

Your Thermastructure Building has just passed the most severe test that nature could hurl at it during the recent visit by Hurricane "LUIS". Anguilla took a direct hit with "LUIS" as the eye of the storm passed immediately over the island on September 5, 1995. The island sustained winds at over 175 mph for nearly 10 hours. The windows in the Airport Control Tower were designed to withstand 200 mph winds yet all the windows were blown out at the height of the storm! Needless to say, all eyes were on our new "Thermastructure" building, nicknamed "the Styrofoam teacup".

The only damage done to the building was when a 40 foot container sitting on the ground some 15 to 20 feet away from the north wall, was picked up, overturned, and thrust into the side of the building. The assessment after the container was removed from the wall found impact damage to the corner of the building. The two corner panels can be replaced easily with no affect on the structural integrity to the building. I am thankful it was not a brick wall structure! The rest of the building held up great with no structural displacement noticed. There were some minor water leaks around the door but this was expected with 175 mph winds! The million dollar transmitter installation inside suffered absolutely no damage whatsoever.

Your Thermastructure design has passed the most severe test nature could throw and came up on top. There is much interest for this type of structure in the Caribbean! I am impressed!

Sincerely



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