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TEST REPORT

Client : Vertex Fabrics
30A Export Road
Craigieburn VIC 3064

Test Number : 22-001991
Issue Date : 22/06/2022
Print Date : 3/10/2022

Sample Description Clients Ref : "VALE"
Woven backcoated blind fabric
Colour : Dove
End Use : Drapery
Nominal Composition : 100% Polyester
Nominal Mass per Unit Area/Density : 380gsm(+/-5%)
Nominal Thickness : 0.65mm(+/-5%)



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Methods for Fire Tests on Building Materials, Components and Structures Part 3: Simultaneous Determination of Ignitability, Flame Propagation, Heat Release and Smoke Release

Face tested:	Face		
Date tested:	22-06-2022		
	Standard Error	Mean	
Ignition time	0.16	6.76	min
Flame propagation time	2.1	10.1	sec
Heat release integral	3.1	110.1	kJ/m ²
Smoke release, log d	0.0184	-0.3189	
Optical density, d		0.4811	/ metre
No of samples which ignited		4	
For Samples which ignited			
Smoke Release (Log D) - Mean		-0.3189	
Smoke Release (Log D) - Standard Error		0.0184	
No of samples which did not ignite		5	
For Samples which did not ignite			
Smoke Release (Log D) - Mean		-0.9385	
Smoke Release (Log D) - Standard Error		0.0626	
Number of specimens tested:		9	
Regulatory Indices:			
Ignitability Index		13	Range 0-20
Spread of Flame Index		9	Range 0-10
Heat Evolved Index		4	Range 0-10
Smoke Developed Index		6	Range 0-10

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Inconsistent flame spread behaviour was observed. Only 4 of the 9 specimens registered flame spread. The Spread of Flame Index quoted above is based on these 4 specimens.

The reaction of thin unsupported flexible materials to flame impingement can be assessed in accordance with AS 1530.2. Where materials of thickness less than 2mm that are sufficiently flexible to be bent by hand around a mandrel of 2mm diameter or less are subjected to the test described herein, they should also be subjected to the test in AS 1530.2.

Ignition is initiated by a pilot flame that is held near, but does not touch the specimen. A material that does not ignite during the standard test may ignite if contacted with a pilot flame during the test.

The specimens melted away from the area of maximum heat and produced flaming droplets during the test. Due to this phenomena it should be recognised that this test result may not be a true indication of the product's fire hazard properties.

The specimens were mounted to simulate use in an unsupported or free hanging mode. The results may be significantly different when mounted to simulate a wall cladding or upholstery application.

To allow free movement of sample during testing all corners were folded away from the clamps.

Each test specimen was sandwiched between two layers of galvanised welded square mesh made from wire of nominal diameter 0.8mm and nominal spacing 12mm in both directions, stapled through at four points, each 100mm from the centre of the sample and the assembly clamped in four places.

These results only apply to the specimen mounted, as described in this report. The result of this fire test 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.

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