

## **BUILDING MATTER** Roof Design using a Box Gutter System

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## **PROJECT ADDRESS**

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**PROBLEM** – Deemed to Satisfy (DTS) box gutter solution is not suitable for roof layout and / or is not aesthetically acceptable

Available DTS box gutter solutions provided in AS/NZS 3500.3 are not suitable for this project in one or more locations, as discussed in the Performance Based Design Brief.

**SOLUTION** – Use of proprietary box gutter devices

It is proposed to use the following **Dam Buster®** box gutter device(s) in lieu of the DTS box gutter solutions specified in AS/NZS 3500.3.

a) Box gutter overflow devices

- **Dam Buster®** Rainhead
- **Dam Buster®** Side Outlet\* and Rainhead combination
- **Dam Buster®** Side Outlet\* and Sump combination
- **Dam Buster®** Sump and **Dam Buster®** Continuous Sump & **Dam Buster®** Back-to-Back Sump

Note - cross out devices not used
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\* T Side Outlet, End Side Outlet, Corner Side Outlet, and Cruciform Side Outlet

## NOTES

1. Box gutters discharging to **Dam Buster®** box gutter overflow devices must be designed for free flow (in both the normal flow and overflow conditions), in accordance with Appendix H, Figure H.2 of AS/NZS 3500.3, for flows between 3 L/s and 16 L/s. All box gutters with calculated flow rates lower than 3L/s must be designed for a minimum of 3L/s.
2. In the normal flow condition, the **Dam Buster®** rainhead is fully compliant with AS/NZS 3500.3.
3. Testing of the **Dam Buster®** in the overflow condition was carried out by the AHSCA Research Foundation, and each rainhead was determined to have an overflow capacity exceeding 16 L/s.
4. Further to Note 1, all box gutters discharging to **Dam Buster®** devices can be designed 'independently'\* of the **Dam Buster®** device in accordance with AS/NZS 3500.3 and are therefore considered to be 'Deemed-To-Satisfy' Solutions (when correctly designed and installed). Consequently, compliance is achieved in accordance with NCC Governing Provision **A2G4 combination of solutions**, where:
  - The box gutter(s) is **Deemed-to-Satisfy**
  - The **Dam Buster®** device(s) is a **Performance Solution**

\* The AS/NZS 3500.3 DTS Sump and Side overflow device, and Sump / High-capacity overflow device, are designed integrally with the box gutter(s) because, in the overflow condition, backwatering must occur in the box

gutter(s) itself i.e. the flow within the box gutter is no longer 'free flow' (as it is in the 'normal flow' condition').

5. The **Dam Buster® Side Outlet** may only be used in combination with a **Dam Buster® Rainhead** or the AS/NZS 3500.3 DTS rainhead or the **Dam Buster® Sump**. Similar to the **Dam Buster® Elbow**, the four types of **Dam Buster® Side Outlets** incorporate a specific step-down dimension to facilitate a change in direction of one or more box gutters and are hydraulically similar to the **Dam Buster® Elbow** and **Dam Buster® Junction**.

b) Change of direction in box gutter (not an overflow device)

- **Dam Buster® Elbow**
- **Dam Buster® Junction\*\***

\*\* Tee Junction and Corner Junction

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The **Dam Buster® Elbow** and **Dam Buster® Junction** devices incorporate a specific step-down dimension and are effectively sumps with one open side. Hydraulic analysis by Dam Buster's Expert, and testing, demonstrates the step-down more than compensates for the energy loss in the bend, and consequently backwatering cannot occur in the upstream box gutter. The upstream box gutter(s) discharges into the 'open sided sump' and is designed in accordance with Figure H.1 of AS/NZS 3500.3 using the design flow rate (refer to the Product Technical Statement for the design methodology). Note, it is not necessary to design the downstream box gutter, which will automatically have sufficient depth due to the step-down.

## Proposed roof drainage installation plans

Refer to the attached plans showing the proposed location of **Dam Buster®** products

Details / numbers of attached plans / sketches:

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## Evidence of Suitability of **Dam Buster®** products [www.dambuster.com.au](http://www.dambuster.com.au)

Refer to the **Dam Buster®** website for the current versions of the following documents:

**Dam Buster®** – Product Technical Statement

**Dam Buster®** – Evidence of Suitability\*

\* Refer to Appendix A '**Technical Appraisal of the Dam Buster Roof Drainage System**', prepared by Adjunct Associate Professor Dr Robert Keller. This document includes a detailed comparison of Dam Buster's devices with AS/NZS 3500.3.

## Installation

Refer to the **Dam Buster®** website for the current version of the following document:  
**Dam Buster®** - Installation manual

Additionally, where required by relevant regulatory body and / or legislation, the installation must comply with SA HB39 *Installation code for metal and wall cladding*.

## Relevant Performance Requirements (BCA Volume 2)

### Part H2 Damp and weatherproofing

#### Performance Requirements

#### H2P1 Rainwater management

- (1) *Surface water*, resulting from a storm having an *annual exceedance probability* of 5% and which is collected or concentrated by a building or *sitework*, must be disposed of in a way that avoids the likelihood of damage or nuisance to any *other property*
- (2) *Surface water*, resulting from a storm having an *annual exceedance probability* of 1% must not enter the building.
- (3) A drainage system for the disposal of *surface water* resulting from a storm having *annual exceedance probability* of-
  - (i) 5% must-
    - (A) convey *surface water* to an appropriate *outfall*; and
    - (B) avoid *surface water* damaging the building; and
  - (ii) 1% must avoid the entry of *surface water* into a building

#### Limitations

H2P1(2) does not apply to a Class 10 building except where its construction contributes to the weatherproofing of the Class 1 building.

#### H2P2 Weatherproofing

A roof and *external wall* (including openings around *windows* and doors) must prevent penetration of water that could cause-

- (a) unhealthy or dangerous conditions, or loss of *amenity* for occupants; and
- (b) undue dampness or deterioration of building elements.

### **Final report prepared by the relevant building practitioner as permitted by the State or Territory for the building classification to the NCC**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Building practitioner type: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached – Performance Based Design Brief.