ASTM E 648-10e1 Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor-Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source

TEST REPORT

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Sample Received:

March 18, 2012

Test Date:

March 20, 2012

Sample Conditioning:

70.0±5.0°F and 50±5% relative humidity

Sample Identification:

BSS-2000 "Hobart" System

Description:

BSS-2000 "Hobart" System The sample was adhered

to a 0.25" thick cement board with a noncombustible

adhesive.

Test Overview

This procedure provides a way of measuring *critical radiant flux* (the level of incident radiant heat energy on a floor covering system at the most distant flame-out point, reported as W/cm²) of horizontally mounted floor-covering systems exposed to a flaming ignition source while being exposed to radiant heat energy from a panel with approximately a 30° angle from the horizontal. The radiant flux ranges from 1.08 W/cm² at the 100mm mark to 0.10 W/cm² at the 900mm mark.

Test Procedure

At least three specimens shall be tested. The specimens are conditioned at $70.0 \pm 5.0^{\circ}F$ and a relative humidity of $50\pm5\%$ for a minimum of 48 hours. Following the ASTM E 648-10e1 calibration procedures, the first specimen was then loaded into the test chamber. After a 5 minute pre-heat time, the pilot flame was placed on top of the specimen at the 0 mm mark. This pilot flame is to remain in contact with the specimen for 5 minutes, then removed. If the specimen does not propagate flame during the 5 minute pilot flame contact, then the test is terminated. For specimens that do propagate flame, the test is continued until the flame goes out. The distance to the farthest flame-out point is noted, which is then used to determine the critical radiant flux, based on a radiant heat energy flux profile curve of the apparatus obtained during calibration.

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Test Results

| Specimen | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|------|
| Maximum Distance (mm) | 634 | 610 | 615 |
| Time to Max. Distance (min.) | 91.2 | 97.6 | 95.3 |
| Critical Radiant Flux (W/cm2) | 0.49 | 0.48 | 0.47 |
| Time to All Flame Out (min.) | 93.5 | 101.2 | 98.6 |

Observations (min)

| Run No. | Melting | Ignition | Blisters | Smoking | Dripping |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 1 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.2 |
| 2 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.7 | 5.2 |
| 3 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 5.2 |

The average critical flux was 0.48 W/cm2 and the standard deviation was 0.01

The coefficient of variation was 4.36

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