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Subject;
ASTM E84 Surface Burning Characteristics

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#### Introduction

Aluminum Honeycomb panels were submitted by B. Freedman, and were tested for flame spread and smoke development in accordance with ASTM test method E84 - 10a "Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials." The testing of the samples was performed by D. Sandoval and W. Sanborn on March 22, 2011 at the Johns Manville Technical Center located at 10100 West Ute Avenue, Littleton, Colorado.

#### Sample Description

Aluminum Honeycomb Panel Details

Panel Sample - .500" x 22" x 25' Aluminum Honeycomb Panel

- 1. Face Sheets .040" 5052-H32 Aluminum
- 2. Core 3/8" Cell, .420" height 3003 Aluminum Commercial Grade Honeycomb Core, .003" Foil.
- 3. Adhesive 2 Part Epoxy, Room Temperature Cure

#### **Test Method**

ASTM test method E84 - 10a "Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials."

**ASTM E84 Section 7.0 Calibration -** Select red grade oak sample was tested on February 3, 2011 and documented in Fire Test Report #F-11-011CAL.

Section 7.1 Fiber Cement Board (1/4" thick) was placed in position on the underside of the lid.

Section 7.2 Tunnel draft: 0.15 inches of H<sub>2</sub>O

**Section 7.3** Main draft: 0.055 and 0.100 inches of H<sub>2</sub>O

Air Velocity:  $240 \pm 5$  ft/minute

Section 7.4 Conditions of the test room are maintained at  $73.4 \pm 5$  degrees F and 50% rH



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**Section 7.8** Time for flame to reach the end of the red oak specimen 19.2 ft. may not exceed .5 min  $\pm$  15 seconds. The results of the testing were a flame spread index of 91.4 and a smoke developed index of 106.5. This occurred at 5.3 minutes for this calibration which is within the 5 minute and 30 second requirement  $\pm$  15 seconds.

These values were calculated in accordance with the test method by calculating the area under the curves for both flame spread and photocell measurement systems.

Another criteria used for determining when the flame has reached the end point is when the thermocouple at 23 feet reaches 980° F. This occurred at 5.2 minutes during this calibration which is outside the specification.

\*Exception to the method – Section 5.1.8.3 The exhaust system is to be insulated with at least 2 inches of high temperature mineral composite material from the exhaust end of the fire chamber to the photometer location. Due to recent checks of the duct system, 2 sections of the exhaust are not insulated at this time.

#### **Test Procedure**

#### **Test Specimen Mounting:**

The underside of the lid was covered with ¼ inch cement board held in place with binder clips. Five (5) self supporting samples measuring 23.5" x 60" butted together at the ends and mounted below the lid of the tunnel.

**Specimen Testing** - Using the same settings used for the red oak calibration standard, the preheat sequence was completed, the samples loaded into the tunnel and the test was run monitoring the distance that the flame front travels across the specimen.

#### Results

The results of these tests are given below. The test method requires that flame spread must be reported by rounding to the nearest multiple of 5. The method also requires that smoke development also be reported rounding to the nearest multiple of 5 unless the smoke development index is 200 or more, which would round smoke development to the nearest 50 points. Data from the test is shown in the results table included in this report



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#### Results Summary: Aluminum Honeycomb Panel

Sample ID	Test Side	Test Support Materials	Construction Materials	Flame Spread Index	Smoke Developed Index	Rounded Values Flame/Smoke
Surface Burn Test 1	Aluminum	Self supporting	Aluminum Honeycomb Panels	11.2	12.5	10/15

#### Rating: (For Reference Only)

The National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code 101, Section 6-5.3, "Interior Wall and Ceiling Finish Classification", has a means of classifying materials with respect to Flame Spread and Smoke Developed when tested in accordance with NFPA 255, "Method of Test Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials", (ASTM E84).

The classifications are as follows:

Class A Interior Wall & Ceiling Finish:

Flame Spread

0-25

Smoke Developed

0-450

Class B Interior Wall & Ceiling Finish:

Flame Spread

26-75

Smoke Developed

0 - 450

Class C Interior Wall & Ceiling Finish:

Flame Spread

76-200

Smoke Developed

0-450



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