of damage to the sample or loss of functionality.





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6.6 **Operating forces**

The results of the tests carried out are as follows:

Description	Primary Leaf	Classification
Disengage Hardware (N)	6.9	2
Commence Opening (N)	13.0	2
Commence Closing (N)	21.5	2
Engage Hardware (N)	13.0	2
Overall Classification according to BS EN 13115:2001		2

The overall classification for operating forces is: CLASS 2

6.7 **Overall Classification for Mechanical Strength**

The overall classification for mechanical strength is: CLASS 3

6.8 **Resistance to Repeated Opening and Closing**

6.8.1 **Initial Measurements**

Description	Primary Leaf
Mass of leaf (kg)	50.2
Dead load applied by the operating equipment (kg)	0.1
Stroke of casement (°)	70

The operating forces measured before the test are as follows:

Description	Primary Leaf	Classification
Disengage Hardware (N)	9.7	2
Commence Opening (N)	8.1	2
Commence Closing (N)	19.9	2
Engage Hardware (N)	13.4	2
Overall Classification according to BS EN 13115:2001		2

6.8.2 **Cycle Test**

The number of cycles completed by the sample was 20,000 as required by Class 3 of the standard.

The sample was lubricated as specified by the manufacturer at each period equal to 2500 cycles or 25% whichever the greater and adjustments were carried out as follows:

Hardware was checked and lubricated.

Throughout and immediately following the test, the sample was checked and there were no signs of damage or loss of functionality.





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6.8.3 **Datum Measurements**

Observations and measurement of the datum points were measurement from a point 50mm from each edge of the casement in relation to the outer frame.

	Dimension (mm)							
Description	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Before cyclic test	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4
After cyclic test	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4	35.4
Difference	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

6.8.4 **Final Measurements**

Description	Primary Leaf
Mass of leaf (kg)	50.2
Dead load applied by the operating equipment (kg)	0.1
Stroke of casement (°)	70

The operating forces measured following the test are as follows:

Description	Primary Leaf	Classification
Disengage Hardware (N)	9.5	2
Commence Opening (N)	4.0	2
Closing Force (N)	16.9	2
Engage Hardware (N)	12.6	2
Overall Classification according	2	

6.8.5 **Variation in Performance**

The following calculation is used to assess the variation in performance as a result of the repeated opening and closing test

$$V(\%) = 100 \left(\frac{Pe}{Pi} - 1\right)$$

V is the percentage variation in performance **Pe** is the operating forces measured after the test Pi is the operating forces measure before the test

Description	Variation in performance %
Disengage Hardware (N)	-2.1
Commence Opening (N)	-50.6
Closing Force (N)	-15.1
Engage Hardware (N)	-6.0

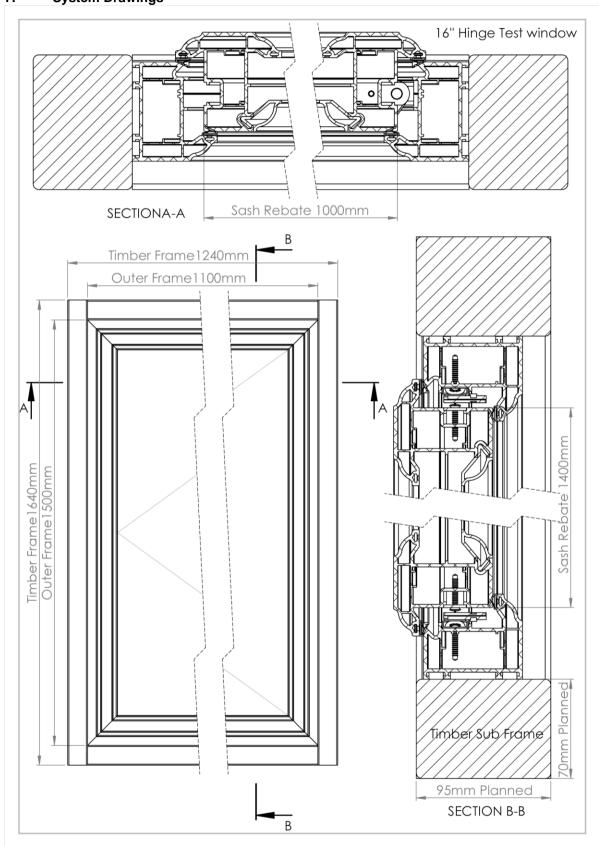
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7. System Drawings

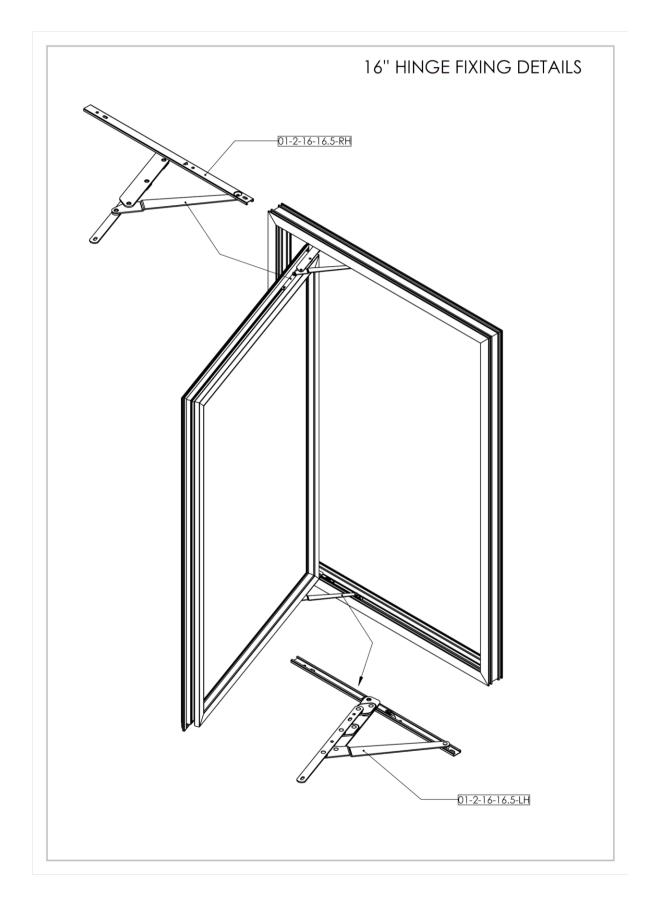






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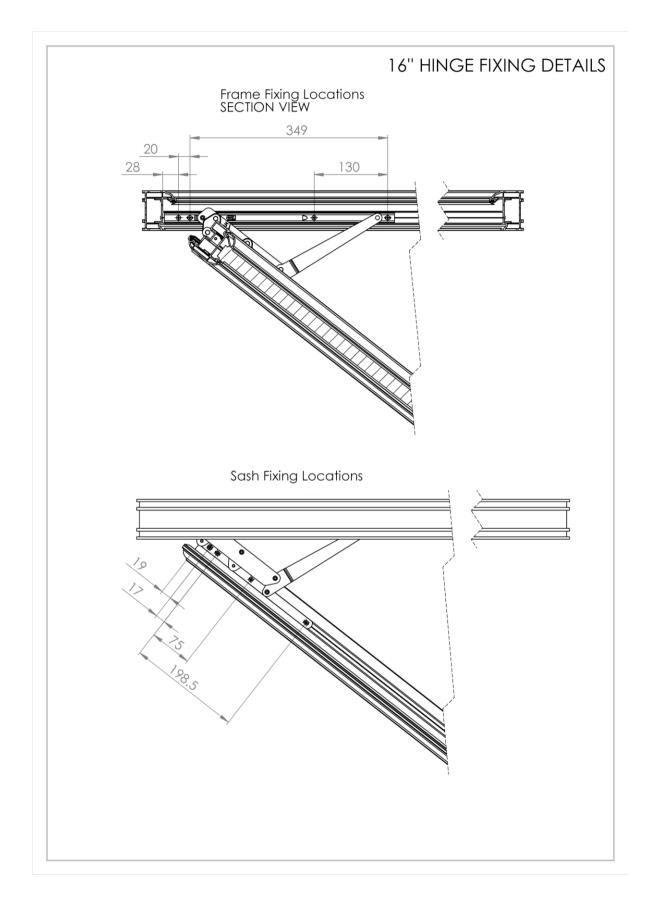






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8. Revision

Revision No.	Amendments	Date of Amendment
Rev 1	Sample description updated. Product code for hinges corrected.	7 th December 2022
Rev 2	References to stroke of opening corrected.	8 th December 2022





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