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Report On  
Smoke Density Characteristics

Determined By

ASTM E 662

Test Method

PREPARED FOR:

Armstrong World Industries, Inc.  
Innovation Center  
Lancaster, PA

TEST NUMBER S-1779

MATERIAL TESTED:

Lot #274 Armstrong Lot E199G, Armstrong  
Migrations T3509, Produced on 07/19/07

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## INTRODUCTION

The following Scope, Summary of Test Method, Test Specimens, and Specimen Conditioning sections are abridged from the Standard Test Method for Specific Optical Density of Smoke Generated by Solid Materials ASTM E662.

### II SCOPE

This fire-test response standard covers determination of the specific optical density of smoke generated by solid materials and assemblies mounted in the vertical position in thicknesses up to and including one inch. The test is based on the attenuation of a light beam by smoke accumulating within a closed chamber due to nonflaming pyrolytic decomposition and flaming combustion. Results are expressed in terms of specific optical density which is derived from a geometrical factor and the measured optical density, a measurement characteristic of the concentration of smoke.

The test is intended for use in research and development and not as a basis for ratings for regulatory purposes. At the present time, no means are provided for predicting the density of smoke which may be generated by the materials exposed to heat and flame under other fire conditions.

### III SUMMARY OF TEST METHOD

This method employs an electrically-heated radiant energy source mounted within an insulated ceramic tube and positioned so as to produce an irradiance level of 2.2 BTU/ft<sup>2</sup> · sec. (2.5 W/cm<sup>2</sup>) averaged over the central 1.5 inch diameter area of a vertically mounted specimen facing the radiant heater. The nominal 3 by 3 inch specimen is mounted within a holder which exposes an area measuring 2 9/16 by 2 9/16 inch. The holder can accommodate specimens up to one inch thick. This exposure provides the nonflaming condition of the test.

For the flaming condition, a six-tube burner is used to apply a row of air-propane flamelets across the lower edge of the exposed specimen area and into the specimen holder trough. The application of flame in addition to the specified irradiance level from the heating element constitutes the flaming combustion exposure.

The test specimens are exposed to the flaming and nonflaming conditions within a closed 18 ft<sup>3</sup> chamber. A photometric system with a 36 inch vertical light path measures the decrease in light transmission as smoke accumulates.

### IV TEST SPECIMENS

The test specimens are 3 by 3 ± .03 inch by the intended installation thickness up to and including 1 inch thickness. Materials in thicknesses in excess of 1 inch are sliced to 1 inch and the original (uncut) surface tested. Multi-layer materials thicker than 1 inch with surface facings of different materials are sliced to 1 inch thickness, and each original (uncut) surface tested separately, if both surface facings are exposed to fire.

## V. SPECIMEN CONDITIONING

Specimens are predried for 24 hours at  $140 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $60 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and then conditioned to equilibrium (constant weight) at an ambient temperature of  $73 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and a relative humidity of  $50 \pm 5$  percent.



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I MATERIAL TESTED

Material Description: Lot #274 Armstrong Lot E199G, Armstrong Migrations T3509, Produced on 07/19/07

Manufacturer Armstrong World Industries, Inc  
Lancaster, PA

SAMPLE PREPARATION:

Adhered to 1/4" cement board using Armstrong S-515 adhesive by the manufacturer.

Preconditioning = 24 Hours @ 140 +/- 5 degrees F

Conditioning @ 73 +/- 5 degrees F and 50% +/- 5% RH For Days

Type of Holder Used: Trough

NONFLAMING MODE BURN NUMBER	1	2	3	
Thickness in Inches	.379	.402	.388	390
Weight in Grams	87.44	88.37	88.79	88.20
Chamber Pressure (in water)	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.9
Chamber Temp (degrees F)	94	96	95	95
Color Of Smoke	Gray			
FLAMING MODE BURN NUMBER	1	2	3	
Thickness in Inches	.392	.399	.396	396
Weight in Grams	87.29	87.57	86.67	87.18
Chamber Pressure (in. water)	1.8	3.0	2.7	2.5
Chamber Temp. (degrees F)	94	97	98	96
Color Of Smoke	Gray			

Observations of the burning or smoldering characteristics of the specimen during test exposure, such as delamination, shrinkage, melting or collapse:



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II OPERATING CONDITIONS

Radiometer Reading 7.99 mV Irradiance 2.5 watts/sq.cm.  
Furnace Temperature 1428 degrees F

NONFLAMING MODE BURN NUMBER	1	2	3	
Ds @ 90 Seconds	0	0	0	0
Ds @ 4 Minutes	6	9	7	7
Max. Specific Optical Density Dm	145	165	205	
Time to Max Dm (minutes)	18.4	18.0	15.1	
Dm (Corrected)	144	164	204	
FLAMING MODE BURN NUMBER	1	2	3	
Ds @ 90 Seconds	1	0	0	0
Ds @ 4 Minutes	17	17	13	16
Max. Specific Optical Density Dm	103	115	94	
Time to Max Dm (minutes)	17.7	16.5	18.6	
Dm (Corrected)	101	112	91	101

REMARKS: All NF samples melted down and re-hardened below the furnace level. All F samples maintained their shape and size but hardened.

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