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Client:

**Interfloor Limited**

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Job Title:

Fire Test on One Composite Sample of Carpet and Underlay

Clients Order Ref:

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Date of Receipt:

15 September 2020

Description of Sample:

One composite sample of carpet and underlay, referenced; Carpet: Axminster Carpet. Underlay: TECHNICS 5.

Work Requested:

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

BS EN 13501-1

Test on a composite sample of carpet and underlay, using the double stick system where the underlay is tackified to the backing board with Stikatak STK950 and the carpet is permanently adhered to the underlay with Stikatak STK900.

- \* 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 11925-2:2010**

### **Reaction to fire tests for building products – Part 2: Ignitability when subjected to direct impingement of flame**

Date of Test: 02/10/2020

#### **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 11925-2:2010.

Three specimens from each direction were tested 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 15 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

#### **Duration of test**

For a flame application time of 15 seconds, the total test duration is 20 seconds after application of the flame.



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## Classification Criteria

The samples were classified according to BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009 Fire classification of Construction Products and Building Elements: Part 1 – Classification using Test Data from Reaction to Fire Tests, Table 1 – Classes of reaction to fire performance for construction products excluding floorings.

Flaming Classification	
Classification	Criteria (mean values)
$E_{FL}$	$F_s \leq 150\text{mm}$ within 20 seconds
$F_{FL}$	None ( No performance determined)
Flaming droplets / particles classification	
Classification	Criteria
No classification	Pass
d2	Fail (Ignition of paper)

## Results

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

## Note

The specimens of floor covering were tested stuck down using the double stick system where the underlay is tackified to a 6mm fibre cement backing board with Stikatak STK950 and the carpet is permanently adhered to the underlay with Stikatak STK900, as defined in BS EN 13238:2010.





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## FIRE TESTS ACCORDING TO BS EN ISO 9239-1:2010

### Reaction to fire tests for Floorings - Part 1: Determination of the burning behaviour using a radiant heat source (ISO 9239-1:2010)

Date of Test: 02/10/2020

## Conditioning

The specimens were conditioned in accordance with BS EN 13238:2010. The substrate used was a fibre cement board (ISO 390) with a thickness of (6±1)mm and a density of (1,800±200) Kg/m<sup>3</sup> representing the standard substrate of Class A1fl or A2fl.

## Procedure

The test was carried out in accordance with BS EN ISO 9239-1. The sponsor sampled and cut the specimens to the dimensions stated.

Specimens were individually placed in the combustion chamber and allowed to preheat for two minutes under a radiant panel, which gives an imposed radiant flux ranging from approximately 11.0 kW/m<sup>2</sup> to 1.0 kW/m<sup>2</sup> along the specimen.

The pilot flame used was the line burner as described and was applied to the surface of the specimen for 10 minutes and then removed.

The flame front was measured at the end of the test or at 30 minutes if applicable.

Test termination was considered to be when the flame front self extinguished or at 30 minutes, whichever is the sooner.

The heat flux from the panel incident on the specimen when self extinguished or at 30 minutes (critical heat flux CHF or HF-30) was calculated from a prior calibration.



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## Classification Criteria

The samples were classified according to BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009 - Fire classification of Construction Products and Building Elements: Part 1: Classification using Test Data from Reaction to Fire Tests.

For floorings, including their surface coverings the classes are:

Classification	Classification Criteria (mean values) (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )
Bfl	8.0
Cfl	4.5
Dfl	3.0
Smoke Production % x min	
s1	≤ 750
s2	Not s1

When tested to BS EN ISO 11925-2:2010 the sample has to have a flame spread (Fs) of: Fs ≤ 150mm within 20 seconds (Class Efl).

## Results

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



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## Results (Continued)

Specimen No.	Direction of specimen	Smoke Obscuration Max %	Smoke Obscuration % x min	Maximum Flame front (mm)	Critical Heat Flux (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Duration of Flaming (sec)
1	Machine	56	206	175	9.5	1800
2	Across	13	67	141	10.2	788
3	Machine	21	142	151	10.0	866
4	Machine	27	165	171	9.6	781
Mean of 3 specimens	Machine	35	171	166	9.7	1149

Distance Burnt (mm)	Time for each specimen to burn (s)			
	1	2	3	4
50	140	137	135	142
100	180	175	160	156
150	650	--	195	190

## Observation

Specimen shrunk away at the edge moving the flaming down the specimen and making it burn further and longer.

## Note

One specimen was initially tested in each direction and whichever direction gave the worst result a further two specimens were tested. Only the results of the 3 specimens in the same direction were used to calculate the mean results.

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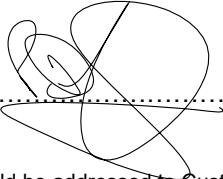
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## Comment

The results of the carpet and underlay composite sample meet the requirements of a **Class B<sub>fl</sub>-s1**, as specified in BS EN 13501-1:2007+A1:2009.

Uncertainty of measurement has not been taken into account when presenting the test result. The relevant uncertainty value is included as an annex which forms an integral part of the report.

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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 11925-2:2010

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

### Overall (BS EN ISO 9239-1)

The uncertainty varies, therefore:

At position between a **Euroclass B to C  $\pm$  15%**

At position between a **Euroclass C to D  $\pm$  15.5%**

At position between a **Euroclass D to E  $\pm$  17.5%**

