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EVALUATION OF THE SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS OF A HIGH PRESSURE LAMINATE (HPL) FACED ON STANDARD PARTICLE BOARD PANEL, TESTED IN GENERAL ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM E 84 – 13a, *STANDARD TEST METHOD FOR SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS OF BUILDING MATERIALS*

MATERIAL ID: 1550
TRADE NAME: *Bobrick MetroSeries 1550*

FINAL REPORT
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INTRODUCTION

This report presents the test results for a specimen submitted by Bobrick Washroom Equipment, located in North Hollywood, CA, and tested at Southwest Research Institute's (SwRI's) Fire Technology Department, located in San Antonio, Texas. The test is conducted in general accordance with the procedure outlined in ASTM E 84 - 13a, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials* (NFPA 255, ANSI/UL 723 and UBC 8-1).

This test method is applicable to exposed surfaces, such as ceilings or walls, provided that the material or assembly of materials, by its own structural quality or the manner in which it is tested and intended for use, is capable of supporting itself in position or being supported during the test period. The test is conducted with the material in the ceiling position.

The purpose of this test method is to determine the relative burning behavior of the material by observing the flame spread along the specimen. Flame Spread and Smoke Developed index are reported. However, there is not necessarily a relationship between these two measurements.

This standard should be used to measure and describe the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire-hazard or fire-risk of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of the test may be used as elements of a fire-hazard assessment or a fire-risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard or fire risk of a particular end use.

Test specimens are conditioned as appropriate in an atmosphere maintained between 68 and 78 °F and 45 to 55% relative humidity. Immediately prior to the test, the specimen is mounted in the furnace with the side to be tested facing the test flame. Cement board is placed on the unexposed side of the specimen to protect the furnace lid assembly. Sometimes, because of the nature of the material undergoing testing, additional support (e.g. wire, wire and rods, rods, and/or bars) is used to ensure that the specimen will remain in position during the test. The use of supporting materials on the underside of the test specimen may lower the Flame Spread Index from that which might be obtained if the specimen could be tested without such support, and the test results do not necessarily relate to indices obtained by testing materials without such support.

The flame front position and light obscuration are recorded throughout the 10-minute test and used to calculate the Flame Spread and Smoke Developed indices. The temperature at 23 ft is also recorded. The Flame Spread and Smoke Developed indices reported herein are relative to the results obtained for mineral fiber-reinforced cement board and select grade red oak (moisture content between 6 and 8%). The mineral fiber-reinforced cement board is the calibration material used to obtain 0 values for Flame Spread and Smoke; red oak decks are used to obtain 100 values for Flame Spread and Smoke.

The results apply specifically to the specimens tested, in the manner tested, and not to the entire production of these or similar materials, nor to the performance when used in combination with other materials.

Two model building codes (2009 International Building Code[®], Chapter 8 *Interior Finishes*, Section 803 *Wall and Ceiling Finishes*; NFPA 5000, Chapter 10 *Interior Finish*, Section 10.3 *Interior Wall or Ceiling Finish Testing and Classification*) classify materials based on the Flame Spread and Smoke Developed indices. For reference purposes, the classification criteria are listed below:

Classification	Flame Spread Index	Smoke Developed Index
A	0 – 25	0 – 450
B	26 – 75	0 – 450
C	76 – 200	0 – 450

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DESCRIPTION OF SPECIMEN

DATE RECEIVED: August 19, 2013 (received ready-to-test)

MATERIAL ID:* 1550

TRADE NAME:* Bobrick MetroSeries 1550

DESCRIPTION:* High pressure laminate faced on standard particle board panels

COMPOSITION:* HPL on all exposed surfaces with particle board substrate

THICKNESS: 1.0 in. (nominal)

WEIGHT: 37.1 lbs per 5 ft panel (nominal)
85.0 lbs per 10 ft panel (nominal)

DENSITY:* 55 lbs/ft³ (nominal)

COLOR: White

SPECIMEN SIZE: One panel at 19⁷/₈ in. wide × 60 in. long and two panels at 19⁷/₈ in. wide × 120 in. long

CONSTRUCTION: None required – HPL bonded to particle board substrate (prepared by client)

CONDITIONING TIME: 28 days at 70 °F and 50% relative humidity

WITNESSED BY: Mr. Matthew Louchheim, representing Bobrick Washroom Equipment

* From Client's material description and/or instructions

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TEST RESULTS

FLAME SPREAD INDEX (FSI): 55
SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX (SDI): 200

TEST DATA

UNROUNDED FSI: 55.8
UNROUNDED SDI: 203.4
FS*TIME AREA (Ft*Min): 107.1
SMOKE AREA (%*Min): 185.6
FUEL AREA (°F*Min): 6897.3

OBSERVATIONS DURING TEST

IGNITION TIME (Min:Sec): 00:48
MAXIMUM FLAME FRONT ADVANCE (Ft.): 19.5
TIME TO MAXIMUM ADVANCE (Min:Sec): 6:39
MAXIMUM TEMP. AT EXPOSED TC (°F): 1172
TIME TO MAXIMUM TEMP. (Min:Sec): 10:00
TOTAL FUEL BURNED (Cu. Ft.): 52.0
DRIPPING (Min:Sec): None
FLAMING ON FLOOR (Min:Sec): 07:06
AFTERFLAME TOP (Min:Sec): 3:00+
AFTERFLAME FLOOR (Min:Sec): 1:00+
SAGGING (Min:Sec): None
DELAMINATION (Min:Sec): None
SHRINKAGE (Min:Sec): None
FALLOUT (Min:Sec): 05:10

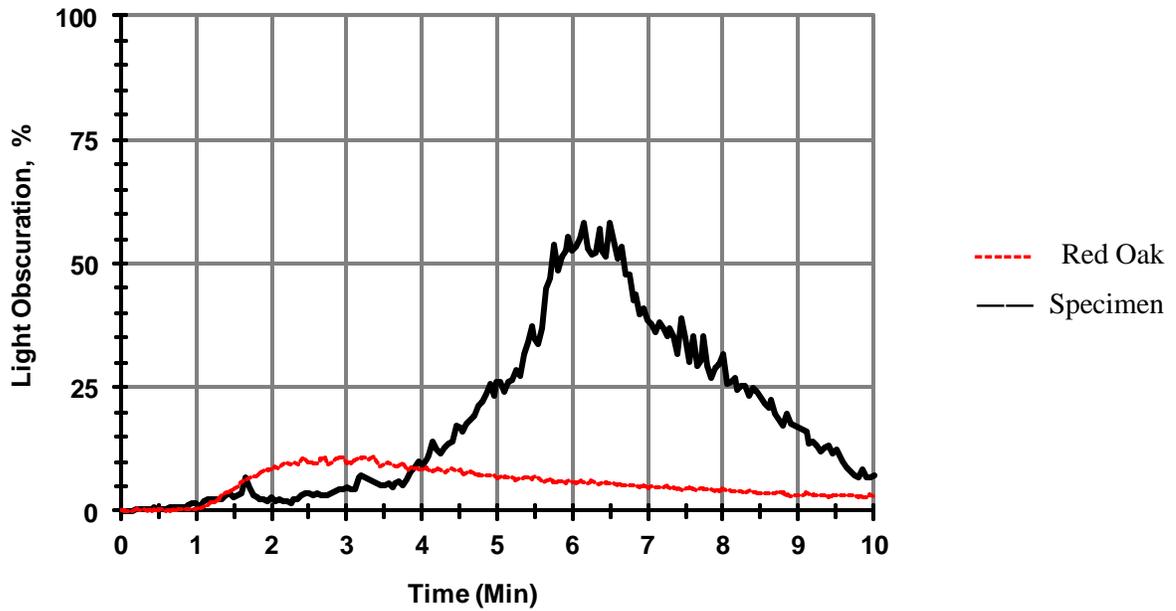
CALIBRATION DATA

RED OAK SMOKE AREA (%*Min): 87.7
RED OAK FUEL AREA (°F*Min): 8624
GRC BOARD FUEL AREA (°F*Min): 4961

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LIGHT OBSCURATION



FLAMESPREAD

