SYSTEM BRIEF DETAIL

Test report detailing the testing and classification of an aluminium rainscreen façade system with mineral wool insulation tested in accordance with the requirement as described in British Standard 8414



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1 Introduction

The test method, BS 8414-2:2015+A1:2017 describes a method of assessing the behaviour of non-load bearing external cladding systems, rain screen over cladding systems and external wall insulation systems when applied to the face of the building and exposed to an external fire under exposed conditions. The fire exposure is claimed to be representative of an external fire source or a fully developed (post-flashover) fire in a room, venting through an opening such as a window aperture that exposes the cladding to the effects of external flames.

This report applies to the cladding system as detailed. The report only covers the details as tested.

The test method does not cover the performance of glazed window openings or the detailing at such openings. It does not apply to curtain walling systems or systems that include glass panels.

Performance Criteria and Classification methodology of the external fire performance covered by this test can be found in report *BR 135: Fire performance of external thermal insulation for walls of multi-storey buildings.*



2 Details of the test carried out

Name of Test House:	Fire Protection Association	Ltd	
Test House Address:	London Road Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 0RH		
Test reference:	102217.002		
Date of Test:	26/02/2020		
Sponsor(s):	Siderise Insulation Ltd Knauf Insulation Ltd Sotech Ltd		
Sponsor Address(es):	Siderise Insulation Ltd Forge Industrial Estate Bridgend CF34 0AH	Knauf Insulation Ltd Stafford Road St Helens Merseyside WA10 3NS	Sotech Ltd Unit 2, Whitehouse Business Park Peterlee County Durham SR8 2RU
Method:	Tested in accordance with	BS 8414-2:2015+A1:2017	
Deviations:	None		



3 Details of test apparatus used (BS 8414-2:2015+A1:2017)

The apparatus is defined in the Test Standard [1] and consists of a steel frame structure that forms a vertical main test wall and a vertical return wall at a 90° angle at one end of the main test wall as shown in Figure 1. The main wall includes the combustion chamber.

Aside from apparatus described above, and the applied fuel, all additional items used to form the built up 'system' are considered part of the cladding system under test.



Figure 1 - Test apparatus dimensions [As specified by test Standard Figure B.1]



4 Description of the system under test

Aside from apparatus described in Section 3, and the applied fuel, all additional items used to form the built-up 'system' are considered part of the cladding system under test with the potential to impact upon its overall performance. These include, but might not be limited to:

- Panels
- Insulation
- Cavity barriers and their rating
- Bracketry
- All fixtures and fittings
- Window / aperture material specification
- Vapour and breather membranes

Similarly, many assumed design factors pertinent to the installation might also contribute to overall performance such as:

- The building substrate
- Method of panel attachment
- Form of panel
- Insulation thickness / rating
- Void size behind panel
- Panel spacing (gap between panel edges)
- Distance between cavity barriers
- Cavity barrier locations
- Type of cavity barrier used
- Assumed window detailing recessed or flush

Some elements of a cladding system are not by default tested through this test regime which again have the potential to be important to overall performance such as:

- Provision of breaches within the system, such as vents
- Provision of vapour and breather membranes

Expert consideration of all assumed test design factors will need to be made when using the test data to confirm end-use suitability where deviation in the material specification or design detailing from the as-tested design may exist.



4.1 Description of product

4.1.1 Structural Steel Frame

- 150mm Kingframe SFS
 - Fixed to test rig steelwork with Hilti S-MD 05GZ 5.5x50
 - Fixed together with Hilti S-MD 03ZW 5.5x25
 - Knauf Mineral Wool insulation infilled between Kingframe sections

4.1.2 Sheathing Board

- 12.5mm Siniat Weather Defence Board
 - Fixed using Gtec Wet Area self-drilling screws
 - o 200 joints sealed using Gtec fire rated silicon sealant

4.1.3 Cavity Barriers

- Siderise RH25G-90/30 Horizontal Fire Barrier
 - Fixed using Siderise galvanised steel support brackets and Hilti S-MD 03S 5.5x32 fixings
 - Siderise OCI Cassette Insert bonded to inside of panel to coincide with Horizontal Fire Barrier
 - Siderise RV-90/30 Vertical Fire Barrier
 - Fixed using Siderise galvanised steel support brackets and Hilti S-MD 03s 5.5x32 fixings

4.1.4 Insulation

- Knauf 180mm Rainscreen Mineral Wool insulation
 - Fixed using Hilti S-ID 01LSS 4.8x210 fixings and Hilti S-IW 4.9 64x64 Steel plates

4.1.5 Rails & Helping Hand Bracketry

- Hilti MFT-MFI-185-L-6.5 or MFT-MFI-180-L-6.5
 - Fixed using Hilti S-MD 53s 5.5x63 fixings
- Bolted 'Optima TFC+' Carrier Rails
 - Fixed to Nvelope brackets using Hilti S-AD 01S 5.5x19 fixings

4.1.6 Façade Panels

- Sotech 3mm PPC Aluminium 'Optima TFC+' Panel System
 - o Hilti S-AD 01s 5.5x22 Anti Lift Fixings



4.2 Test Specimen

4.2.1 Installation of specimen

The design, installation, procurement and specification of the materials of the cladding system were undertaken by the test sponsor. It was the responsibility of the test sponsor to ensure that all components were install as per the manufacturer's guidelines.



Figure 2 – Completed test specimen prior to test start

Wall component	Requirement for BS8414-2	Actual measurement				
Width of main wall	≥ 2600mm	2810mm				
Width of return wall	≥ 1500mm	1605mm				
Combustion chamber opening height	2000mm ±100mm	2120mm				
Combustion chamber opening width	2000mm ±100mm	1980mm				
Jamb of combustion chamber to the front face of return wall	260mm ±100mm	329mm				

4.2.2 Measurements of system installed



4.3 Test conditions

Test date:	26/02/2020
Ambient temperature:	6°C
Wind speed:	0.1 m/s
Frequency of measurement:	All temperature measurements recorded at 0.2 Hz
Fuel load:	300m softwood pinus silvestris 50mm x 50mm sticks arranged in a stacked crib
Ignition package:	16 strips of low density fibreboard, 25mm x 12mm x 1000mm. Uniformly soaked in 5 litres of white sprit.
Fuel load density: (average of 4 randomly selected crib sticks)	0.51 kg/dm ³
Fuel load moisture content: (average of 4 randomly selected crib sticks)	12.2%



5 Test results

5.1 Fire spread and start time

Test results for the evaluation of fire spread and start time are detailed in the tables below. Temperature profiles recorded during the test are shown in Figure 3 to Figure 6.

Table 1 – Start temperature and start time

Parameter	Result
T_s , Start temperature – the mean temperature of the thermocouples at level 1 during the 5 minutes before ignition	6.7 °C
t_s , Start time – the time when the temperature of any external thermocouple at level 1 equals or exceeds a 200 °C temperature rise above T_s , and remains above this value for at least 30 seconds	135 seconds after ignition of the crib

Table 2 – Peak temperatures measured by level 2 thermocouples within 15 minutes of start time (t_s)

External fire spread								
Level 2, external thermoco	ouples							
Thermocouple ID	1A	2A	ЗA	4A	5A	6A	7A	8A
Peak temperature (°C)	196.0	286.1	321.8	285.5	199.0	169.2	153.5	144.2
Internal fire spread								
Level 2, thermocouples in	cavity							
Thermocouple ID	1B	2B	3B	4B	5B	6B	7B	8B
Peak temperature (°C)	84.6	107.3	196.3	158.8	116.9	79.7	113.8	53.3
Level 2, thermocouples in	insulation							
Thermocouple ID	1C	2C	3C	4C	5C	6C	7C	8C
Peak temperature (°C)	3.1	3.2	39.0	3.6	4.3	3.1	3.3	6.0





Figure 3 – External temperatures at level 1



Level 2 External Temperatures

Figure 4 – External temperatures at level 2





Figure 5 – Cavity internal temperatures at level 2



Level 2 Insulation Temperatures

Figure 6 – Insulation internal temperatures at level 2



5.2 Visual observations

Visual observations from direct observation are detailed in the table below. (Where direct observation was unsafe and to augment direct observations, visual observation of test video was also used).



Figure 7 – Façade Panel Numbering



Table 4 – Key tests times and visual observations.

Time from ignition (mins:secs)	Description
-10:30	Datalogger and video recording started
-09:30	Stopwatch started
-04:00	Fibreboard sticks inserted into crib
00:00	Ignition of crib
00:10	Ignition complete
01:05	Flames reach lintel height
02:15	ts temperature point reached at Level 1
04.30	Panel around burn chamber reveal starting to warp
05.50	Smoke emerging from behind panels 2 & 3
06.15	Panels 14 & 15 warped, with visible flaming behind
07.20	Panel covering lintel area melting/degrading, pieces of debris falling – 1-20 cm
09.00	Panel 15 begins visibly melting
11.10	Piece of debris ~30 cm, falls from around panel 14
16.40	Piece of debris ~70 cm, falls from around panel 14
24.10	Popping sounds begin
28.00	Popping sounds continue
30:05	Crib extinguishment commences
30:10	Burn chamber water sprays on
30:35	Remote suppression branch on
34:00	No further flaming observed
40:00	Water supply switched off
60:00	Test Complete



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5.3 Test Footage

The test was filmed using the FPA's SANCE CCTV system in the test chamber. The following images (Figure 8 to Figure 15) are screenshots taken directly from the footage recorded of the test.



Figure 8 – Ignition of fuel source



Figure 9 – 05:00 after ignition



Figure 10 – 10:00 after ignition



Figure 11 – 15:00 after ignition





Figure 12 – 20:00 after ignition



Figure 14 – 30:00 after ignition



Figure 13 – 25:00 after ignition



Figure 15 – Test End



5.4 Mechanical Performance

5.4.1 Sheathing Board

Minor scorching was observed on the sheathing boards around the burn chamber opening, and further small signs of heat damage were found further up the wall, however this was not found to affect the structural integrity of the boards.

5.4.2 Cavity Barriers

The horizontal cavity barriers appeared to have operated as intended, preventing the vertical spread of fire.

No flaming or fire spread was observed on the wing wall.

5.4.3 Insulation

Minor discolouration was observed on the rockwool insulation, however there was no evidence of fire breaking through the insulation layer.

There was no evidence of the insulation contributing to the spread of fire.

5.4.4 Rails & Helping Hand Bracketry

The brackets and rails had melted away in the areas that suffered direct flame impingement from the fuel source, however all other rails maintained structural integrity and none of the façade panels became loose or fell during the test.

5.4.5 Façade Panels

Initially the painted finish of the panels briefly flared up and then burned away, exposing the bare aluminium. The aluminium then melted away in the regions that suffered direct flame impingement from the fuel source.

Heat discolouration was noted on the panels above those that melted, as well as on the wing wall, however all panels remained attached to the rails.

There was no evidence of the façade panels contributing to the spread of fire.



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7 References

[1] British Standards Institute, "BS 8414-2:2015+A1:2017, Fire performance or external cladding systems – Part 2: Test method for non-loadbearing external cladding systems fixed to supported by a structural steel frame," British Standards Institute, London, 2017.

[2] S. Colewell and T. Baker, "BR135 Fire performance of external thermal insulation for walls of multistorey buildings, Third Edition," HIS BRE Press, Watford, 2013.



8 Appendix A – Location of thermocouples on test wall



Figure 16 – Thermocouple locations on the test wall



9 Appendix B – Installation process



Figure 17 – SFS framework installed





Figure 18 – Mineral wool infill in the SFS





Figure 19 – Sheathing board and bracketry installed





Figure 20 – Cavity barriers installed





Figure 21 – Finished specimen with rainscreen attached



10 Appendix C – Post-test photographs



Figure 22 – Rainscreen removed, scorching observed between cavity barriers





Figure 23 – Intumescent activation on cavity barriers clear to see, metal fixings for insulation all in place





Figure 24 – Insulation removed, light scorch marks on sheathing boards visible and damage to vertical rails clearer





Figure 25 – Further detail of damage to vertical rails, both above and below lower cavity barriers



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11 Appendix D – System Drawings













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12 Appendix E - Equipment Calibration details

12.1 Time

Two timers were used during the test and data analysis, details of equipment used, and verification tests are as follows:

Procedure and reference equipment			
FPA procedure	MEOP-08: Management and use of chronometers, Version 1.0		
Reference equipment	British Telecom 'Speaking Clock'		
Test equipment			
Stopwatch A			
Description	Salter digital timer		
Asset tag ID	9032		
Date of last verification test	13 th June 2019		
Stopwatch B			
Description	Salter digital timer		
Asset tag ID	9034		
Date of last verification test	13 th June 2019		
Stopwatch C			
Description	Salter digital timer		
Asset tag ID	9034		
Date of last verification test	13 th June 2019		

12.2 Distance

Measurements of length were taken using an EU Class 1 retractable tape measure, details as follows:

Procedure and test equipment			
FPA procedure	MEOP-07: Management and use of linear distance measuring devices, Version 2.0		
Description of equipment	2x Fisco TL8M Tri-Lok 8m tape measure		
Asset tag ID	9002 & 9105		



12.3 Temperature

72 thermocouples were used in the test. Details of equipment used, and verification test conducted are as follows:

Procedure and reference equipment							
FPA procedure			MEOP-03: Management and use of thermocouples, Version 2.0				
Test equipment							
Datalogger			Datataker DT85, Asset ID: 9017				
Laptop			Lenovo Ideapad T430, Asset ID: 9101				
Thermocouples			1.5mm type k mineral insulated thermocouples, Asset ID numbers: FPA TC0181 to FPA TC0222 (<i>TC Set FPA 8414-05</i>) FPA TC0171 and TC0173 (<i>TC Set FPA 8414-04</i>)				
Date of last verification tests			1 st July 2019				
Thermocouple locations on test wall, see							
Test location	Asset ID		Test location	Asset ID	Test location	Asset ID	
1A	FPA TC0181	1	5A	FPA TC0197	9	FPA TC0215	
1B	FPA TC0182		5B	FPA TC0198	10	FPA TC0216	
1C	FPA TC0183		5C	FPA TC0199	11	FPA TC0217	
2A	FPA TC0185		6A	FPA TC0201	12	FPA TC0218	
2B	FPA TC0186	6	6B	FPA TC0202	13	FPA TC0219	
2C	FPA TC0187		6C	FPA TC0203	14	FPA TC0220	
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3B	FPA TC0190		7B	FPA TC0206	16	FPA TC0222	
3C	FPA TC0191		7C	FPA TC0207	17	FPA TC0171	
4A FPA TC0193		3	8A	FPA TC0209	18	FPA TC0173	
4B	FPA TC019		8B	FPA TC0210			
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12.4 Moisture content

The fuel load moisture content was measured using a conductivity moisture meter for use with wood, details as follows:

Procedure and test equipment		
FPA procedure	MEOP-10: Management and use of wood moisture sensors, Version 1.0	
Description of equipment	FPA's Wood Moisture Meter	
Asset tag ID	9005	

12.5 Wind Speed Measurement

Wind speed was measured using a hot wire anemometer, details as follows:

Procedure and test equipment			
FPA procedure	MEOP-11: Management and use of anemometers, Version 1.0		
Description of equipment	FPA's hot-wire air velocity meter		
Asset tag ID	9104		