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FIRE TESTING

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Client: Sound Deadened Steel Ltd
190a Kingsway South
Team Valley Trading Estate
Gateshead
NE11 0SH

Job Title: **BS 476 Part 6 & Part 7 on One Sample of aluminium panel**

Material Received: 02 December 2003

Description of Sample: **One Sample of panel ref: SDSALFIRE1203**
The SDS AliDamp is a 0.5mm adhesive aluminium damper and is bonded to a 2.00mm aluminium plate.

Brief: Wiratec were requested to carry out a fire test on the sample to BS 476: Part 6 & Part 7.

UKAS Accreditation: Our Laboratories are UKAS accredited. However, it should be noted that tests marked * are not UKAS accredited in this report. They are not included in the UKAS Accreditation Schedule for our laboratory, either due to the work not conforming fully to the standard (e.g. reduced number of specimens) or to it being outside the scope of our accreditation, or subcontracted.

Testing Atmosphere: Unless otherwise specified the sample has been conditioned and tested, where appropriate, in the standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing textiles (BS EN 20139:1992) of 65±2% r.h. and 20±2°C.



This report is incomplete without all the pages specified above
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FIRE TESTS ACCORDING TO BS 476:PART 6:1989

Fire tests on building materials and structures. Method of test for fire propagation for products

Date of Test: 06/01/04

Test Method

The test was carried out in accordance with BS 476: Part 6: 1989.

Prior to testing the sample the calibration of the equipment was determined to ensure compliance with the test limits set out in the standard.

The sponsor sampled and cut the specimens to the dimensions stated. The specimens were tested as received.

Temperatures of the flue gases were measured to the nearest degree centigrade at the time intervals and periods set out below, taking zero time as the moment of ignition of the gas supply. The temperature was measured by means of two thermocouples with their measuring junctions located in the cowl of the apparatus as required by the standard.

The relevant temperature-time intervals were observed for each individual specimen and the calibration board according to the temperature range 0 to 3 minutes every 30 seconds, 4 to 10 minutes every 1 minute and 12 to 20 minutes every 2 minutes to give 3 time periods.

Calculation of Results

At each time interval the temperature of the calibration board was subtracted from that of the individual specimen temperature, this was then divided by ten multiplied by the time interval:

The sum of each individual value in each time period was then calculated to give an index of performance for each specimen.



The fire propagation index of the product is calculated from the average of the individual s values for the total number of specimens in each time period.

$$\text{Total I} = i_1 + i_2 + i_3$$

A definitive classification is based on a sample of at least three specimens.

Requirements

A Class 0 is the highest National product performance classification for lining materials. To meet Class 0 a material has to meet the requirements laid down in the UK Building Regulations 1991 Approved Document B (Amendments 2002) appendix A paragraph 13 that states that a composite material is either:

- a) composed throughout of materials of limited combustibility; or
- b) a class 1 material which has a propagation index (I) of not more than 12 and a sub index (i_1) of not more than 6 when tested to BS 476 Part 6.

Results

Number of specimens tested	Sub-index i_1	Sub-index i_2	Sub-index i_3	Total Fire propagation index I
3	0	0	0.6	0.6

Comments

In our opinion:-

- 1) the test results relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens of the product under the particular conditions of test; they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the product in use.
- 2) The results indicate that the sample met the requirements of Class 0 of the UK Building Regulations 1991 Approved Document B (Amendments 2002) appendix A paragraph 13



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Time for flame spread to reach (s) (mm)					Flame spread at 1.5 min (mm)	Maximum Flame spread (mm)	Time to reach maximum flame spread (s)
165	215	265	455	710			
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The results indicate that the sample met the performance requirements of Class 1

Comments

No flaming was observed beyond the pilot light area.

The information contained on page no's 1/5 of this certificate is hereby certified to be a correct statement of the tests and investigations carried out by Wira Testing Services on the materials referred to.

Signed *B. Marsden* Date *09/01/04*
Mrs. B. Marsden
Fire Technician

Signed *D. Hird* Date *09/01/04*
Mr. D. Hird
Operational Head

