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TEST REPORT

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Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials ASTM E84 – 12a

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Subject Material: 0.79" x 5.9" T.M. Ash Decking and 1.02" x 5.7" T.M. Ash Decking

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INTRODUCTION:

This report presents the results of specimens tested in accordance with the requirements of ASTM E84-12a Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. This test method is also published under the designations ANSI/UL 723, NFPA 255, and UBC 8-1(42-1).

The purpose of this test method is to determine the relative 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 is used to measure and describe the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions. It should not alone be used for fire hazard or fire risk assessment of the materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions.

MATERIAL TESTED:

Material submitted:

- "0.79! x 5.9! T.M. Ash Decking"
- "1.02! x 5.7! T.M. Ash Decking"

The material was received, in good condition, by NGC Testing Services on April 30, 2013. The material was submitted as nominally 95 in. long boards; twelve (12) boards were submitted for each sample material.

From the boards submitted, NGCTS personnel constructed (3) test specimen decks for each sample material, per ASTM Practice E2579. The specimen decks were constructed on May 8, 2013.

MOUNTING METHOD:

The specimen decks were placed end-to-end, directly on the tunnel ledges, and butted tightly together, to achieve the required 24 ft. length. No additional support was required.

Non-combustible, fiber-reinforced cement board (1/4 in. thick) was placed over the specimen decks as lid protection.



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TEST RESULTS:

The test results, computed on the basis of observed flame front advance and electronic smoke density measurements are presented in the table below.

The reported flame spread and smoke developed indices, as presented below, are the computed comparison to the standard calibration materials – mineral fiber-reinforced cement board and select grade red oak flooring. The cement board is used to establish relative 0 values for flame spread and smoke developed; red oak decks are used to establish relative 100 values for flame spread and smoke developed.

<u>TEST NO.</u>	MATERIAL TESTED	SIDE EXPOSED	<u>SUPPORT</u>	CALCULATED FLAME SPREAD	CALCULATED SMOKE DEVELOPED	
1	0.79" x 5.9" T.M. Ash Decking	Symmetrical	Self Supporting	36.85	246.91	
2	1.02" x 5.7" T.M. Ash Decking	Symmetrical	Self Supporting	36.83	85.52	
	MATERIAL TESTED	SIDE EXPOSED	SUPPORT	FLAME SPREAD INDEX *	SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX*	
	RED OAK FLOORING	Finished	Self Supporting	100	100	
	REINFORCED CEMENT BOARD	Symmetrical	Self Supporting	0	0	
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1	0.79" x 5.9" T.M. Ash Decking	Symmetrical	Self Supporting	35	250	
2	1.02" x 5.7" T.M. Ash Decking	Symmetrical	Self Supporting	35	85	
			CLASSIFICATION	<u>FSI</u>	<u>SDI</u>	
* Flame Sp	pread / Smoke Developed Index is the result (o	CLASS "A"	0 - 25	0 - 450		
average of the results of multiple tests), rounded to the nearest			CLASS "B"	26 - 75	0 - 450	
multiple of 5. Smoke developed results in excess of 200 are rounded to the nearest multiple of 50.			CLASS "C"	76 - 200	0 - 450	

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FLAME SPREAD INDEX	35	FLAME SPREAD INDEX	35		
SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX	250	SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX	85		

OBSERVATIONS:

0.79! x 5.9! T.M. Ash Decking: The test specimen exhibited steady ignition at 00:32 (min:sec). The flame front reached a maximum distance of 9.08 feet, achieved at 09:54 (min:sec). After the ignition flame was extinguished, the test specimen continued to flame and was manually extinguished. Once the test specimen was cooled and removed from the furnace, it was observed to have a char length of 9 feet and was discolored to 24 feet.

1.02! x 5.7! T.M. Ash Decking: The test specimen exhibited steady ignition at 00:51 (min:sec). The flame front reached a maximum distance of 11.98 feet, achieved at 09:46 (min:sec). After the ignition flame was extinguished, the test specimen briefly continued to flame before self-extinguishing. Once the test specimen was cooled and removed from the furnace, it was observed to have a char length of 10 feet and was discolored to 24 feet.



The following data sheets are actual printouts of the computerized data system which monitors the tunnel furnace. The sheets contain all calibration and specimen data needed to calculate the test results.



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