ASTM E84-09

SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDING MATERIALS

“Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL”

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ABSTRACT

Test Material: “Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL”

Test Standard: ASTM E84-09 TEST FOR SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDING MATERIALS (UL 723, UBC 8-1, NFPA 255)

Test Date: October 29, 2009

Test Sponsor: Ultraflex Systems Inc.

Test Results:
FLAME SPREAD INDEX 10
SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX 300

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I. INTRODUCTION

This report describes the results of the ASTM E84-09 TEST FOR SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDING MATERIALS a method for determining the comparative surface burning behavior of building materials. This test is applicable to exposed surfaces, such as ceilings or walls, provided that the material or assembly of materials, by its own structural quality or the manner in which it is tested and intended for use, is capable of supporting itself in position or being supported during the test period.

The purpose of the method is to determine the relative burning behavior of the material by observing the flame spread along the specimen. Flame spread and smoke density developed are reported, however, there is not necessarily a relationship between these two measurements.

“The use of supporting materials on the underside of the test specimen may lower the flame spread index from that which might be obtained if the specimen could be tested without such support... This method may not be appropriate for obtaining comparative surface burning behavior of some cellular plastic materials... Testing of materials that melt, drip, or delaminate to such a degree that the continuity of the flame front is destroyed, results in low flame spread indices that do not relate directly to indices obtained by testing materials that remain in place.”
This test method is also published under the following designations:

NFPA 255
UL 723
UBC 8-1

*This standard should be used to measure and describe the properties of materials, products, or assemblies in response to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard of a particular end use.*

II. PURPOSE

The ASTM E84-09 (25 foot tunnel) test method is intended to compare the surface flame spread and smoke developed measurements to those obtained from tests of mineral fiber cement board and select grade red oak flooring. The test specimen surface (18 inches wide and 24 feet long) is exposed to a flaming fire exposure during the 10 minute test duration, while flame spread over its surface and density of the resulting smoke are measured and recorded. Test results are presented as the computed comparisons to the standard calibration materials.

The furnace is considered under calibration when a 10 minute test of red oak decking will pass flame out the end of the tunnel in five minutes, 30 seconds, plus or minus 15 seconds. Mineral fiber cement board forms the zero point for both flame spread and smoke developed indexes, while the red oak flooring smoke developed index is set as 100.
III. DESCRIPTION OF TEST SPECIMENS

Specimen Identification: “Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL”

Date Received: 10/01/2009
Date Prepared: 10/29/2009
Conditioning (73°F & 50% R.H.): 28 days
Specimen Width (in): 24
Specimen Length (ft): 24
Specimen Thickness (in): 0.0100
Material Weight: N/A
Total Specimen Weight (lbs): 5
Adhesive or coating application rate: N/A

Mounting Method:

The specimen was supported by rods and wire.

Specimen Description:

The specimen was described by the client as the “Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL.” The specimen consisted of (1) 24-ft. long x 24-in. wide x 0.0100-in. thick, white material. The product was received by our personnel in good condition. The specimen was identified by the client as “Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL.”

IV. TEST PROCEDURE

The tests were conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in the American Society for Testing and Materials ASTM E84-09. The self-supporting specimens were placed directly on the tunnel ledges. As required by the standard, on or more layers of 0.25 inch thick reinforced concrete board was placed on top of the test sample between the sample and the tunnel lid. After the tests, the samples were removed from the tunnel, examined and disposed of.
V. TEST RESULTS & OBSERVATIONS

The test results, computed on the basis of observed flame front advance and electronic smoke density measurements are presented in the following table.

*While no longer a part of this standard test method, the Fuel Contributed Value has been computed, and may be found on the computer printout sheet in the Appendix.*

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<th>Test Specimen</th>
<th>Flame Spread Index</th>
<th>Smoke Developed Index</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mineral Fiber Cement Board</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Red Oak Flooring</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>“Jetflex/Normandy Pro FL”</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>300</td>
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The data sheets are included in Appendix A. These sheets are actual print-outs of the computerized data system which monitors the tunnel furnace, and contain all calibration and specimen data needed to calculate the test results.

IV. OBSERVATIONS

During the test, the specimen was observed to behave in the following manner: The specimen began to melt at 0:07 (min:sec). The specimen ignited at 0:08 (min:sec). The test continued for the 10:00 duration.

After the test, the specimen was observed to be damaged as follows: The specimen was consumed from 0-ft. – 6.5-ft., charred from 6.5-ft. – 10-ft., and discolored from 10-ft. – 24-ft.
APPENDIX

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DATA SHEETS
Client: ULTRAFLEX
Date: 10-29-09
Project Number: 3181043SAT-001E
Test Number: 3
Operator: PS/AM

Specimen ID: "JETFLEX/NORMANDY PRO FL." THE SAMPLE WAS SUPPORTED BY RODS AND WIRE.

TEST RESULTS

FLAMESPREAD INDEX: 10
SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX: 300

SPECIMEN DATA . . .

Time to Ignition (sec): 8
Time to Max FS (sec): 27
Maximum FS (feet): 2.2
Time to 980 F (sec): Never Reached
Time to End of Tunnel (sec): Never Reached
Max Temperature (F): 478
Time to Max Temperature (sec): 596
Total Fuel Burned (cubic feet): 48.36

FS*Time Area (ft*min): 21.6
Smoke Area (%A*min): 310.6
Unrounded FSI: 11.1

CALIBRATION DATA . . .

Time to Ignition of Last Red Oak (Sec): 50.0
Red Oak Smoke Area (%A*min): 108.9