

test report

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Fire resistance test utilising the general principles of BS 476: Part 20: 1987 on four specimens of wall and four specimens of floor mounted linear gap seals

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Summary

Objective A fire resistance test has been conducted to assess the ability of four floor and four wall specimens of linear gap sealing systems, to reinstate the fire resistance of pre-cast aerated concrete floor constructions. The performance of the specimens was assessed, with respect to the integrity and insulation (maximum temperature rise only) performance criteria, as defined in BS 476: Part 20: 1987.

Sponsor **Bostik** Common Road, Stafford, ST16 3EH.

Tested Product: Evo-Stik Fireseal Silicone.

Summary of the Tested Specimens For the purpose of the test the specimens were referenced A to H.

The section of wall had overall dimensions of 1000 mm long by 1000 mm wide by 250 mm thick and was provided with four linear joints, referenced Specimens A, B, C, and D. The section of floor had overall dimensions of 1200 mm high by 1200 mm wide by 250 mm thick and was provided with four linear joints, referenced Specimens E, F, G, and H.

If the performance of the specimens were assessed against the integrity and insulation (maximum temperature rise only) performance criteria of BS 476: Part 20: 1987. The results obtained could be expressed as follows:

Test Results	Seal A	Seal B	Seal C	Seal D	Seal E	Seal F	Seal G	Seal H
Specimen orientation	Wall	Wall	Wall	Wall	Floor	Floor	Floor	Floor
Dimensions (mm)	10 x 10	20 x 15	30 x 25	30 x 15	100 x 15	50 x 15	30 x 15	15 x 6
Integrity	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes
Insulation	220 minutes	156 minutes	161 minutes	105 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes

The test was discontinued after a period of 240 minutes.

Date of Test 31st March 2006

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Issue 2: Amendment to tested product and backing rod description.

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Test Procedure

Introduction	<p>Walls and floors often incorporate gaps to accommodate expansion, contraction or other movement of the structure. The fire resistance of such elements is only as good as their weakest point and it is, therefore, important that any gaps or apertures are adequately sealed, such that weaknesses are not created at these positions.</p> <p>There is not, as yet, any specified British Standard fire test method for evaluating gap seals which are designed to act as an effective barrier to the penetration of fire and to reinstate the necessary fire resistance performance of the separating element. However, the fire resistance of walls and floors is determined by tests utilising the general principles given in BS 476: Part 20: 1987, and it would appear appropriate to use the principles of that Standard to evaluate the performance of gap sealing systems. Some additional guidelines were adopted from the draft European document referenced prEN 1366-4, relating to the testing of these types of sealing systems. This report should be read in conjunction with the above mentioned documents.</p>
Fire Test Study Group/EGOLF	<p>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.</p>
Instruction To Test	<p>The test was conducted on the 31st March 2006 at the request of the original sponsor of the test.</p> <p>The test was witnessed by Mr. M. Freeman and Mr. M. Thomas representatives of the test sponsor.</p>
Test Specimen Construction	<p>A comprehensive description of the test construction is given in the Schedule of Components. The description is based on a detailed survey of the specimens and information supplied by the sponsor of the test.</p>
Installation	<p>The wall and floor constructions were supplied by warringtonfire. The specimen seals were provided and installed by the test sponsor on the 28th February 2006.</p>
Sampling	<p>warringtonfire was not involved in any sampling or selection procedure of the sealing system components.</p>



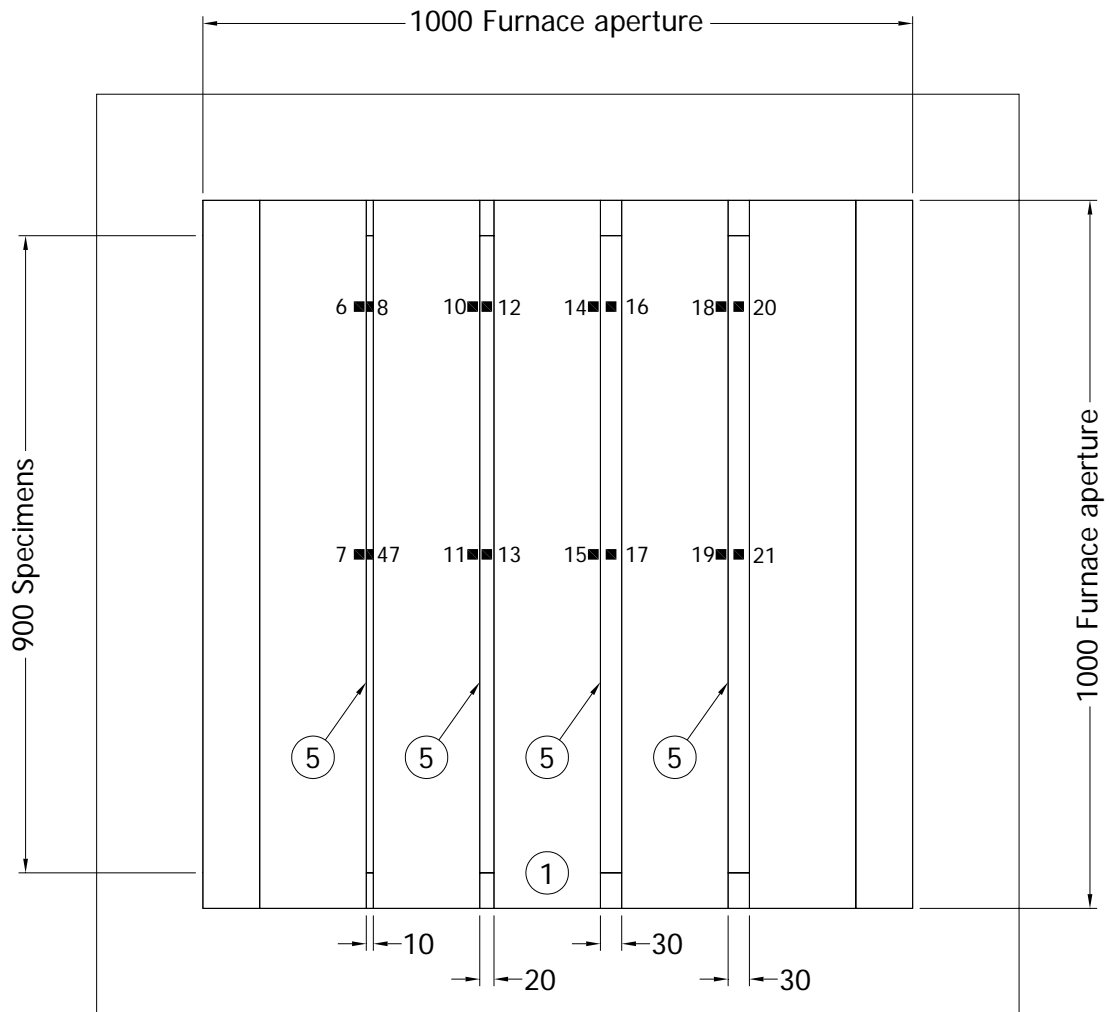
Instrumentation

General	The instrumentation and measuring equipment provided was in accordance with BS 476: Part 20: 1987 and the draft European document, where appropriate.
Furnace	The furnace was controlled so that its mean temperature complied with the requirements of BS 476: Part 20: 1987, Clause 3.1, using four mineral insulated thermocouples distributed over a plane 100 mm from the surface of the wall construction.
Thermocouple Allocation	<p>Thermocouples were provided to monitor the unexposed surface of the specimens and the output of all instrumentation was recorded at no less than one minute intervals as follows:</p> <p>At a minimum of two positions on the surface of the sealant material of each specimen, one nominally 100 mm from each end and one at mid span. All positioned at nominally mid-width.</p> <p>At a minimum of two positions on the surface of the wall and floor assembly, 25 mm away from the edge of each seal and adjacent to the positions of the thermocouples on the surface of the sealant.</p> <p>The locations and reference numbers of the various unexposed surface thermocouples are shown in Figure 1.</p>
Roving Thermocouple	A roving thermocouple was available to measure temperatures on the unexposed surface of the specimens at any position which might appear to be hotter than the temperatures indicated by the fixed thermocouples.
Integrity Criteria	Cotton pads and gap gauges were available to evaluate the integrity of the specimens.
Furnace Pressure	After the first five minutes of testing, the furnace pressure was controlled to maintain a slightly positive pressure relative to the pressure of the laboratory. The furnace atmospheric pressure was measured and controlled such that, at a point 100 mm below the soffit of the floor assembly, the differential pressure was calculated to be between 18 Pa and 20 Pa.



Test Specimen

Figure 1- General Elevation of Wall Specimen

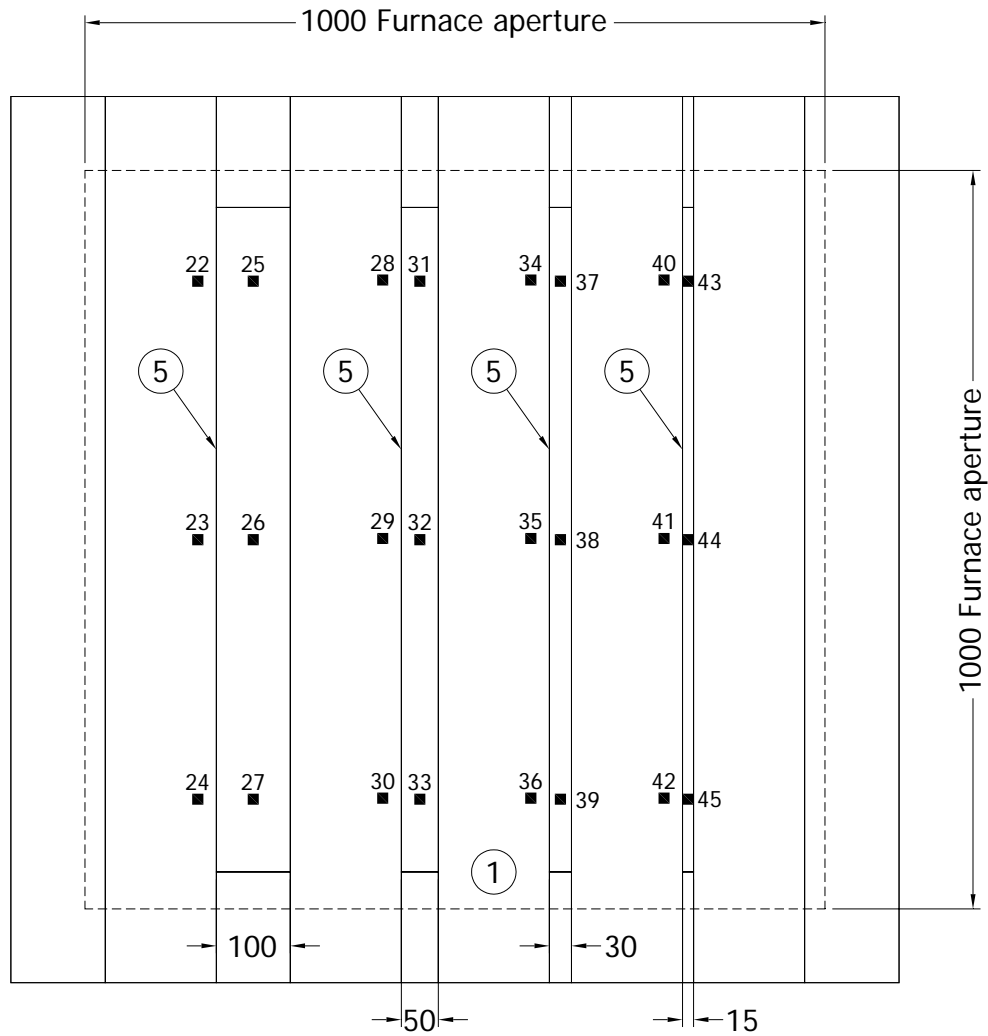


■ Positions of thermocouples

Do not scale. All dimensions are in mm



Figure 2 – General Elevation of Wall Specimen

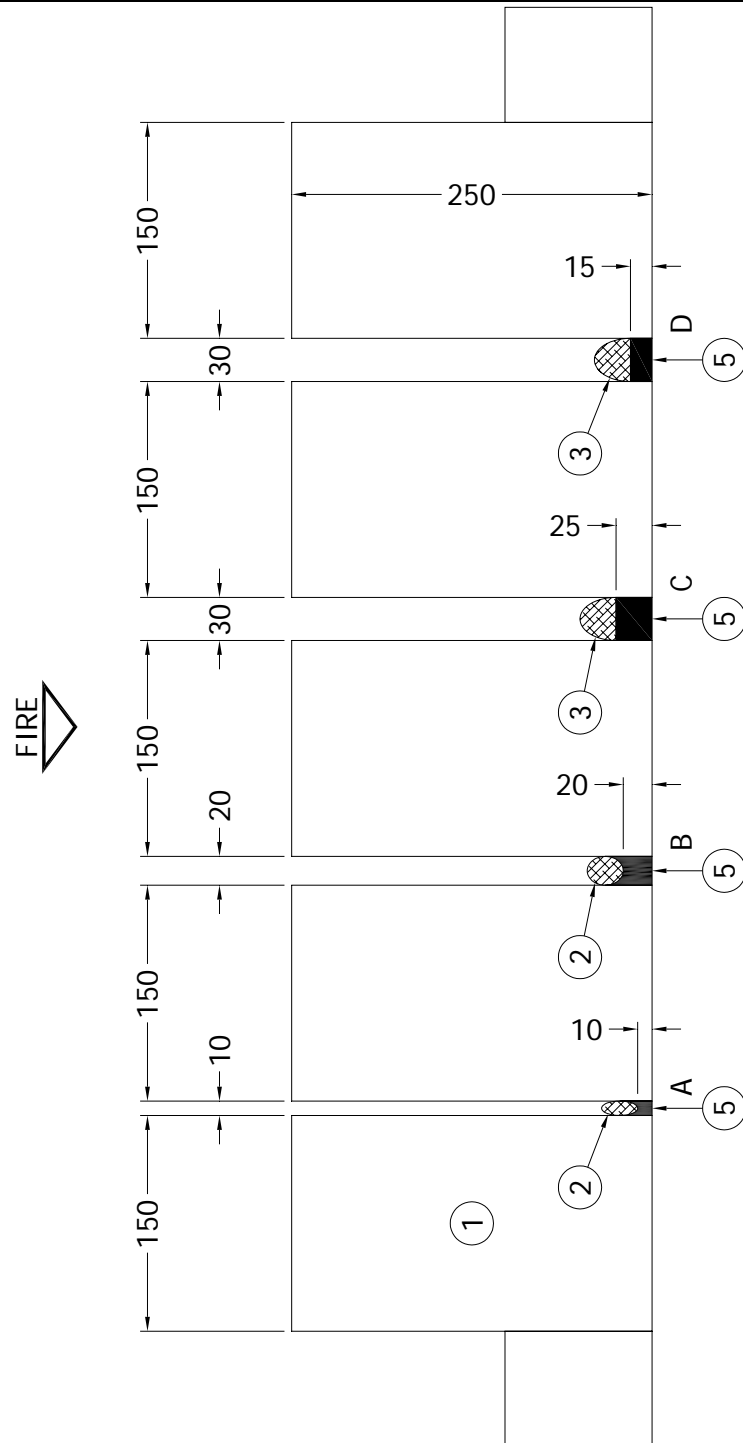


■ Positions of thermocouples

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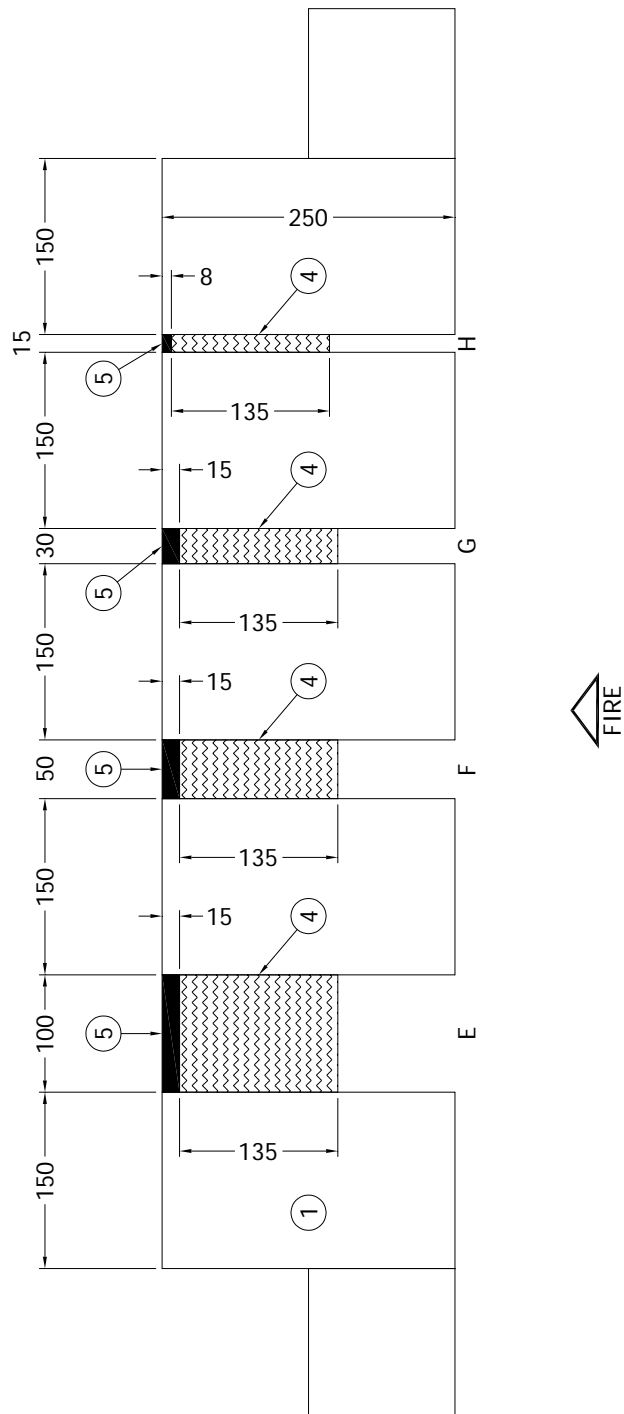
Figure 3 – Horizontal Section Through Wall Specimens



Do not scale. All dimensions are in mm



Figure 4 – Vertical Section Through Floor Specimens



Do not scale. All dimensions are in mm



Schedule of Components

(Refer to Figures 1 to 4)

(All values are nominal unless stated otherwise)

(All other details are as stated by the sponsor)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Separating Element	
Material	: Aerated concrete slab
Overall size	: 150 mm wide x 250 mm deep
2. Backing Rod	
Material	: Polyethylene foam
Overall size	: 25 mm diameter
Fitting method	: Friction fitted into wall specimens A & B
3. Backing Rod	
Material	: Polyethylene foam
Overall size	: 50 mm diameter
Fitting method	: Cut in half and friction fitted into wall specimens C & D
4. Backing Material	
Material	: Mineral fibre based insulation
Depth	: 135 mm deep x width of specimen
Fitting method	: Friction fitted into floor specimens E, F, G & H
5. Sealant	
Manufacturer	: Bostik
Reference	: Evo-Stik Fireseal Silicone
Material	: Silicone based, fire retardant sealant
Overall sizes	
i. specimen A	: 10 mm wide x 10 mm deep
ii. specimen B	: 20 mm wide x 15 mm deep
iii. specimen C	: 30 mm wide x 25 mm deep
iv. specimen D	: 30 mm wide x 15 mm deep
v. specimen E	: 100 mm wide x 15 mm deep
vi. specimen F	: 50 mm wide x 15 mm deep
vii. specimen G	: 30 mm wide x 15 mm deep
viii. specimen H	: 15 mm wide x 8 mm deep
Application method	: Cartridge gunned and levelled with a spatula



Test Observations

Time		All observations are from the unexposed face unless noted otherwise.
mins	secs	The ambient air temperature in the vicinity of the test construction was 12°C at the start of the test with a maximum variation of +4°C throughout the test.
00	00	The test commences.
18	00	Slight smoke/steam release is evident.
30	00	No significant changes are evident to any of the specimens.
60	00	No significant changes are evident to any of the specimens.
90	00	Specimen D begins to expand outwards from the heating conditions from its approximate centre.
104	50	Thermocouple number 21 positioned on specimen D measures a temperature rise in excess of 180°C. Insulation failure of Specimen D is deemed to occur.
155	58	Thermocouple number 12 positioned on specimen B measures a temperature rise in excess of 180°C. Insulation failure of Specimen B is deemed to occur.
158	02	Thermocouple number 16 positioned on specimen C measures a temperature rise in excess of 180°C. Insulation failure of Specimen C is deemed to occur.
160	00	The upper half of specimen C begins to expand outwards from the heating conditions.
180	00	No significant changes are evident to any of the specimens of the test.
202	00	Specimen B expands outwards from the heating conditions of the test.
204	00	Specimen F shows signs of slumping at its approximate centre.
216	49	Thermocouple number 47 positioned on specimen A measures a temperature rise in excess of 180°C. Insulation failure of Specimen A is deemed to occur.
219	00	Smoke release from each wall specimen is evident.
240	00	The test is discontinued.



Test Photographs

The exposed face of the floor construction prior to testing



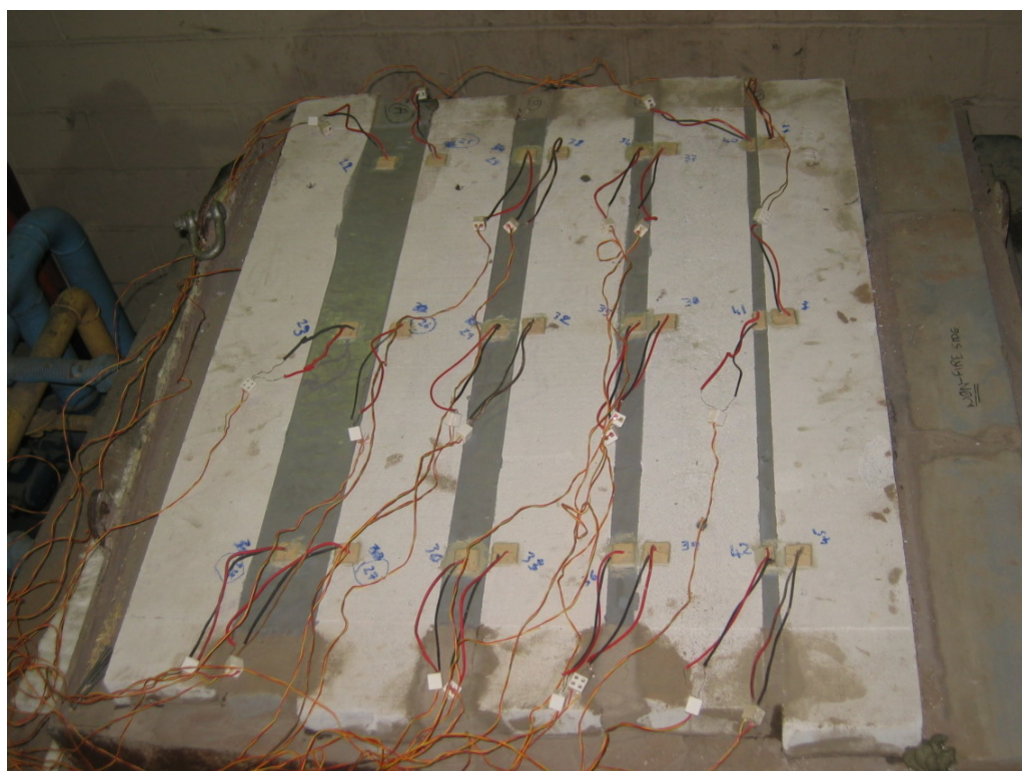
The unexposed face of the wall construction prior to testing



The unexposed face of the wall construction after 60 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the floor construction after 60 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the wall construction after 90 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the floor construction after 90 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the wall construction after 120 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the floor construction after 120 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the wall construction after 240 minutes of testing



The unexposed face of the floor construction after 240 minutes of testing



Temperature Data

Mean Furnace Temperature, Together With The Temperature/Time Relationship
Specified In The Standard

Time Mins	Specified Furnace Temperature Deg. C	Actual Furnace Temperature Deg. C
0	20	17
10	678	671
20	781	786
30	842	847
39	881	883
40	885	884
50	918	928
60	945	935
70	968	964
80	988	985
90	1006	1004
100	1022	1023
110	1036	1044
120	1049	1050
130	1061	1065
140	1072	1075
150	1082	1084
160	1092	1087
170	1101	1102
180	1110	1111
190	1118	1120
200	1126	1123
210	1133	1129
220	1140	1136
230	1146	1141
240	1153	1147



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal A**

Time Mins	T/C Number 6 Deg. C	T/C Number 7 Deg. C	T/C Number 8 Deg. C	T/C Number 9 Deg. C
0	16	16	16	17
10	16	16	17	*
20	19	19	24	23
30	28	22	43	28
39	37	27	59	41
40	38	28	61	42
50	45	35	72	60
60	50	42	82	76
70	54	48	88	86
80	58	51	95	95
90	62	55	101	104
100	65	59	107	115
110	69	64	113	123
120	73	69	121	132
130	77	72	128	139
140	82	76	136	146
150	86	80	143	153
160	89	82	149	158
170	94	85	157	162
180	98	89	162	165
190	102	92	168	173
200	106	96	175	183
210	112	101	181	191
220	115	104	186	198
230	120	109	192	203
240	125	114	197	209

* Thermocouple Malfunction, transferred to spare channel number 47



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal B**

Time Mins	T/C Number 10 Deg. C	T/C Number 11 Deg. C	T/C Number 12 Deg. C	T/C Number 13 Deg. C
0	17	17	15	15
10	18	18	19	18
20	31	30	53	43
30	48	48	83	71
39	58	59	99	89
40	58	61	101	90
50	67	70	113	103
60	74	78	124	112
70	81	87	133	121
80	86	94	140	129
90	92	100	148	136
100	95	105	155	143
110	102	112	162	150
120	108	117	171	156
130	114	121	178	161
140	121	127	185	167
150	128	132	191	172
160	132	136	199	177
170	138	141	204	181
180	143	147	210	186
190	148	151	216	191
200	152	156	221	195
210	158	162	227	201
220	162	166	231	204
230	167	172	236	208
240	172	177	241	213



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal C**

Time Mins	T/C Number 14 Deg. C	T/C Number 15 Deg. C	T/C Number 16 Deg. C	T/C Number 17 Deg. C
0	16	16	17	17
10	16	16	18	17
20	22	21	35	27
30	35	34	60	45
39	44	45	78	61
40	45	46	80	64
50	53	57	94	78
60	59	63	108	91
70	66	69	118	101
80	71	76	129	112
90	78	83	140	121
100	83	90	149	131
110	90	99	158	141
120	95	107	167	150
130	101	115	175	158
140	108	125	183	167
150	114	133	190	174
160	119	140	197	182
170	125	148	204	189
180	131	154	211	195
190	136	160	218	201
200	141	166	224	206
210	147	171	230	210
220	152	176	234	214
230	157	181	239	217
240	164	187	244	222



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal D**

Time Mins	T/C Number 18 Deg. C	T/C Number 19 Deg. C	T/C Number 20 Deg. C	T/C Number 21 Deg. C
0	17	17	16	16
10	18	18	20	19
20	32	29	54	49
30	48	47	85	83
39	57	58	103	104
40	58	59	105	105
50	65	68	120	122
60	73	77	133	139
70	83	87	145	156
80	91	96	156	171
90	98	105	166	182
100	103	113	175	192
110	111	122	184	200
120	118	129	192	208
130	123	137	199	215
140	130	145	206	221
150	136	151	213	227
160	140	157	220	233
170	146	164	226	238
180	152	171	234	244
190	158	177	241	249
200	164	183	248	254
210	171	189	254	259
220	176	194	259	263
230	182	200	264	266
240	189	207	270	271



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal E**

Time Mins	T/C Number 22 Deg. C	T/C Number 23 Deg. C	T/C Number 24 Deg. C	T/C Number 25 Deg. C	T/C Number 26 Deg. C	T/C Number 27 Deg. C
0	16	17	16	14	14	16
10	17	17	16	15	15	16
20	17	17	16	15	15	16
30	18	18	16	15	15	16
39	20	21	18	16	16	17
40	20	21	18	16	16	17
50	24	25	22	17	17	19
60	28	31	25	19	19	21
70	34	37	31	22	22	24
80	39	44	37	24	25	28
90	46	50	42	29	30	32
100	50	55	47	36	36	37
110	55	60	51	43	42	43
120	57	55	53	47	47	47
130	59	54	55	49	50	49
140	59	55	57	51	52	51
150	59	55	57	51	53	52
160	59	54	58	52	54	52
170	59	54	60	52	55	53
180	60	54	61	53	56	54
190	61	54	63	53	57	54
200	62	55	64	55	57	55
210	64	54	66	55	58	56
220	65	54	68	56	60	56
230	68	56	70	56	60	56
240	70	58	72	57	61	56



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal F**

Time Mins	T/C Number 28 Deg. C	T/C Number 29 Deg. C	T/C Number 30 Deg. C	T/C Number 31 Deg. C	T/C Number 32 Deg. C	T/C Number 33 Deg. C
0	17	17	17	17	16	16
10	17	17	17	17	16	16
20	17	17	17	17	16	16
30	17	17	17	18	16	16
39	19	18	18	18	17	17
40	19	18	18	18	17	17
50	22	20	21	19	18	18
60	26	23	24	22	20	20
70	32	28	29	25	22	22
80	38	35	35	29	25	26
90	43	41	41	34	30	30
100	48	48	47	40	34	35
110	53	53	52	45	40	40
120	56	57	56	50	46	45
130	58	59	58	52	50	49
140	59	59	59	54	52	51
150	59	60	59	56	54	52
160	59	60	60	57	56	55
170	59	60	61	57	57	55
180	59	59	61	58	58	56
190	60	60	61	60	60	57
200	59	59	61	61	60	59
210	59	59	61	61	61	60
220	59	59	61	61	62	60
230	58	58	60	62	62	60
240	57	58	60	63	63	60

* Thermocouple Malfunction



**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal G**

Time Mins	T/C Number 34 Deg. C	T/C Number 35 Deg. C	T/C Number 36 Deg. C	T/C Number 37 Deg. C	T/C Number 38 Deg. C	T/C Number 39 Deg. C
0	16	16	16	17	17	17
10	16	16	17	17	17	18
20	16	17	17	17	17	18
30	17	17	17	17	17	20
39	17	17	18	18	18	21
40	17	17	18	18	18	22
50	19	18	20	19	18	25
60	22	20	24	20	19	29
70	29	25	33	24	21	34
80	39	33	42	29	25	40
90	48	41	49	35	30	45
100	56	50	56	42	35	50
110	60	57	60	47	41	54
120	64	63	62	53	47	58
130	65	65	64	57	52	60
140	67	67	65	60	54	61
150	68	68	66	62	57	62
160	68	69	66	64	59	65
170	68	70	66	64	61	66
180	68	69	67	65	61	67
190	69	70	67	66	63	68
200	69	70	66	67	63	68
210	70	70	66	68	64	69
220	70	71	66	68	65	69
230	70	70	66	68	66	71
240	70	69	66	68	66	71

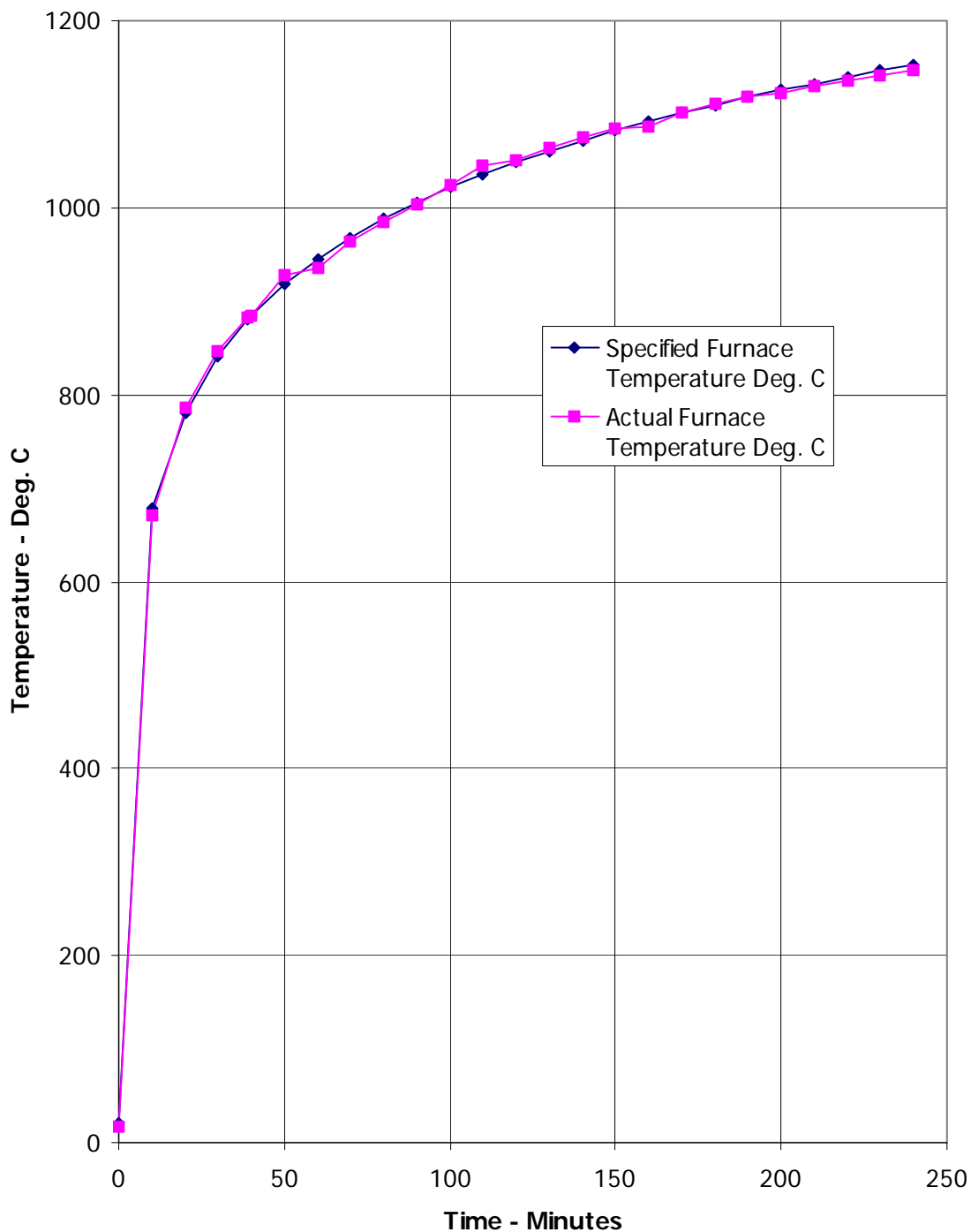


**Individual Temperatures Recorded On The Unexposed Surface Of
And Adjacent To Seal H**

Time Mins	T/C Number 40 Deg. C	T/C Number 41 Deg. C	T/C Number 42 Deg. C	T/C Number 43 Deg. C	T/C Number 44 Deg. C	T/C Number 45 Deg. C
0	15	16	16	17	17	17
10	16	16	16	17	17	17
20	16	16	16	17	17	17
30	17	16	16	17	17	17
39	17	17	17	17	17	17
40	17	17	17	17	17	17
50	18	19	17	17	18	17
60	19	21	18	18	19	18
70	22	27	19	19	22	20
80	25	35	19	21	26	24
90	29	43	21	24	31	29
100	35	49	23	28	35	35
110	41	54	24	33	40	41
120	47	57	26	38	44	47
130	52	59	28	42	48	51
140	55	60	30	46	50	54
150	58	61	31	49	52	56
160	60	62	33	51	55	55
170	61	64	33	54	57	57
180	62	63	34	56	58	57
190	63	65	35	58	60	58
200	63	65	36	59	62	58
210	63	66	37	61	63	58
220	63	65	37	62	63	58
230	64	66	38	63	65	58
240	64	65	38	64	65	57



Graph Showing Mean Furnace Temperature, Together With The Temperature/Time Relationship Specified In The Standard



Performance Criteria and Test Results

Integrity

It is required that there is no collapse of the specimen, no sustained flaming on the unexposed surface and no loss of impermeability. These requirements were satisfied for the periods given in the table below:

Seal A	Seal B	Seal C	Seal D	Seal E	Seal F	Seal G	Seal H
240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes

Insulation

The mean and maximum temperature rise allowable on the unexposed face of the specimen by BS 476: Part 20: 1987 are 140°C and 180°C respectively, however, due to the reduced size of the specimens only the maximum temperature rise criterion was utilised. These requirements were satisfied for the periods given in the table below:

Seal A	Seal B	Seal C	Seal D	Seal E	Seal F	Seal G	Seal H
219 minutes	157 minutes	161 minutes	109 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes

Ongoing Implications

Limitations

The results relate only to the behaviour of the specimens of the element of construction under the particular conditions of test. They are not intended to be the sole criteria for assessing the potential fire performance of the element in use, nor do they reflect the actual behaviour in fires.

The results may not be applicable to situations where the joint widths, orientations and supporting construction vary from those tested.

As no movement was induced into the specimens during the test there can be no evaluation of the performance of the seals where movement is induced in a building under actual fire conditions.

This test report is additional to that issued as WF No. 152720/A and dated 27th April 2006. The original test report remains valid and is not replaced by this additional test report. The products that were the subjects of the test have not been retested and this additional report does not involve any technical change or technical review of the original test report. Details of the original products names and sponsor of the test are documented by warringtonfire and are maintained in confidential company records.



Review

This report covers a test which was conducted to a procedure which is not the subject of any British Standard specification, but the test utilised the general principles of fire resistance testing given in BS 476: Part 20: 1987 and prEN 1366-4: 2005. Since fire tests are the subject of a continuing Standardisation process, and because existing standards are the subject of review and possible amendment and new interpretations, it is recommended that the report be referred back to the test laboratory after a period of two years to ensure that the methodology adopted and the results obtained remain valid in the light of the situation prevailing at that time.

Conclusions

Evaluation against objective

A fire resistance test which utilised the general principles of BS 476: Part 20: 1987, in conjunction with additional guidelines adopted from prEN 1366-4: 2005, has been conducted to assess the ability of four specimens of wall and four specimens of floor mounted linear gap seals to reinstate the integrity and insulation performance (as defined in BS 476: Part 20: 1987) of a simulated wall and floor construction where adjacent structures abut.

If the performance of each specimen was assessed against the performance requirements for integrity and insulation (maximum temperature rise) specified in BS 476: Part 20: 1987, the results obtained could be expressed as follows:

Tested Product: Evo-Stik Fireseal Silicone.

Test Specimens:**Test Results****Specimen orientation****Dimensions (mm)****Integrity****Insulation**

	Seal A	Seal B	Seal C	Seal D	Seal E	Seal F	Seal G	Seal H
Specimen orientation	Wall	Wall	Wall	Wall	Floor	Floor	Floor	Floor
Dimensions (mm)	10 x 10	20 x 15	30 x 25	30 x 15	100 x 15	50 x 15	30 x 15	15 x 6
Integrity	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes
Insulation	220 minutes	156 minutes	161 minutes	105 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes	240 minutes

The test was discontinued after a period of 240 minutes.





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