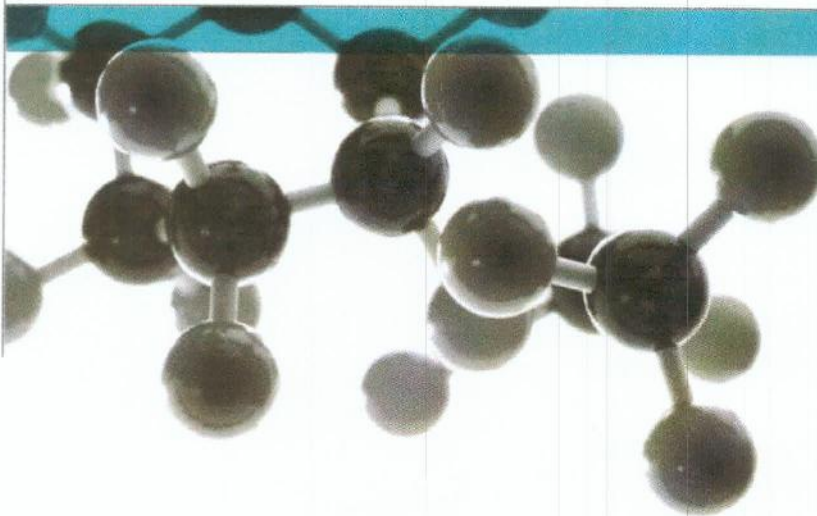


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Executive Summary

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	Weight per unit area or density
Three coat coating product applied to a particle board substrate	"Naturetech"	12.7mm	9.22kg/m ^{2*}
Individual components used to manufacture composite:			
Coating	Unable to provide	Unable to provide	Unable to provide
Primer	Unable to provide	Unable to provide	Unable to provide
Substrate	"Naturetech"	12.7mm	750kg/m ³
*determined by Exova Warringtonfire			
Please see page 5 of this test report for the full description of the product tested			


Test Sponsor


Test Results: **Class 3**

An uncertainty of measurement estimation has been conducted in relation to the distance travelled by the flame front and the findings are as detailed in Appendix 2.

Date of Test 1st and 8th August 2018

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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.
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 of specimens	The specimens were received on the 25 th July 2018 and were conditioned to constant mass at a temperature of $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $50 \pm 5\%$ prior to testing.
Form in which the specimens were tested	<p>Assembly - Fabrication of materials and/or composites that can contain air gaps.</p> <p>Three soft wood batons measuring 25mm thick by 45mm wide were screwed to the reverse face of each specimen, by the sponsor of the test and positioned on the far left, far right and centrally when the specimen was in the test position so that a 25mm enclosed air gap was provided between the unexposed face of the specimen and a backing board.</p>
Exposed face	The coated 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		Three coat coating product applied to a particle board substrate
Product reference of overall composite		"Naturetech"
Name of manufacturer of overall composite		Kaycan
Overall thickness		12.7mm (stated by sponsor) 12.88mm (determined by Exova Warringtonfire)
Overall weight per unit area		9.22kg/m ² (determined by Exova Warringtonfire)
Coating	Generic type	Latex acrylic
	Product reference	See Note 1 below
	Name of manufacturer	KWP
	Colour reference	"Almond"
	Number of coats	Two
	Application rate per coat	See Note 1 below
	Density / specific gravity	See Note 1 below
	Application method	Spray
	Curing process per coat	Oven at 125°C
	Flame retardant details	See Note 2 below
Primer	Generic type	See Note 1 below
	Product reference	See Note 1 below
	Name of manufacturer	See Note 1 below
	Colour reference	See Note 1 below
	Number of coats	One
	Application rate	See Note 1 below
	Density / specific gravity	See Note 1 below
	Application method	Spray
	Curing process	Oven at 125°C
	Flame retardant details	See Note 2 below
Substrate	Generic type	Engineered particleboard
	Product reference	"Naturetech"
	Detailed description / composition details	83% wood particulates, 4% wax, 13% phenol resin
	Name of manufacturer	Kaycan
	Thickness	12.7mm
	Density	750kg/m ³
Flame retardant details	See Note 2 below	
Brief description of manufacturing process		See Note 1 below

Note 1. The sponsor of the test was unable to provide this information.

Note 2. The sponsor of the test has confirmed that no flame retardant additives were utilised in the production of the component.

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Test Results

Results and observations	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	<p>In accordance with the class definitions given in BS 476: Part 7: 1997; the specimens tested are classified as Class 3.</p> <p>An uncertainty of measurement estimation has been conducted in relation to the distance travelled by the flame front and the findings are as detailed in Appendix 2.</p>
Criteria for classification	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 3, together with the classification limits specified in the Standard.
Applicability of test result	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Validity	<p>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.</p> <p>This report may only be reproduced in full. Extracts or abridgements shall not be published without permission of Exova Warringtonfire.</p>

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Appendix 1 – Test Results

SPECIMEN No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum distance travelled at 1.5 minutes (mm)	160	155	75	140	150	155
Distance (mm)	Time to travel to indicated distance (minutes : seconds)					
75	0:46	0:56	1:00	0:54	0:55	0:56
165	1:33	1:46	2:15	1:50	1:50	1:47
190	1:53	1:58	2:21	2:07	2:10	2:01
215	2:05	2:10	2:27	2:22	2:33	2:16
240	2:28	2:29	2:32	2:40	2:48	2:34
265	2:44	2:54	3:05	3:00	3:06	2:50
290	3:09	3:20	3:30	3:25	3:37	3:09
375	4:35	5:06	5:38	5:02	5:08	4:30
455	6:39	7:37	8:30	7:18	7:16	7:00
500	8:20	9:03		9:17	8:53	8:38
525	9:19				9:40	9:33
600						
675						
710						
750						
785						
825						
Time to reach maximum distance travelled	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	9:40	10:00
Maximum distance travelled in 10 minutes (mm)	540	520	490	515	525	535

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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Appendix 2 – Uncertainty of Measurement

Specimen No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum distance travelled at 1.5 minutes (mm)	±10	±9	±5	±8	±9	±9
Maximum distance travelled in 10 minutes (mm)	±32	±31	±29	±31	±32	±32

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 3 – Classification Criteria

Classification of spread of flame

Classification	Spread of Flame at 1.5 min		Final Spread of Flame	
	Limit (mm)	Limit for one specimen (mm)	Limit (mm)	Limit for one specimen (mm)
Class 1	165	165 + 25	165	165 + 25
Class 2	215	215 + 25	455	455 + 45
Class 3	265	265 + 25	710	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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