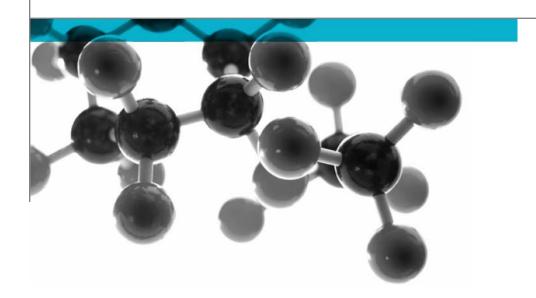
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# BS 476: Part 7: 1997



Method For Classification Of The Surface Spread Of Flame Of Products

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## **Executive Summary**

**Objective** 

To determine the surface spread of flame classification of the following product when tested in accordance with BS 476: Part 7: 1997.

Generic Description	Product reference	Thickness / application rate	Weight per unit area or density			
Calcium Silicate Board coated "Tuskbond ONE Test Panels" 9.54mm * with adhesive			9.34kg/m <sup>2</sup> *			
Individual components used to manufacture composite:						
Adhesive	"Tuskbond ONE"	50g/m <sup>2</sup>	Not stated			
Substrate "Supalux" 9mm 950 kg/m <sup>3</sup>						
*Determined by Exova Warringtonfire						
Please see page 5 of this test report for the full description of the product tested						

Test Sponsor Sanglier Ltd., Shelley Close, Lowmoor Business Park, Kirkby in Ashfield,

Nottingham, NG17 7JZ

Test Results: Class 1

An uncertainty of measurement estimation has been conducted in relation to the distance travelled by the flame front and the findings are as detailed on page 8.

Date of Test 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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## **Test Details**

#### **Purpose of test**

To determine the performance of a product when it is subjected to the conditions of the test specified in BS 476: Part 7: 1997, "Fire tests on building materials and structures, method for classification of the surface spread of flame of products". This test was therefore performed in accordance with the procedure specified in BS 476: Part 7: 1997 and this report should be read in conjunction with that British Standard.

#### Scope of test

BS 476: Part 7: 1997 specifies a method of test for measuring the lateral spread of flame along the surface of a specimen of a product orientated in the vertical position, and a classification system based on the rate and extent of flame spread. It provides data suitable for comparing the performances of essentially flat materials, composites, or assemblies, which are used primarily as the exposed surfaces of walls or ceilings.

# Fire test study group/EGOLF

Certain aspects of some fire test specifications are open to different interpretations. The Fire Test Study Group and EGOLF have identified a number of such areas and have agreed Resolutions which define common agreement of interpretations between fire test laboratories which are members of the Groups. Where such Resolutions are applicable to this test they have been followed.

#### Instruction to test

The test was conducted on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at the request of Sanglier Ltd., the sponsor of the test.

# Provision of test specimens

The specimens were supplied by the sponsor of the test. **Exova Warringtonfire** was not involved in any selection or sampling procedure.

# Conditioning specimens

The specimens for testing to BS 476: Part 6: 1989+A1: 2009 together with the specimens for testing to BS 476: Part 7: 1997 were received on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Prior to the tests, all of the specimens were conditioned to constant mass at a temperature of  $23 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C and a relative humidity of  $50 \pm 5\%$ . One specimen from the total sample submitted for test was selected for constant mass verification.

# Form in which the specimens were tested

Composite - Combination of materials which are generally recognised in building constructions as discrete entities e.g. coated or laminated materials. Each specimen was tested in direct contact with a nominally 12mm thick noncombustible backing board.

### **Exposed face**

The adhesive face of the specimens was exposed to the heating conditions of the test.

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## **Description of Test Specimens**

The description of the specimens given below has been prepared from information provided by the sponsor of the test. This information has not been independently verified by **Exova Warringtonfire**. All values quoted are nominal, unless tolerances are given.

General description		Calcium Silicate Board coated with adhesive			
Product reference		"Tuskbond ONE Test Panels"			
Name of manufacturer		Sanglier Ltd			
Thickness		9.54mm (determined by Exova Warringtonfire)			
Weight per unit	area	9.34kg/m² (determined by Exova Warringtonfire)			
	Generic type	Styrene butadiene rubber copolymer contact			
		adhesive			
	Product reference	"Tuskbond ONE"			
Adhesive	Name of manufacturer	Sanglier Ltd			
(test face)	Colour reference	"Pale Amber"			
(lest lace)	Application rate per coat	50g/m <sup>2</sup>			
	Application method	Spray			
	Flame retardant details	See Note 1 below			
	Curing process per coat	Solvent evaporation			
	Generic type	Calcium silicate board			
	Product reference	"Supalux"			
	Name of manufacturer	Promat UK Ltd			
Substrate	Thickness	9mm			
	Density	950 kg/m <sup>3</sup>			
	Colour reference	"Off-White"			
Flame retardant details		See Note 2 below			
Brief description of manufacturing process		1. A web of adhesive was spray applied, from			
		a canister, on to a clean, dust free calcium silicate			
		panel of known weight.			
		2. The adhesive solvent was allowed to			
		evaporate and the dry weight of adhesive			
		calculated.			
		3. The process was repeated until a dry coat			
		weight of 50 g/m2 was achieved.			

Note 1: The sponsor of the test has confirmed that no flame retardant additives were utilised in the production of the component.

Note 2: The sponsor was unable to provide this information.

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## **Test Results**

# Results observations

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The test results for the individual specimens, together with observations made during the test and comments on any difficulties encountered during the test are given in Appendix 1.

#### Classification

In accordance with the class definitions given in BS 476: Part 7: 1997; the specimens tested are classified as Class 1.

An uncertainty of measurement estimation has been conducted in relation to the distance travelled by the flame front and the findings are as detailed on page 8.

# Criteria classification

for

If the prefix 'D' or suffix 'R' or 'Y' is included in the classification, this indicates that the results should be treated with caution. An explanation of the reason for the prefix and suffixes is given in Appendix 2, together with the classification limits specified in the Standard.

# Applicability test result

of 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.

The test results relate only to the specimens of the product in the form in which they were tested. Small differences in the composition or thickness of the product may significantly affect the performance during the test and may therefore invalidate the test results. Care should be taken to ensure that any product which is supplied or used is fully represented by the specimens which were tested.

## **Validity**

The specification and interpretation of fire test methods are the subject of ongoing development and refinement. Changes in associated legislation may also occur. For these reasons it is recommended that the relevance of test reports over five years old should be considered by the user. The laboratory that issued the report will be able to offer, on behalf of the legal owner, a review of the procedures adopted for a particular test to ensure that they are consistent with current practices, and if required may endorse the test report.

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## **Appendix 1 – Test Results**

SPECIMEN No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum distance travelled at 1.5 minutes (mm)	60	60	60	60	60	60
Distance (mm)	Time to travel to indicated distance (minutes : seconds)					
75 165 190 215 240 265 290 375 455 500 525 600 675 710 750 785 825						
Time to reach maximum distance travelled	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
Maximum distance travelled in 10 minutes (mm)	60	60	60	60	60	60

Note: Six specimens are usually tested. If the test on any specimen is deemed to be invalid, as defined in the Standard, it is permissible for up to a maximum of nine specimens to be tested in order to obtain the six valid test results.

Observations made during test and comments on any difficulties encountered during the test:

None.

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# **Uncertainty** measurement

of	Specimen No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Maximum distance travelled at 1.5 minutes (mm)	±4	±4	±4	±4	±4	±4
	Maximum distance travelled in 10 minutes (mm)	±4	±4	±4	±4	±4	±4

The reported expanded uncertainty is based on a standard uncertainty multiplied by a coverage factor k=2, providing a coverage probability of approximately 95%. The uncertainty evaluation has been carried out in accordance with UKAS requirements.

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## **Appendix 2 – Classification criteria**

Classification spread of flame	of		Spread of Flame at 1.5 min		Final Spread of Flame	
		Classification	Limit (mm)	Limit for one specimen (mm)	Limit (mm)	Limit for one specimen (mm)
		Class 1 Class 2 Class 3	165 215 265	165 + 25 215 + 25 265 + 25	165 455 710	165 + 25 455 + 45 710 + 75
		Class 4	Exceeding the	limits for class 3		

Explanation of prefix and suffixes which may be added to the classification

- 1. A suffix R is added to the classification if more than six specimens are required in order to obtain six valid test results (e.g. class 2R).
- 2. A prefix D is added to the classification of any product which does not comply with the surface characteristics specified in the Standard and has therefore been tested in a modified form (e.g. class D3).
- 3. A suffix Y is added to the classification if any softening and/or other behaviour that may affect the flame spread occurs (e.g. class 3Y).

For example, a classification of D3RY could be achieved indicating (a) a modified surface has been used; (b) a class 3 result has been obtained; (c) additional specimens have been used to obtain 6 valid results and; (d) softening and/or other behaviour has occurred which is considered to have affected the test result.

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