

TEST REPORT

REACTION TO FIRE TEST

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Test Material / Assembly:

3mm thick Nexus Aluminium Expansion Joint with Rubber Gaskets

Test Standard:

ASTM E84-20: Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials



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1. INTRODUCTION

Determination of the flame spread index and the smoke developed index of 3mm thick Nexus Aluminium Expansion Joint with Rubber Gaskets as per ASTM E84; Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.

2. SPONSOR

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4. DATE OF TEST

Sample received date: 15-Oct-20
Test date: 19-Oct-20

The test had been witnessed by:

| Name | Company | Contact Number |
|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| Mr. John Edward | SFSP | +971 55 538 9004 |

5. SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

Note: The testing laboratory does not hold any responsibility for the information that has been provided by the test sponsor which could not be verified by the testing laboratory, as this could affect the validity of the test result. All information that could not be verified will be indicated by an asterisk () mark.*

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| Product Description | 3mm thick Nexus Aluminium Expansion Joint with Rubber Gaskets* |
| Alloy grade, temper | 6063 T6* |
| Total Thickness | 3mm (measured & stated) |
| Dimensions per panel | 3000 x 600mm (l x w), 3000 x 600mm (l x w), 1320 x 600mm (l x w) (measured) |
| Quantity of panels | 3 Nos. |
| Total dimension | 7320 x 600mm (l x w) (measured) |
| Area Density | 0.729 kg/m ² (stated) |
| Density | 2700 kg/m ³ (stated) |
| Specimen placement | The three sections of 3mm thick Nexus Aluminium Expansion Joint with Rubber Gaskets were butt jointed end-to-end and were placed directly to the tunnel ledges with the top surface towards the flame source. |



6. SPECIMEN VERIFICATION

The choice and design and the definition of the specimen have been made by Sigma Factory for Steel Product (SFSP), and TBWIC testing laboratory has not been involved in the selection or design of the specimen. The results apply to the samples as received.

Note: There are contexts where information has been provided by the sponsor and verification of information has been done through either technical datasheet or other document submission, or as indicated directly by the sponsor. For this reason, materials have been tested in an as-received condition and TBWIC bears no liability for the legitimacy of the submitted information.

7. METHOD OF TEST

7.1. Placing of test specimen

The test specimen consisted of 3 panels of 3mm thick Nexus Aluminium Expansion Joint with Rubber Gaskets. The dimension per panel was 3000 x 565 x 3mm (l x w x thk) & 1320 x 565 x 3mm (l x w x thk) and was butt jointed end-to-end. The total dimension of the specimen was 7320 x 565 x 3mm (l x w x thk).

Several sections of cement board butt jointed end-to-end with overall dimensions of 7350 x 600mm (l x w), were placed at the back of the sample to protect the furnace lid assembly.

7.2. Test Method

The specimen was placed in the ceiling position, supported horizontally on the ledges of the Steiner Tunnel. The top surface was exposed face down to the ignition source during the 10-minute test duration.

Flame Spread and Smoke Density were measured, and the results were compared against standard calibration materials (fiber-cement board, heptane and red oak flooring).

7.3. Conditioning

After delivery on 15-Oct-20, the specimen was placed in a conditioned space where temperature and humidity were maintained between $23 \pm 2.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $50 \pm 5\%$ respectively, until constant weight was attained.



8. OBSERVATION

Test Data and Observation

| Observations | Result |
|--|-------------|
| Ignition Time (min:sec) | None |
| Time to maximum flame front advance (min:sec) | None |
| Maximum flame spread (ft) | None |
| Time to end of tunnel reached (min:sec) | Not Reached |
| Maximum temp recorded at the exposed thermocouple located near the end of the tunnel (°F / °C) | 586/308 |
| Dripping (min:sec) | None |
| Flaming on the floor (min:sec) | None |
| After flame on the top (min:sec) | None |
| After flame on the floor (min:sec) | None |
| Delamination (min:sec) | None |
| Sagging (min:sec) | None |
| Shrinkage (min:sec) | None |
| Fallout (min:sec) | None |

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|-----------------------------|------|
| FS*Time Area (ft*min) | 0 |
| Smoke Area (%A*min) | 2.43 |
| Heptane Smoke Area (%A*min) | 84.8 |

9. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The test specimen has been evaluated in accordance with ASTM E84; Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials.

The test results are:

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| FLAME SPREAD INDEX (FSI) | 0 |
| SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX (SDI) | 5 |

Results are valid for the tested configuration only.



10. CLASSIFICATIONS

The following information is designed to help put these test results into context. Flame Spread Index and Smoke Developed Index results from an ASTM E84 test are often used by regulatory agencies to approve materials for various applications. For example, the International Building Code 2018, Section 803.1.2 requires that:

Interior wall and ceiling finish materials shall be classified in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723-10th Ed. 2008. Such interior finish materials shall be grouped in the following classes in accordance with their flame spread and smoke-developed indexes.

Class A: Flame spread index 0 - 25; smoke-developed index 0 - 450.

Class B: Flame spread index 26 - 75; smoke-developed index 0 - 450.

Class C: Flame spread index 76 - 200; smoke-developed index 0 - 450.

Note that the above example is the IBC requirement for interior wall and ceiling finishes only; the application of the tested specimen may differ.



11. LIMITATIONS

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 the testing materials that remain in place.

Thomas Bell-Wright International Consultants recommend that the relevance of test reports should be considered after a period of five years.

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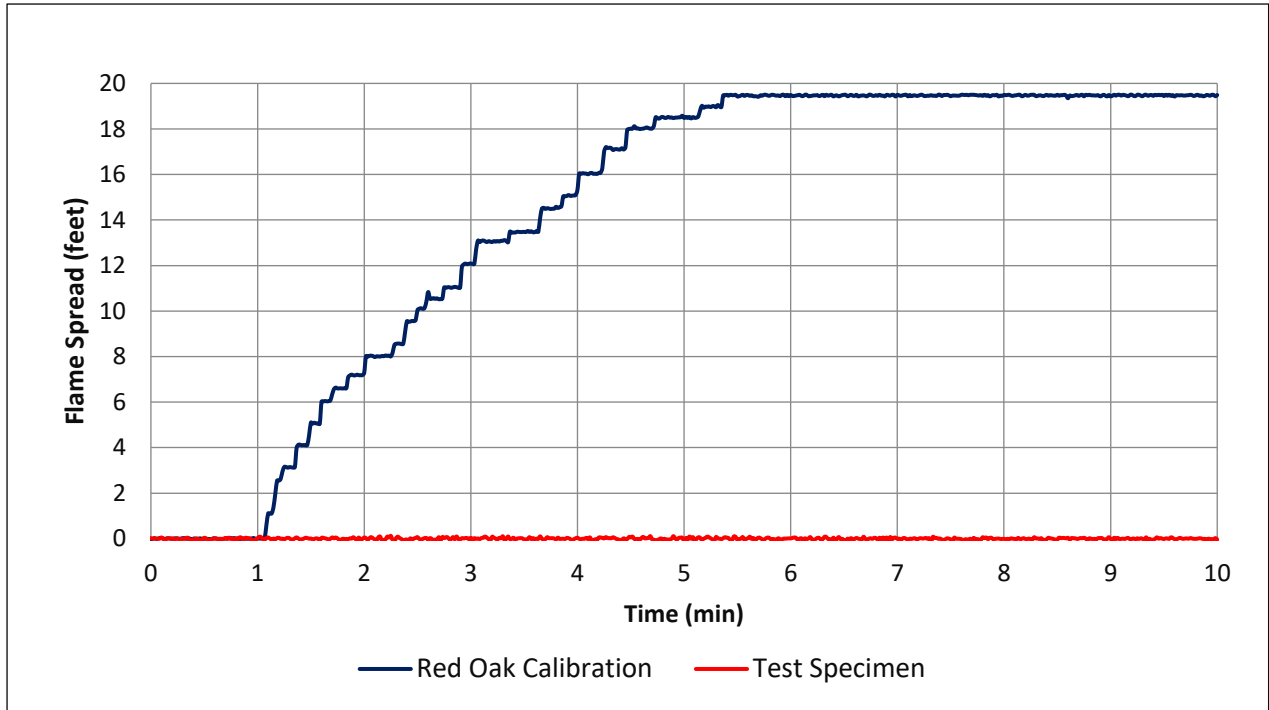
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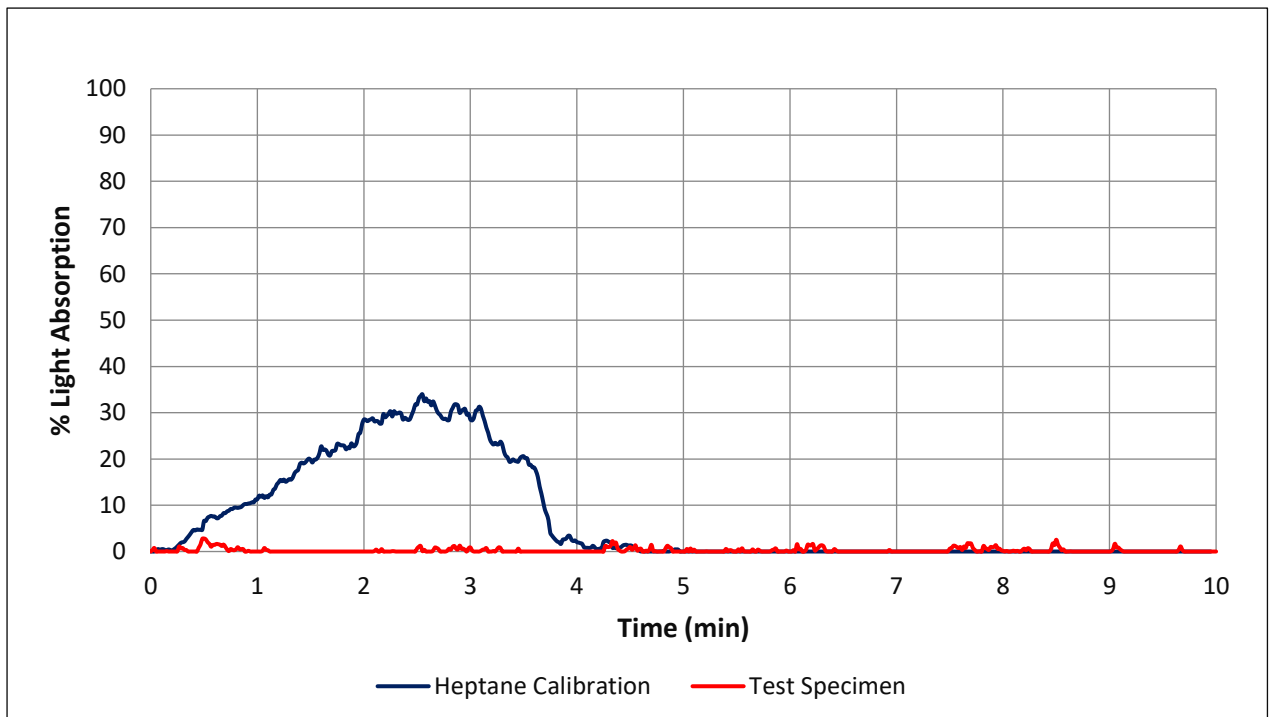




12. APPENDIX 1 – GRAPHS



Graph 1: Flame Spread Index (FSI)



Graph 2: Smoke Developed Index (SDI)



13. APPENDIX 2 – PICTURES



**Photo 1: Specimen before the test.
(Non-Fire Side)**



**Photo 2: Specimen before the test.
(Fire Side)**



**Photo 3: Specimen after the test.
(As seen from the fire-end)**

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