

*Live in a safe and durable timber house*



ALUMINIUM FOUNDATION SYSTEM FOR LIGHTWEIGHT AND TIMBER BUILDINGS



## Our team

Our team of experts is available to provide technical support assistance for new installation designs of our aluminum system, as well as for repair of wooden buildings with a damaged base.



## Our services

- Project evaluation
- Technical-economic offer
- Cutting list development
- Construction project development



## Our mission

WAT srl provides solution and support directly for primary sector or professional customers.



System patented by University of Padua (PCT/IB2012/056544) - Trademark registered.

Experts are aware that the critical and until now unsolved problem of timber buildings lies in proper anchoring of the structure to its foundations. Traditional techniques - reinforced concrete curbs and/or larch base beams - have several disadvantages, examples being excessive geometric inaccuracies, difficulty in achieving efficient and long-lasting fixings, compression orthogonal to the wood grain, reduced durability due to rising damp, problems with proper waterproofing and thermal insulation of foundations, etc. Inadequate solutions for the foundation node lead to a shorter lifespan and reduced structural performance of the entire building. Difficulties and delays during the installation of timber buildings, due to geometric errors in the foundations, are commonplace.

ALUFOOT® is an innovative foundation system for lightweight timber buildings, constructed with Cross-Lam or light timber frame technologies, solving all the above problems.

The ALUFOOT® base beams are made of an extruded aluminum profile. Shape and size are optimized for maximum bearing capacity. Special grooves on the sides of the profile allow fast, efficient anchoring of timber walls by means of special plates and hold-downs.

The ease of installation of ALUFOOT® profiles ensures worksite efficiency and cleanliness. Accessories are designed for extremely accurate leveling of base beams, both in plan and in elevation. This means that the assembly is easier and faster, greatly reducing costs and time.

The ALUFOOT® base beams prevent damp rising to the timber walls. Special rubber bands ensure proper contact between walls and profiles, providing the required airtightness. The thermal conductivity of the profiles is comparable to that of concrete curbs.

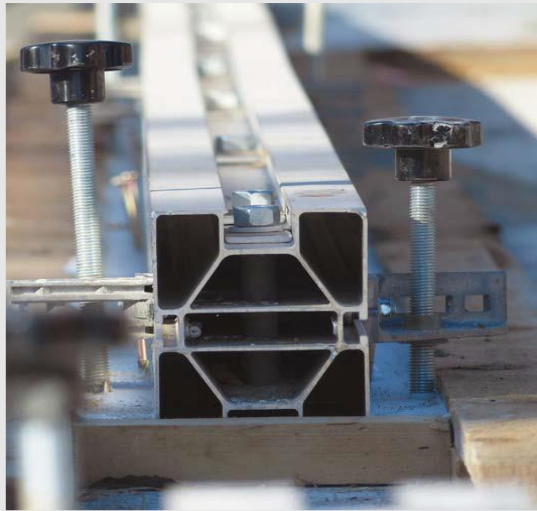
The ALUFOOT® beam system can provide a safe and durable wooden house lasting forever and saving costs and time of installation!



## ALUFOOT® SYSTEM FEATURES

- ✓ Aluminum foundation beams, lightweight and infinitely durable
- ✓ Beams substitute r.c. curbs and larch base beams
- ✓ Beams allow perfect horizontal and vertical alignment of foundation plan
- ✓ Easy, efficient fastening of timber walls
- ✓ No drilling or fastening to r.c. base beams
- ✓ Adjustable fixing plates and hold-downs, fastened to aluminum base beams with special self-tapering bolts
- ✓ Certified load capacity of aluminum base beams
- ✓ Certified load capacity anchoring plates and hold-downs
- ✓ Thermal bridging reduced at wall bases
- ✓ No rising damp from wall bases
- ✓ Easy waterproofing and thermal insulation of foundations
- ✓ Durability and natural healthiness of timber construction
- ✓ Savings in costs, due to speed of construction





# LA POSA IN OPERA DEL SISTEMA ALUFOOT®

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ALUFOOT® beams are delivered, packaged and numbered, and already cut and drilled according to design.

2



Beams are set in place on foundation plan, aligned to grid lines and perfectly leveled with specific accessories.

3



Height is checked by a laser level and horizontality with a spirit level.

4



Preparation of side boarding and cast of self-leveling mortar bed or resin bed. Side boarding can be removed after mortar has hardened.

5



Drilling into the foundation is easy. Correct points are already indicated on the aluminum beams.



6



Holes are brushed and resin injected to anchor threaded bars.

7



Installation of threaded bars; the tightening will be completed after the hardening of mortar bed.

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Rubber bands are laid, ensuring distribution of contact force and airtightness between ALUFOOT® beams and walls.

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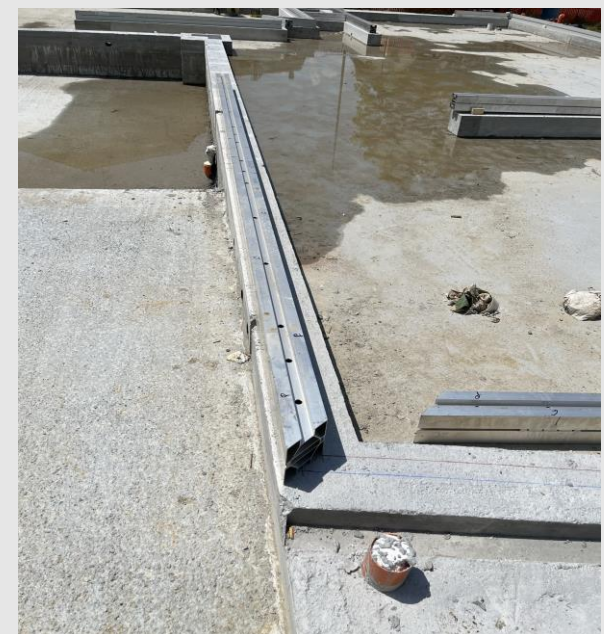
Installation of anchoring plates with self-tapering bolts on one side of the profile, speeding up wall assembly.

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Wall installation proceeds and anchoring plates are also installed on the other sides of the ALUFOOT® beams.

Installation of the ALUBEAM  
I20 foundation system for the  
construction of single-family  
residential home





# ALUFOOT® APPLICATION

## HIGT series – Classic Line

**ALUBEAM 100**

**ALUBEAM 120**

- **XLam**
- **Platform Frame**
- **Blockbau**
- **Consolidation of existing wall degraded at the base**

## LOW series – L Line

**ALUBEAM 100L**

**ALUBEAM 120L**

**ALUBEAM 160L**

- **Platform Frame**
- **Xlam**
- **Blockbau**
- **Recovery of existing buildings**



# ALUFOOT® PRODUCTS

## HIGH series – Classic Line

### ALUBEAM 100



Extruded aluminum beam  
100x150 mm

### ALUBEAM 120



Extruded aluminum beam  
120x150 mm

### ALU SH-18



Aluminum bracket for shear force, with aluminum strip and bolts. Design shear resistance  $VRd=18$  kN

### ALU HD-28



Aluminum hold-down bracket, with aluminum strip and bolts. Design tensile resistance  $NRd=28$  kN

### ALU HD-56



Aluminum hold-down bracket, with aluminum strip and bolts. Design tensile resistance  $NRd=56$  kN

### ALU HD40/SH18



Aluminum bracket for shear/axial forces, with aluminum strip and bolts. Design tensile resistance  $NRd=40$  kN; design shear resistance  $VRd=18$  kN.

### ALU HD23/SH18



Aluminum bracket for shear/axial forces, with aluminum strip and bolts. Design tensile resistance  $NRd=23$  kN; design shear resistance  $VRd=18$  kN.



## Accessories – Classic Line

**ALU FIX100-HD**  
**ALU FIX120-HD**



Galvanized steel threaded rod  
d=16mm L=400 mm, with  
heat-shrink tube.

**ALU FIX100-SH**  
**ALU FIX120-SH**



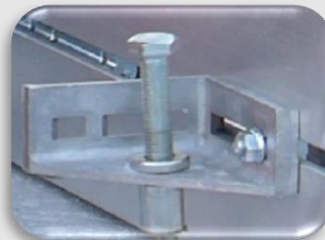
Mechanical anchoring in  
galvanized steel M16x285 mm

**ALU CORNER**



Reusable 90° corner for  
temporary assembly

**ALU CORNER +**



Reusable 90° corner for  
temporary assembly with  
micro-adjustment in height

**ALU JOINT**



Liner joint in 4 hole Alloy 6082  
aluminum and M8 bolts for in line  
joining of the AluBeam profile

## LOW series – L Line

### ALUBEAM I00L



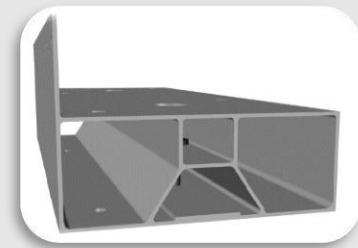
Extruded aluminum beam  
100x60 mm

### ALUBEAM I20L



Extruded aluminum beam  
120x60 mm

### ALUBEAM I60L



Extruded aluminum beam  
160x60 mm



## Accessories – L Line

### ALU L FIX-HD



Galvanized steel threaded rod  
d=12mm L=330 mm, with  
heat-shrink tube.

### ALU L FIX-SH



Mechanical anchoring in  
galvanized steel M12x285 mm

### RUBBER 100



95 mm adhesive EPDM  
rubber

### RUBBER 120



115 mm adhesive EPDM  
rubber

### RUBBER 160



160 mm adhesive EPDM  
rubber

### BOCCOLA



Nylon bushing for housing in the holes  
provided for the Alubeam L series profile

### ALU JOINT L



PVC linear joint L=200 mm









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