



## Confidential Report

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**Job Title:** Fire Classification Test on One Composite Sample

**Clients Order Ref:** BTTG 058

**Date of Receipt:** 20 December 2022

**Description of Sample:** One composite sample referenced; Series 3220 Matte film on 12.5mm gypsum plasterboard.

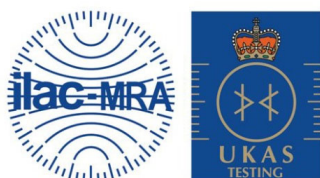
**Manufacturer:** Arlon Graphics.

**Work Requested:** We were asked to make the following test(s):

BS EN 13501-1

\* subcontracted test, UKAS accredited  
\*\* subcontracted test, EN ISO/IEC 17025 accredited  
\*\*\* not UKAS accredited

Note: This report relates only to the samples submitted and as described in the report.



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## FIRE TESTS ACCORDING TO BS EN ISO 11925-2:2020

**Reaction to fire tests – Ignitability of building products subjected to direct impingement of flame – Part 2 Single-flame source test.**

Date of Test: 13/01/2022

### Conditioning

Test specimens and filter paper conditioned as described in BS EN 13238:2010.

### Procedure

The sample was tested in accordance with BS EN ISO 11925-2. The sponsor sampled the material and the specimens were cut to the dimensions stated.

Three length and three width specimens were prepared in accordance with the above standard. Specified filter paper was placed beneath the specimen holder and replaced between tests.

The specimens were mounted vertically in the specimen holder so that one end and both sides were enclosed with the exposed end 30mm from the end of the frame. The burner was inclined at an angle of 45°.

The flame height was set at 20 mm with the flame impinging on the specimen for 30 seconds on the centre line, 40 mm above the bottom edge .

A marker was placed 150 mm above the upper end of the burner and the time recorded when the flame tip reached the marker, if applicable. The following parameters were also recorded:-

1. If ignition occurs
2. Presence of flaming debris, if applicable
3. Ignition of the filter paper, if applicable



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## Duration of test

For a flame application time of 30 seconds, the total test duration is 60 seconds after application of the flame.

## Classification Criteria

The samples were classified according to BS EN 13501-1:2018 Fire classification of Construction Products and Building Elements: Part 1: Classification using Test Data from Reaction to Fire Tests.

For construction products excluding floorings to meet the performance criteria taken from Table 1:

| Classification | Classification Criteria (mean values)                      |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| E<br>F         | $F_s \leq 150\text{mm}$ within 60 seconds<br>Fails Class E |

| Classification | Classification criteria for flaming droplets            |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| None<br>d-2    | Pass = no ignition of paper<br>Fail = Ignition of paper |



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## Results

The test results relate to the behaviour of the test specimens of a material under the particular conditions of the test; they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the material in use.

| Specimen                       | Ignition<br>(Yes or No) | Tip of flame reaches 150mm |                | Flaming droplets |                                            |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                |                         | Yes or No                  | Time taken (s) | Yes or No        | Ignition of<br>Filter paper<br>(Yes or No) |
| Machine<br>Direction           | 1 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |
|                                | 2 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |
|                                | 3 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |
|                                |                         |                            |                |                  |                                            |
| Across<br>Machine<br>Direction | 1 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |
|                                | 2 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |
|                                | 3 Yes                   | No                         | N/A            | No               | No                                         |

## Note

Sample was tested as an essentially flat product, the specimens were tested as received as defined in BS EN 13238:2010. A surface exposure was carried out only.



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## FIRE TESTS ACCORDING TO BS EN 13823:2020

Reaction to fire tests for Building Products - Building Products excluding floorings exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item.

Classified According to BS EN 13501-1:2007 + A1:2009

Date of Test: 14/01/22

## Conditioning

The specimens were conditioned in accordance with BS EN 13238:2010.

## Principle

Test specimens, consisting of two vertical wings forming a right-angled corner, is exposed to the flames of a burner placed at the bottom of that corner. The flames are obtained by the combustion of propane gas, injected through a sandbox to give a heat output of  $30.7 \pm 2.0$  kW.

The performance of the test specimen is evaluated over a period of 20 minutes. The performance requirements are: heat production, smoke production, lateral flame spread and falling flaming droplets and particles.

The heat production is measured by use of oxygen calorimeter that uses the principle that the amount of oxygen consumed in a fire is proportional to the amount of heat produced. The smoke production is measured by use of a light attenuation instrument installed in the exhaust duct alongside the sampling equipment used to measure the heat release. Visual observations are made of the horizontal flame spread and falling of flaming droplets and particles.



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## Procedure

Each specimen was tested as received in accordance with BS EN 13823:2020.

Each specimen was placed in the trolley as per the instructions given and placed underneath the hood in the testing chamber. The volume flow of the exhaust was set to  $0.60 \pm 0.05 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and maintained at this throughout the test period.

The temperatures in the exhaust hood and the ambient temperature should be within  $4^\circ\text{C}$  with the ambient temperature being within  $20 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ . The other pre-test conditions of ambient pressure and ambient relative humidity were also recorded.

The recording of baseline data is started at 0 s. At 120 s the auxiliary burner is ignited and the propane mass flow adjusted to the specified flow before 150 s, this flow to be kept constant throughout the test.

With the pre-test conditions met, the propane supply is switched from the auxiliary burner to the main burner at 300 s.

The burning behaviour of the specimen was recorded both automatically and visually over a period of 1,260 s from when the main burner was ignited.

At 1560 s the gas supply was terminated along with the automatic recording of the data. The conditions at the end of the test were recorded at least one minute after any remaining combustion has been totally extinguished.

The individual pre-test and baseline conditions, apparatus specifications, test validity criteria, burner details was found to be within specified parameters. The graphs of HRR, HRR(30), THR, FIGRA, SPR, SPR(60), TSP and SMOGRA are found below with the results and classification.



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## Classification Criteria

The samples were classified according to BS EN 13501:2018 Fire classification of Construction Products and Building Elements: Part 1: Classification using Test Data from Reaction to Fire Tests.

For construction products excluding floorings the classes are:

| Classification | Classification Criteria (mean values) |                              |                  |                          |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|                | FIGRA <sub>0.2MJ</sub> (W/s)          | FIGRA <sub>0.4MJ</sub> (W/s) | LFS              | THR <sub>600s</sub> (MJ) |
| A2             | ≤120                                  | N/A                          | Edge of specimen | ≤7.5                     |
| B              | ≤120                                  | N/A                          | Edge of specimen | ≤7.5                     |
| C              | N/A                                   | ≤250                         | Edge of specimen | ≤15                      |
| D              | N/A                                   | ≤750                         | No requirement   | No requirement           |

To meet classification A2 the sample also has to meet the requirements of either BS EN ISO 1182 or BS EN ISO 1716.

To meet classification B, C and D the sample also has to meet the requirements of BS EN ISO 11925-2:2020.

Additional Classifications - Smoke and Flaming droplets/particles

| Classification | Classification Criteria (mean values)                                              |                                       |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                | SMOGRA (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> )                                           | TSP <sub>600s</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| s1             | ≤30                                                                                | ≤50                                   |
| s2             | ≤180                                                                               | ≤200                                  |
| s3             | Not s1 or s2                                                                       | Not s1 or s2                          |
| d0             | No flaming droplets/particles within 600seconds                                    |                                       |
| d1             | No flaming droplets/particles persisting longer than 10 seconds within 600 seconds |                                       |
| d2             | Not d0 or d1                                                                       |                                       |

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## Results

| Classification criteria                  | Specimen |      |      | Mean | Class     |
|------------------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                                          | 1        | 2    | 3    |      |           |
| FIGRA <sub>0.2MJ</sub> (W/s)             | 59.4     | 72.0 | 77.1 | 69.5 | <b>B</b>  |
| FIGRA <sub>0.4MJ</sub> (W/s)             | 14.1     | 0.0  | 0.0  | 4.7  |           |
| THR <sub>600s</sub> (MJ)                 | 1.1      | 0.7  | 1.1  | 0.97 |           |
| LFS to edge (yes or no)                  | No       | No   | No   | No   |           |
| SMOGRA (m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ) | 0        | 0    | 0    | 0    | <b>s1</b> |
| TSP <sub>600s</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> )    | 27.0     | 25.9 | 33.5 | 28.8 |           |
| FDP flaming ≤ 10 s (yes or no)           | No       | No   | No   | No   | <b>d0</b> |
| FDP flaming > 10 s (yes or no)           | No       | No   | No   | No   |           |

## Note

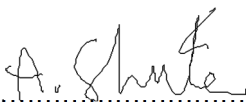
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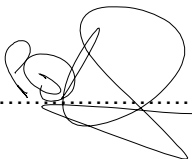
## Comment

The results meet the requirements of a Class B, s1, d0, as specified in BS EN 13501-1:2018.

An estimation of uncertainty of measurement has been taken into account when making a judgment to any pass/fail criteria. Under our Policy we have used a non-binary decision rule.

See our Decision rules Policy (<http://www.bttg.co.uk/decision-rules-policy>) for further information.

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## Uncertainty Budget - Annex

The uncertainty budget for BS EN 13501-1:2007 + A1:2009 was determined as follows:-

### BS EN ISO 11925-2:2020

Distance  $\pm 3$ mm, rest operator dependant but fully notable

### BS EN 13823:2020

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| FIGRA 0.2MJ | +15% |
| FIGRA 0.4MJ | +15% |
| THR 600s    | +10% |
| SMOGRA      | +15% |
| TSP 600s    | +20% |



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