



# Reaction to fire test report

Test standard: Ad-hoc test based on ISO 13785-1:2002

Test sponsor: Cladding Safety Victoria (CSV)

System: An aluminium composite panel (ACP) wall system and a mock balcony setup representative of an in-situ façade -

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#### 1. Introduction

This report documents the findings of an ad-hoc reaction to fire test of an aluminium composite panel (ACP) wall system and a mock balcony setup representative of an in-situ façade -

performed on 24 April 2024. The test was based on some general requirements of ISO 13785-1:2002.

Warringtonfire performed the test at the request of the test sponsor listed in Table 1.

Table 1 Test sponsor details

Test sponsor	Address
Cladding Safety Victoria (CSV)	717 Bourke Street Docklands VIC 3808
	Australia

### 2. Test specimen

#### 2.1 Schedule of components

Table 2 describes the test specimen and lists the schedule of components. These were provided by the representatives of the test sponsor and surveyed by Warringtonfire. All measurements were done by Warringtonfire – unless indicated otherwise.

Detailed drawings of the test specimen are provided in Appendix A.

Table 2 Schedule of components

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Item	Description			
Claddi	ng			
1.	Item name	Aluminium composite panel (ACP)		
	Product	Aluminium Composite Panel - 4 mm V	/hite Gloss/Grey	
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Note on Supply of Panel	On behalf of CSV, Warringtonfire acque polyethylene core. To the best of Warrington production which the supplier doesn't provided on the basis that this was for purpose other than fire testing.	ingtonfire's knowledge this is a custom normally supply. The panels were	
	Batch date			
	Material	The material was nominated as panels consisting of two layers of aluminium sheets sandwiching a layer (core) with close to 100 % polyethylene (PE).		
		Analysis conducted by the analytical centre of UNSW showed that the core consisted of polyethylene (PE) - found to be 96 % w/w - whilst the remainder of the material after the ash test was found to be 3.3 % inert material.		
		Refer to Appendix C for more detailed results.		
		Skins	Front skin – Gloss white Back skin – Light grey	
		Core	Black	
	Size	Total panel thickness – 4.0 mm Skin thickness – 0.5 mm (both) Uncut: 4.0 m × 1.22 m Refer to Appendix A for individual panel sizing details.		
	Measured mass/unit area densities	Panel areal density – 5.6 kg/m²	or orening dotailo.	
2.	Item name	FR Plasterboard		

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Item	Description	
	Product	
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
	Size	Measured board: 2700 mm × 1200 mm × 13 mm
	Batch Date	27/07/2023
3.	Item name	Back-pan
	Product	0.55 mm thick Galvabond steel
	Supplier	
	Size	Measured: 280 mm wide × 1000 mm long
4.	Item name	"Non-combustible" cladding
	Product	
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
	Size	15 mm thick
	Batch	
Glazin	g and glazing framing	
5.	Item name	Glazing
	Product	10 mm toughened glass
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
	Batch	
	Material	10CLF
	Size	795 mm × 940 mm × 10.0 mm; and
		1260 × 940 mm × 10.0 mm;
6.	Item name	Vertical balustrade framing member
	Product	Slotted aluminium post
	Supplier	
	Size	50 mm × 50 mm × 1075 mm tall with a 14 mm wide slot
7.	Item name	Horizontal balustrade framing member
	Product	Slotted aluminium rail
	Supplier	
	Size	70 mm wide × 35 mm tall × 2175 mm long
Framir	raming	
8.	Item name	Test rig frame - 90 × 90 SHS frame
	Material	Mild Steel
	Size	89 mm × 89 mm × 5 mm thick – refer to Figure 12 Figure 14
9.	Item name	frame mullion



Item	Description	
Item	Profile	150
	Trone	150
	Material	6060 T5 aluminium alloy
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
10.	Item name	Furring Channel - framing
	Size	50 mm wide × 28 mm deep × 0.50 BMT
	Material	Galvanised steel
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
11.	Item name	standard direct fix clip
	Size	115 mm wide × 30 mm deep × 30 mm high × 1.5 mm thick
	Material	Galvanised steel
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
12.	Item name	Steel frame
	Size	Studs and noggings: 90 mm deep × 40 mm wide × 0.7 BMT
	Installation	The steel framing members were riveted (item 18) to one another.
	Material	
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
Insulat	tion	
13.	Item name	50 mm thick polyethylene terephthalate (PET) insulation
	Density	~13 kg/m³
	Colour	Dark Grey
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
14.	Item name	50 mm thick PU Rock Mineral wool sandwich panel
	Density of core	Unknown
	Manufacturer/Supplier	
Sealan	t/Adhesive	
15.	Item name	Weathering sealant
	Product type	Silicone sealant
	Product name	
	Manufacturer	
	Usage	Placed at ACP edges and over screw and rivet locations.
16.	Item name	Fire-rated sealant
	Product name	
	Manufacturer	



Item	Description				
	Usage	Used to seal the gaps between the back-pan (item 3) and the aluminium framing (item 9) behind the air transfer grille (item 21)			
Fixing	s				
17.	Item name	Wafer head screws – zinc coated steel			
	Size	6g × 16 to 25 mm long			
	Installation	Used to fix back-pan (item 3) to the aluminium mullion (item 9) – four per corner.			
18.	Item name	Aluminium rivet			
	Size	Ø3 mm			
	Installation	Used to fix the air transfer grille (item 21) to the aluminium framing (item 9) and the steel framing (item 12).			
19.	Item name	Plasterboard and cladding (used for Promatectect) screws			
	Size	8g × 50 to 65 mm - long fine thread SDS			
20.	Item name	Furring channel clip screws			
	Size	10g × 22 mm long, hex head, self-drilling screws			
Other	things				
21.	Item name	Air transfer grille			
	Product name				
	Size	940 mm wide × 270 mm tall × 50 mm deep (45° angled blades)			
	Material	6060 T5 aluminium alloy			
	Installation	Installed within the aluminium framing (item 9) above the ACPs (item 5). The blades were angled at an upward slope starting from the outside going into the wall. The grille was fixed to the aluminium framing using aluminium rivets (item 18), one rivet at each corner of the grille.			
	Manufacturer/Supplier				
22.	Item name	Vermin mesh – chicken wire			
	Size	940 mm wide × 270 mm tall			
	Material	Galvanised steel			
	Installation	The chicken wire was installed behind the air transfer grille.			
23.	Item name	Aluminium sill with weepholes			
	Size	165 mm × 30 mm tall flanges × 2 mm thick. Containing weepholes			
	Profile	150			
	Material	6060 T5 aluminium alloy			
	Manufacturer/Supplier				

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	A Jensen Hughes Company			
Item	Descri	ption		
	Installa	tion	Installed above the Promatectect board (item 4) compartment residing over the SHS unit (item 8).	
Install	ation me	thod		
Test Ri	ig:	fixed to the tes	me (item 8) was the main support for the test specimen. The specimen was t rig via the aluminium framing (item 9). The SHS was also used at the false el studs (item 12) were also used at the false floor level.	
Externa	al wall:	vertical member (item 9) using section of the control of the contr	framing (item 9) consisted of extrusions around the perimeter and a central er. Steel back-pans (item 3) were fixed to the back of the aluminium framing screws (item 17) fixed – at 200 mm centres around the perimeter. Furring item 11) were screw fixed (item 20) to the aluminium framing – fixing at attres vertically. Slotted into the clips were steel furring channels (item 10). In the clips polyester insulation (item 13) was fitted. Two layers of tem 7) were screw (item 19) fixed to the back of the furring channels. Screw 600 mm centres for the first layer and 200 mm to 300 mm centres.	
To the front ACP (item : (item 9). Th behind alur		ACP (item 5) w (item 9). The A behind alumini	ce of the back-pan (item 3) was installed mineral wool insulation (item 14).  Items as used to clad the majority of the front side of the aluminium framing.  Items by were "glazed in" the aluminium framing inside grooves and um beads. The perimeter of the visible ACP and aluminium framing was 10 mm bead of sealant (item 15).	
Appendix A. The balcony consi framing (item 12). The steel fal		Appendix A. The framing (item 1	or level, a balcony structure was created. Details of this are shown in ne balcony consisted of the horizontal member of the test rig (item 8) and steel (2). The steel false floor was capped with 2 layers of "non-combustible" rd (item 4). The boards were fixed to the steel substructure with self-drilling	

Wall base:

The base of the walls - at the floor junction – consisted of an aluminium sill (item 23) fixed upon a Promatectect board (item 4) protected SHS unit (item 8).

For more details regarding the description of the specimen refer to Appendix A.

plasterboard screws (item 19) - at 500 mm centres.

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#### 3. **Test procedure**

Table 3 details the test procedure for this reaction to fire test.

Table 3 **Test procedure** 

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Item	Detail	
Statement of compliance	The ad-hoc test – which was based o to determine the reaction to fire perform when exposed to heat from a simulate directly upon a façade. The test utilise ISO 13785-1:2002 with the specimen the façade.	rmance of an external wall cladding ed external fire with flames impinging es a burner used in
Sampling / specimen selection	The laboratory was not involved in sa for the reaction to fire test.  The results obtained during the test o received and tested by Warringtonfire	nly apply to the test samples as
Test duration	60 minutes	
Ambient laboratory temperature	Start of the test	17 °C
Instrumentation and equipment	junction insulated from the sheath	eathed (MIMS) Type K meter of 1.5 mm with the measuring were positioned at various positions These locations are shown in Figure
	specimen in line with the front face the balcony in line with the balcon the glazing. The heat flux was me	red in four locations: on the top of the e of the top wall, on the front face of y, in front of the glazing and behind asured using Schmidt-Boelter type 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup> , 0-100 kW/m <sup>2</sup> , 0-50 kW/m <sup>2</sup>
		meter of 1.5 mm with the measuring were positioned 50 mm away from
	The fire source was a propane (95 0.1 m deep × 0.15 m tall. The burn the specimen.	5% purity) gas burner 1.2 m long × ner was placed on the floor in front of
Test procedure	At least two minutes of baseline di ignition. Temperature and heat flux	ata was collected prior to burner x data was collected at 5 s intervals.
	<ul> <li>The heat output from the burner was then turned off an further 30 minutes.</li> </ul>	
	The test was ended at 60 minutes	after burner ignition.
Test number	Test four of a proposed four.	
Variations between test RTF230083.	The test specimen contained original test which was unpro	d a glazing element compared to the otected.
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#### 4. Test measurements and results

Instrument locations are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The results from the tests are summarised below. Photographs of the specimen are included in Appendix B.

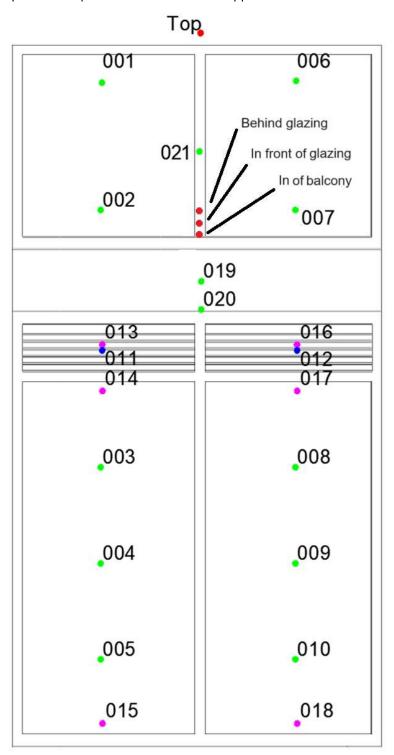


Figure 1 Instrumentation positions – View from in front of specimen

• Heat Flux gauge • External 1.5 mm MIMS • Internal 1.5 mm MIMS • Plate thermocouple



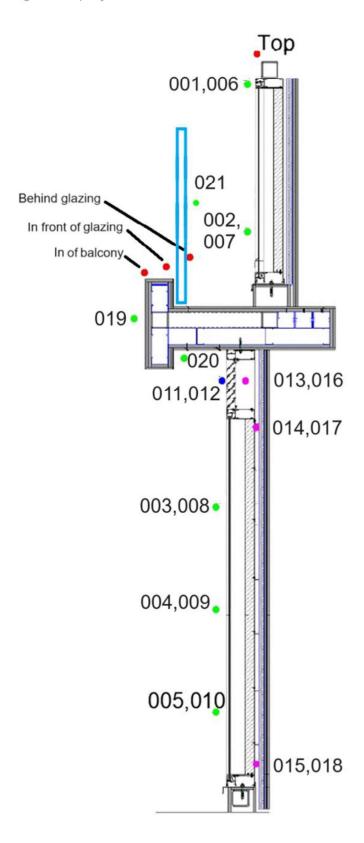


Figure 2 Instrumentation positions – View from the side of the specimen

• Heat Flux gauge • External 1.5 mm MIMS • Internal 1.5 mm MIMS • Plate thermocouple

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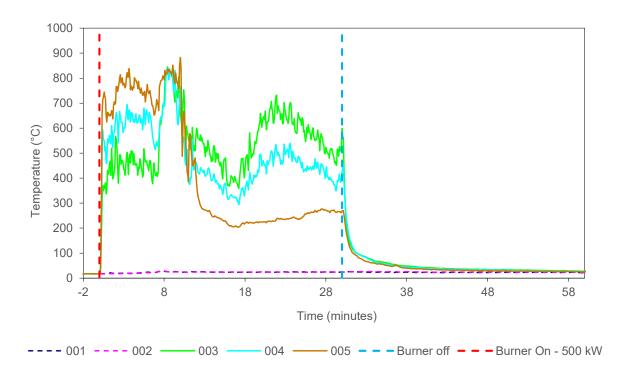


Figure 3 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 50 mm from the front face of the specimen – East facade

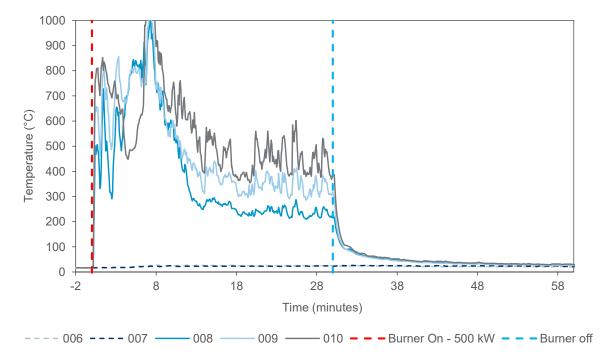


Figure 4 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 50 mm from the front face of the specimen – West facade



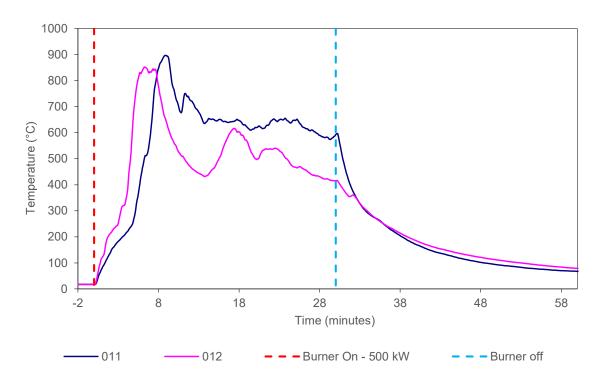


Figure 5 External temperature data collected by plate thermocouples placed 50 mm from the front face of the specimen

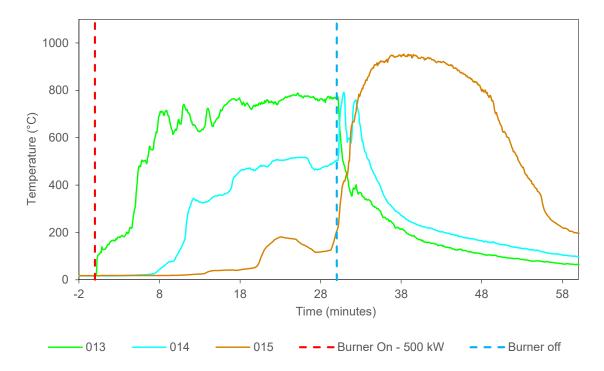


Figure 6 Internal temperature data collected by thermocouples placed within the cavity – between the internal and external segments of the specimen – East façade



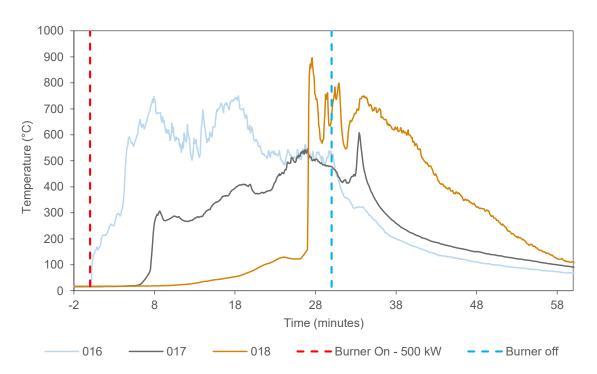


Figure 7 Internal temperature data collected by thermocouples placed within the cavity – between the internal and external segments of the specimen – West façade

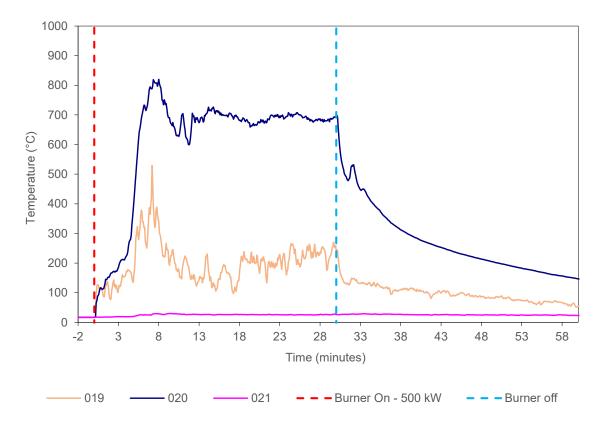


Figure 8 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 50 mm from balcony face and underside cavity and behind glazing



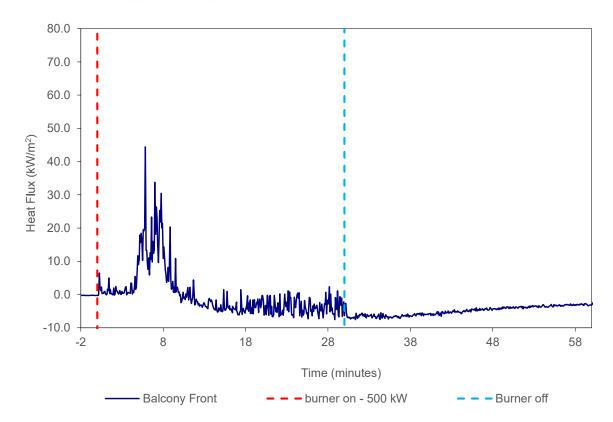


Figure 9 Heat flux data collected by heat flux gauge at the top front of balcony

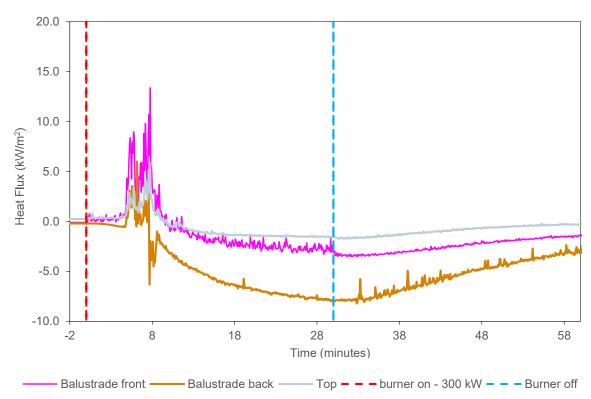


Figure 10 Heat flux data collected by heat flux gauge at the top front of balcony



Figure 11 Designation for test specimen observations

Table 4 shows the observations of any significant behaviour of the specimen during the test.

Video recordings were also taken of the test. A copy of the video recording is available upon request from the test sponsor or by contacting Cladding Safety Victoria. The video of the test should be viewed in conjunction the contents of this report.

Table 4 Test observations

Time Section		Section	Observation
Min	Sec		
-2	00	All	Data collection started.
0	00	All	The reaction to fire test was started with the burner ignited to a 500 kW heat output.
0	05	All	Flames reached A2 and B2.
1	00	A1/B1	The panel skins were discoloured.
2	00	A1/B1	The panel skins had further discoloured.
2	30	All	There were light smoke emissions.
3	54	A1	There was flaming at the top of the panel near the sealant.

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Tir	me	Section	Observation
Min	Sec		
4	00	B2	The louvres had deformed.
4	06	B2	Flames were emitting through the louvres.
4	20	B3	Flames were reaching the top of the balcony.
4	45	A3	Flames were reaching the top of the balcony
4	45	A4	Flames were reaching the top of the glazing.
4	46	A1	The sealant was on fire.
5	00	A2	Flames were coming out of the louvres.
5	00	B4	Flames were consistently reaching the top of the glazing.
6	00	A1	It was evident that a gap between the back-pan and the lower left side of the panel was present.
6	03	B1	It was evident that the left side of the panel had opened up.
6	07	A1	It was evident that the right side of the panel had opened up.
6	17	A1/B1	The flaming sealant was hanging down from the top of the panels and dripping.
6	20	B1	Flaming droplets were being projected from the panel.
6	23	B1	A piece of panel skin, roughly 0.4 m by 0.4 m had detached from the specimen. The specimen started emitting darker and heavier smoke and flaming of the specimen had increased.
6	30	B1	There was flaming debris in front of the burner.
6	40	A4/B4	Flames were consistently reaching the top of the glazing.
6	46	A1	It was evident that the right side of the panel had opened up.
6	55	A2/A3/B1 /B2/B3	Flaming in front of the specimen was heavy.
7	22	A1	The front skin of the panel was detaching which exposed the core material. The core material was flaming.
7	25	A1/A2/A3 A4	There was heavy flaming in front of the specimen.
8	00	A1/A2/A3 B1/B2/B3	There was still heavy flaming and smoke coming from the specimen. There was a lot of flaming debris in front of the specimen.
9	00	A3/B3	Flames were consistently reaching the top of the balcony.
9	49	A1	The front skin of the panel was delaminating. It appeared to be only attached at the left side.
9	52	B1	It appeared that most of the core material of the ACP had burnt and/or melted away from its original position.
9	58	A1	A hole had opened up in the back of the ACP. Flames were coming out through that hole from the back of the panel.
10	00	A2/B2	It was evident that the louvres had heavily deformed.
10	43	A1	The back of the ACP had fallen forward over the burner.
10	45	A1	Flaming from the left side of the ACP had increased.
10	57	A4	Flames were consistently reaching the level of glazing.
11	40	A1	The front skin of the ACP had detached and fallen over the burner.
12	00	A3	Flames had died done and were only consistently reaching the front of the balcony.
15	00	A2/B2	Flames were only consistently reaching the bottom of the balcony.

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Tir	me	Section	Observation
Min	Sec		
17	00	All	Flaming and smoking of the specimen was significantly reduced.
20	00	A1/B1/A2/B2	Flaming of the specimen was mainly present at the duct position and behind the ACPs.
30	00	All	The burner was turned off. Some independent flaming was still present at A2, B2, and the middle of A1/A2.
31	23	B2/B3	Flaming from the grill under the balcony had increased and was licking in front of the balcony.
32	04	B2/B3	Flaming from the grill under the balcony had died down and no longer was licking in front of the balcony. Heavy smoke was emitting from the specimen.
32	06	A2	Flaming was still present in this section.
34	22	A2	Flaming had increased.
35	25	A2	Flaming had died off and was replaced by smoke emissions.
36	00	A1/B1	Flaming was still present between these sections at the bottom.
42	00	All	The amount of smoke emitting from the specimen was low.
50	00	All	Flaming of the specimen was not evident.
60	00	All	The reaction to fire test was ended.

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# Application of test results

#### 5.1 Test limitations

5.

The results of these fire tests may be used to directly assess fire hazard, but it should be recognised that a single test method will not provide a full assessment of fire hazard under all fire conditions.

These results only relate to the behaviour of the specimen of the element of construction under the particular conditions of the test. They are not intended to be the sole criteria for assessing the potential fire performance of the element in use, and they do not necessarily reflect the actual behaviour in fires.

#### **5.2** Variations from the tested specimen

This report details methods of construction, the test conditions and the results obtained when the specific element of construction described here was tested following the procedure outlined in Table 3. Any significant variation with respect to size, construction details, loads, stresses, edge or end conditions is not addressed by this report.

It is recommended that any proposed variation to the tested configuration should be referred to the test sponsor. They should then obtain appropriate documentary evidence of compliance from Warringtonfire or another accredited testing authority.

#### 5.3 Uncertainty of measurements

Because of the nature of reaction to fire testing and the consequent difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of measurements obtained from a reaction to fire test, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy of result.

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# Appendix A Drawings of test assembly

The drawings of the test assembly in Figure 12 to Figure 18 were provided by representatives of Warringtonfire. Figure 14 to Figure 18 were modified by Warringtonfire – name change of insulation. Dimensions, unless specified, are in mm.

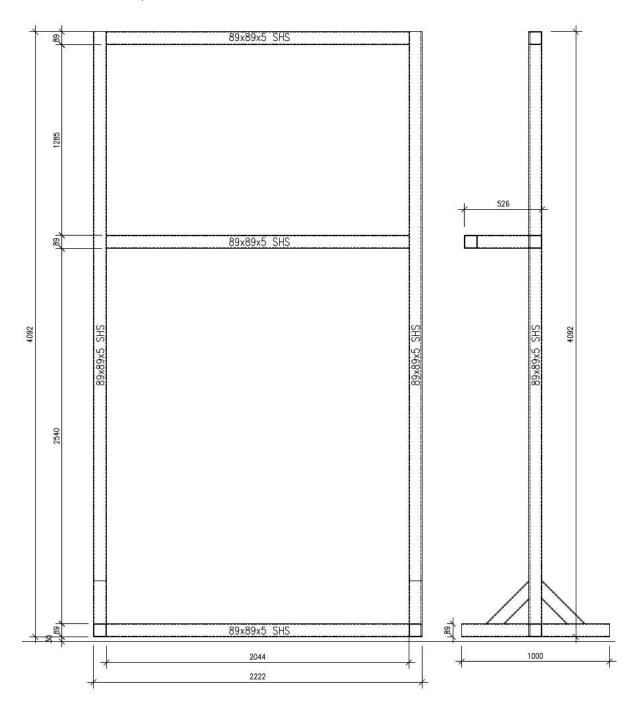


Figure 12 Elevation of test frame.



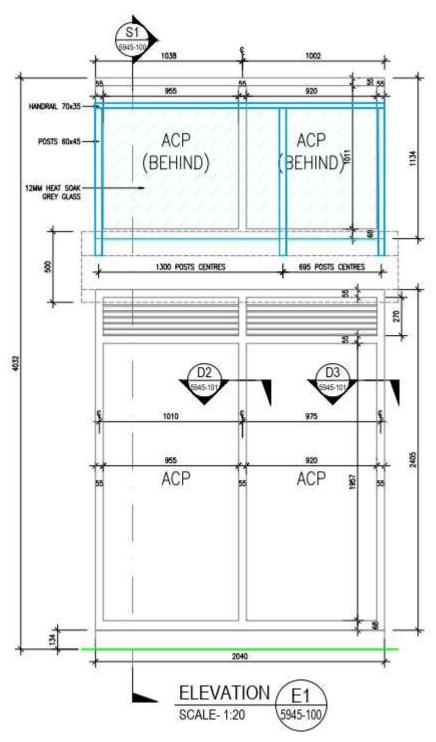


Figure 13 System assembly - Front view



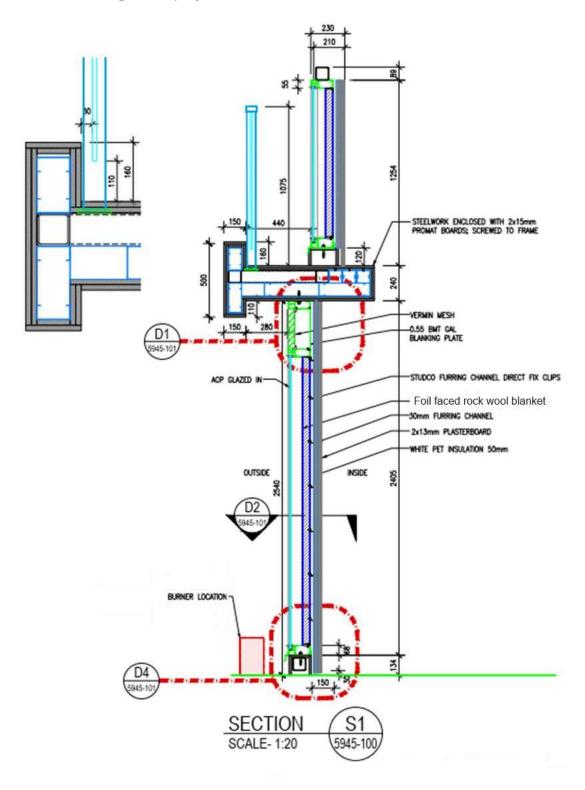


Figure 14 System assembly -Side view



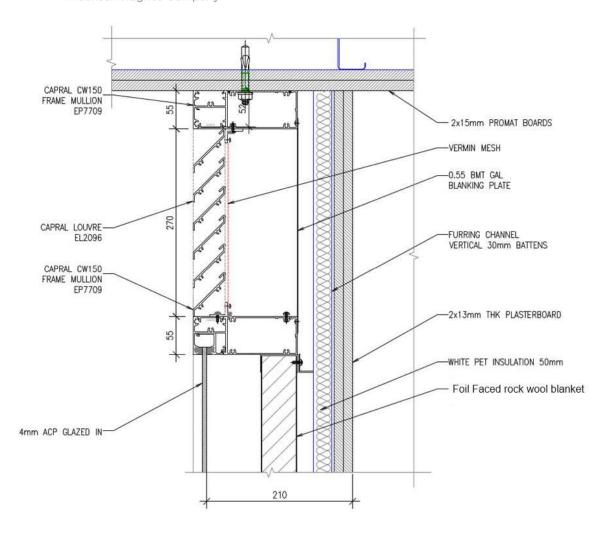


Figure 15 System detail - Detail D1



2x13mm PLASTERBAORD 30mm FURRING CHANNEL STUDCO FURRING CHANNEL DIRECT FIX CLIP 50 Foil faced rock wool blanket -4mm ACP GLAZED IN

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Figure 16 System detail – Detail D2

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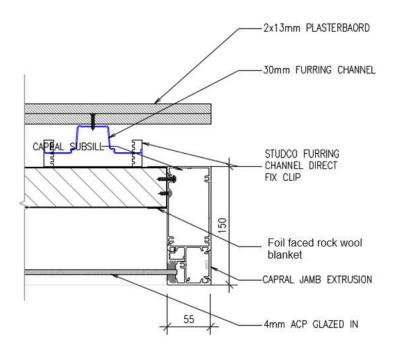


Figure 17 System detail – Detail D3



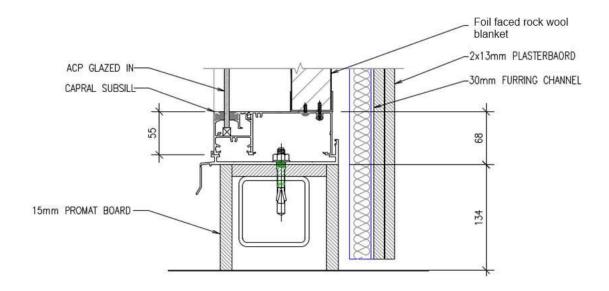


Figure 18 System detail - Detail D4



# **Appendix B** Photographs



Figure 19 The specimen before the reaction to fire test





Figure 20 The specimen before the reaction to fire test – unexposed side



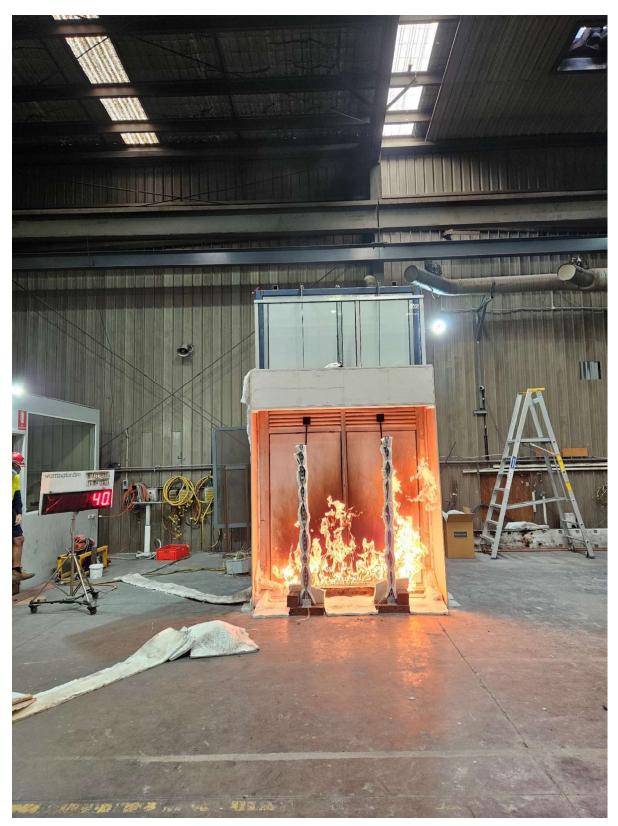


Figure 21 The specimen 40 seconds into the test (burner output set to 500 kW)





Figure 22 The specimen 1 minutes into the test



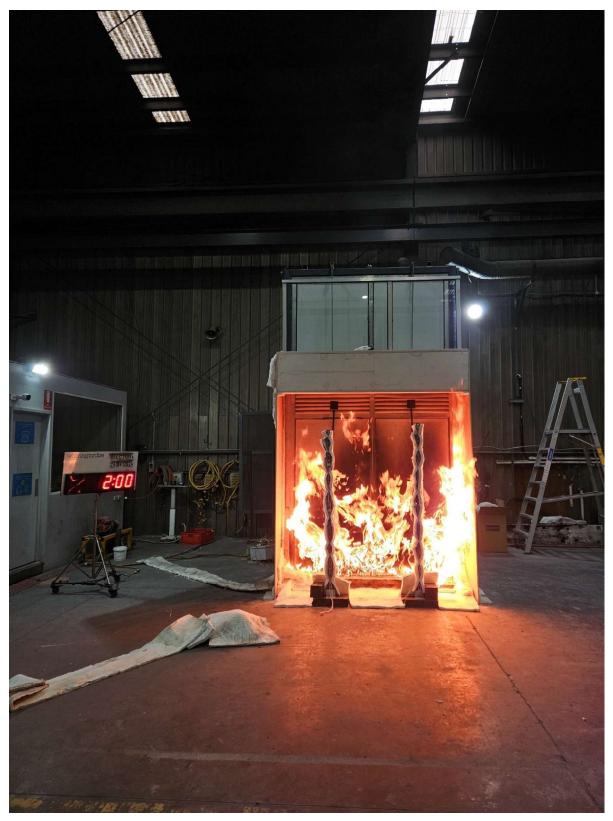


Figure 23 The specimen 2 minutes into the test



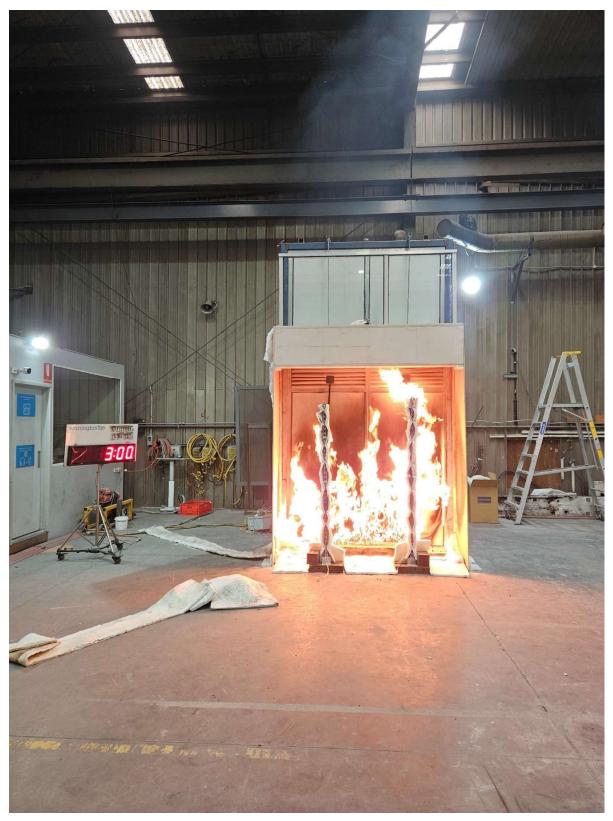


Figure 24 The specimen 3 minutes into the test





Figure 25 The specimen 4 minutes into the test



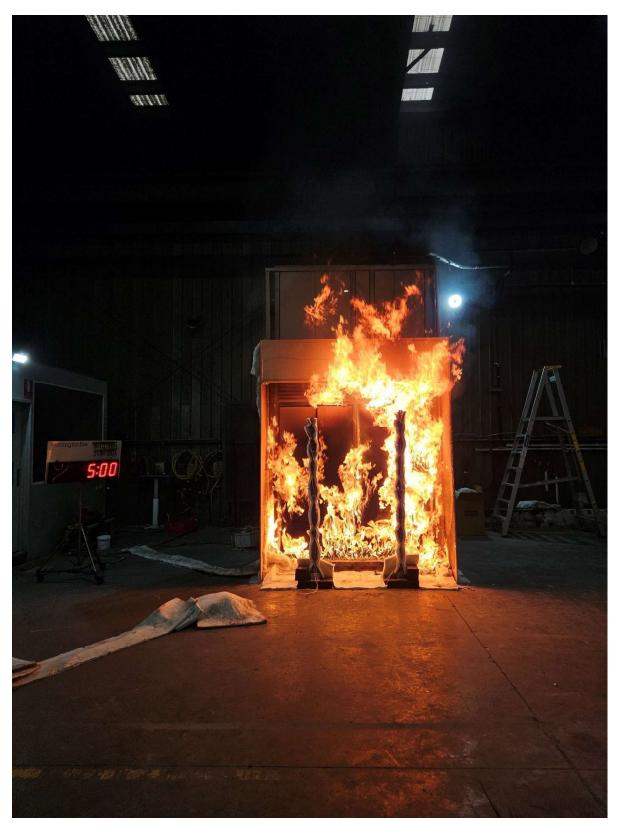


Figure 26 The specimen 5 minutes into the test



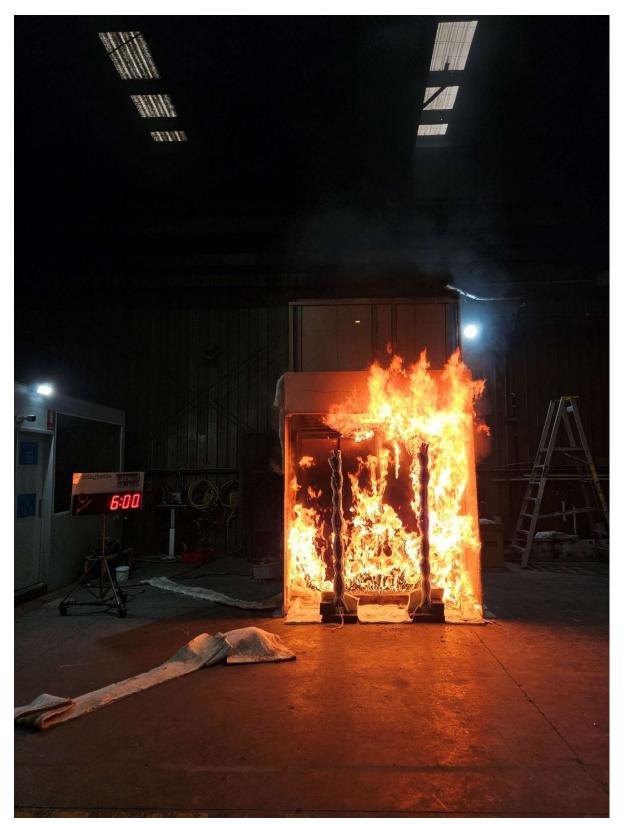


Figure 27 The specimen 6 minutes into the test



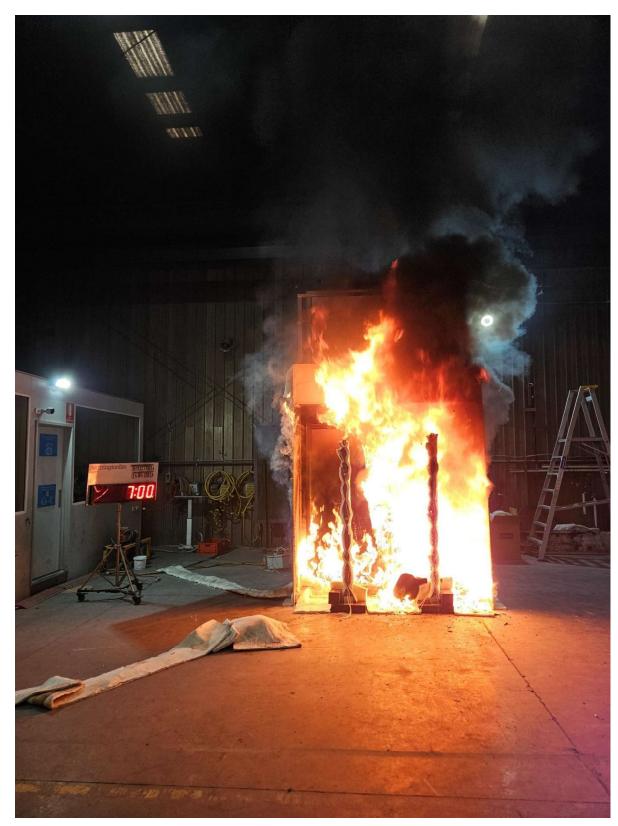


Figure 28 The specimen 7 minutes into the test



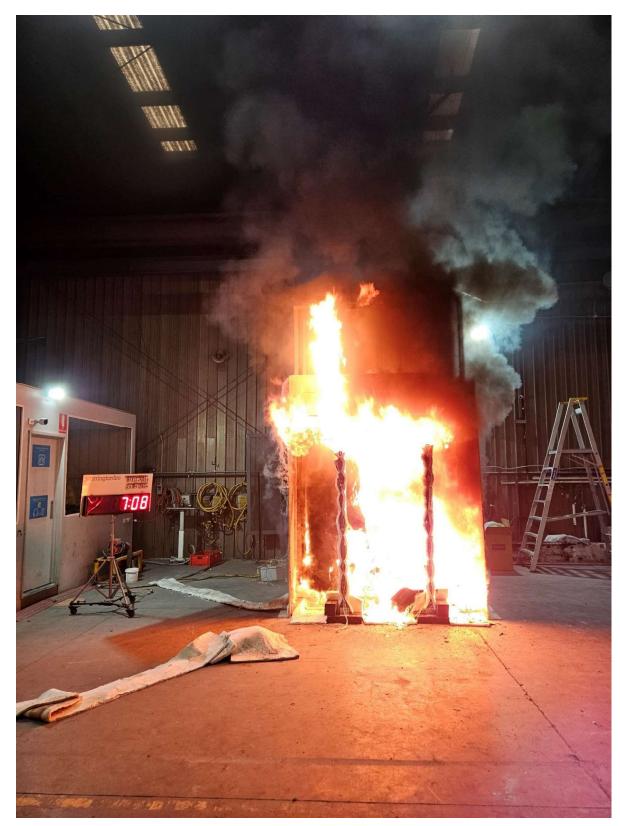


Figure 29 The specimen 7 minutes 8 seconds into the test





Figure 30 The specimen 9 minutes into the test





Figure 31 The specimen 10 minutes into the test



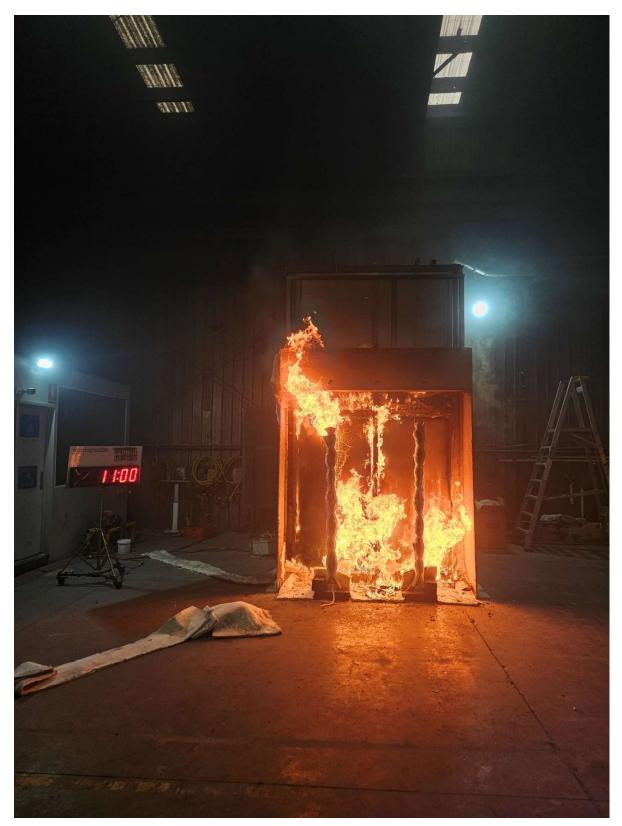


Figure 32 The specimen 11 minutes into the test





Figure 33 The specimen 12 minutes into the test





Figure 34 The specimen 14 minutes into the test





Figure 35 The specimen 16 minutes into the test





Figure 36 The specimen 20 minutes into the test





Figure 37 The specimen 25 minutes into the test





Figure 38 The specimen 30 minutes into the test





Figure 39 The specimen 3 seconds after the burner was turned off (30 minutes 3 seconds into the test)





Figure 40 The specimen 1 minute after the burner was turned off (31 minutes into the test)





The specimen 1 minute 42 seconds after the burner was turned off (31 minutes 42 seconds into the test) Figure 41





Figure 42 The specimen 32 minutes 8 seconds after the burner was turned off (40 minutes into the test)





Figure 43 The specimen 4 minutes 38 seconds after the burner was turned off (34 minutes 38 seconds into the test)





The specimen 22 minutes 9 seconds after the burner was turned off (42 minutes 9 seconds into the test) Figure 44



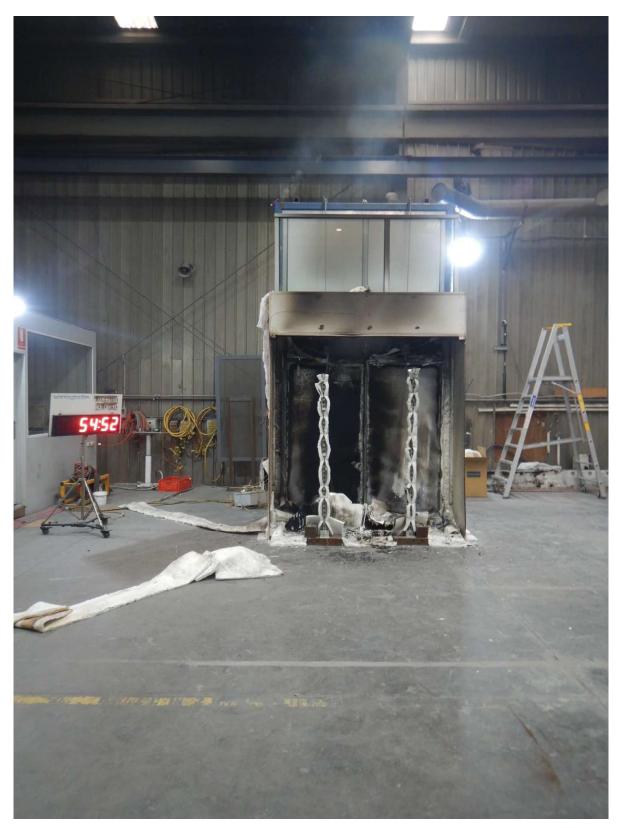


Figure 45 The specimen 24 minutes 52 seconds after the burner was turned off (54 minutes 52 seconds into the test)





Figure 46 The specimen at the end of the test.

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Figure 47 The specimen after the test – unexposed side.



# **Appendix C** Chemical Analysis Results



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# **Analysis of Cladding Samples**

### 1. SAMPLES

One envelope containing three ACP cores was received for analysis. The samples were identified as follows:

CCL sample coding	Client sample coding
24021-1	#1 - 100%
24021-2	#2 - 100%
24021-3	#3 - 45% Non FR

CCL has been asked to identify the polymer and the filler (s) in the samples by FT/IR, quantitate and identify the mineral filler in the samples and classify them in accordance with the ICA cladding scheme.

### 2. METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS

The aluminium metals were removed from the ACPs cladding polymer, and the flat surface of the polymer sample was abraded to remove any surface adhesive. The surface of the sample was analysed directly by FTIR. The FT-IR spectra are presented in Figures 1-3.

The core of the samples was then ashed to determine their percentage mineral content (Table 1). If sufficient (>0.5 g) ash was found in the sample, it was analysed for elemental composition by X ray fluorescence spectroscopy. Results are presented in Table 2.

Table 1 Ash content of 24021-1-3

Sample coding	Ash content (w/w%)
24021-1	3.3
24021-2	3.0
24021-3	40.0

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Table 2 Elemental composition of sample 24021-3

Element Oxide	wt.%	
Na20	0.36	
MgO	9.67	
Al203	0.71	
SiO2	6.47	
P205	0.03	
S03	1.58	
K20	0.12	
CaO	47.18	
TiO2	0.88	
V205	0.01	
Cr203	<0.01	
Mn304	0.03	
Fe203	0.70	
NiO	<0.01	
CuO	0.05	
ZnO	1.74	
SrO	0.15	
ZrO2	<0.01	
BaO	2.04	
Hf02	<0.01	
PbO	<0.01	
Sn02	0.01	
CoO	<0.01	
L.O.I.	29.50	

NOTE: (i) L.O.I.= loss on ignition at 1,050 °C.



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#### 3. CONCLUSIONS

The cladding sample #1 consisted of 3.3% inert material and approximately 96% polyethylene polymer.

The cladding sample #1 is classified as ICA category A.

The cladding sample #2 consisted of 3.0% inert material and approximately 97% polyethylene polymer.

The cladding sample #2 is classified as ICA category A.

The cladding sample #3 consisted of 33.7% calcium carbonate, 5.6% magnesium hydroxide, 2.5% other inert material and approximately 58% polyethylene polymer.

The cladding sample #3 is classified as ICA category A.

The ICA Classification assigned is correct as per the September 2020 revision of the ICA Guidelines.

The reader is reminded that we can only analyse and classify the content of samples actually presented to us. We can offer no guarantee that this composition or classification is valid for cladding as a whole, because some types of cladding can be inhomogeneous, and a sample may not be representative of the cladding as a whole. Anyone using our results should consider these sampling issues and uncertainties before they generalise the results we present to anybody of cladding as a whole.

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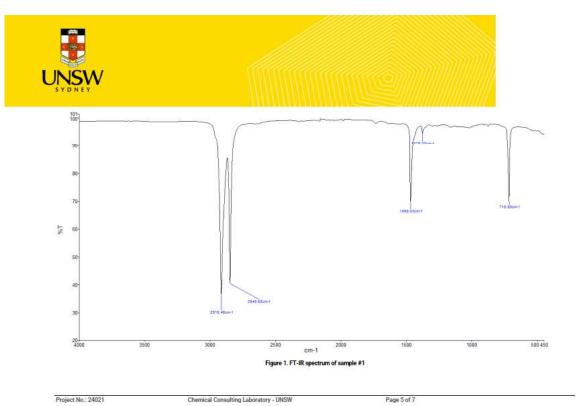


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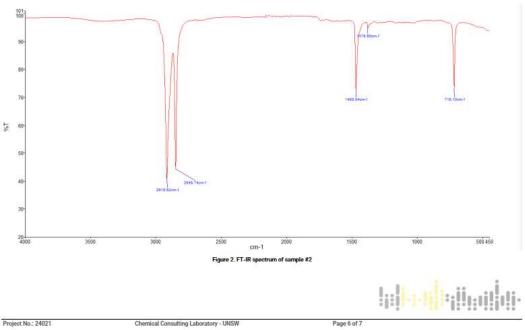
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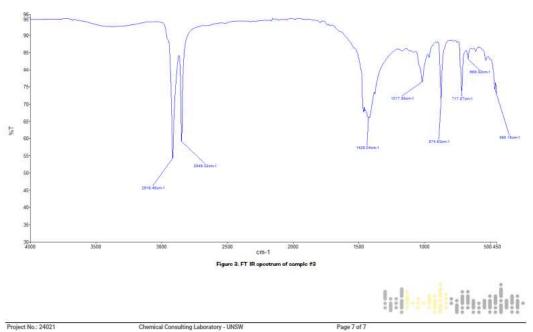


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