

BRE Global Test Report

BS 476-6: 1989 + A1: 2009 Fire propagation test on K-Flex ST

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1 Objective

To determine the fire propagation index of the sample specified in Section 2 using the test method specified in British Standard 476: Part 6: 1989 + A1: 2009¹.

2 Sample

2.1 Traceability

The test samples were supplied by the test sponsor. BRE Global were not involved in the sample selection process and therefore cannot comment upon the relationship between the samples supplied for test and the product supplied to market.

2.2 Description of sample and test format.

Unless otherwise stated all measurements are nominal.

Test Sponsor	L'Isolante K-Flex S.p.A. Via Leonardo da Vinci, 36 20877 Roncello (MB) Italy	
Manufacturer of sample	As above	
Sample name/reference	K-Flex ST	
Sample description (as provided by test sponsor/manufacturer)	Generic type	Elastomeric Foam Insulation (prEN 14304-basis) Nitrile Rubber
	Detailed description / composition details	A thermal insulation foam product adhered to a steel substrate
	Thickness	25mm
	Density	Between 45 and 75 kg/m ³
	Colour reference	Black
Description of sample (as received)	Black sponge foam adhered to metal sheet	
Mean weight per unit area (kg/m ²)	9.04	
Mean thickness (mm)	Total 26mm, metal sheet 1.0mm	
Sample receipt date	24 September 2015	
Test face	Foam face	
Date of test	30 September 2015	



3 Conditioning

The specimens were conditioned as required by the standard.

4 Results

4.1 Temperature measurement

Table 1 shows the Temperature rise for calibration sheet and specimens

Table 2 shows the Index of performance for each specimen

Table 1 – Temperature rise

Time t min	Temperature rise - °C			
	Calibration sheet	Specimens		
		a	b	c
0.5	14.1	18.7	23.5	21.0
1	18.4	26.2	29.2	28.3
1.5	22.9	36.3	34.5	29.4
2	26.4	38.6	37.7	32.5
2.5	29.1	44.1	38.8	35.6
3	32.0	49.7	42.2	38.4
4	64.0	103.6	86.7	72.0
5	98.8	151.4	151.7	137.6
6	125.8	180.0	174.3	166.8
7	149.9	202.3	197.8	192.0
8	166.0	220.3	219.6	217.4
9	180.9	232.2	237.8	229.3
10	194.6	243.4	246.1	239.4
12	211.3	256.4	261.8	254.4
14	221.9	265.0	266.6	260.1
16	231.6	270.2	271.8	263.1
18	240.6	272.5	274.3	267.2
20	245.2	274.0	273.3	268.6

t - time in minutes from the time at which the gas jets were ignited.

a, b and c - represent individual specimens giving valid test results.

**Table 2 - Index of performance**

Specimen	S	s ₁	s ₂	s ₃
a	11.0	4.4	5.4	1.2
b	11.2	5.0	4.9	1.3
c	8.6	3.6	3.9	1.1

4.2 Observations

No intumescence or deformation of any specimen occurred that affected the required gas input.

No melting or slumping occurred that prevented the material from being exposed to the heating conditions.

Air flow through the apparatus was not restricted by fallen material or by soot accumulation in the chimney.

5 Conclusions

A sample as described in this report, when tested in accordance with BS 476: Part 6: 1989 + A1: 2009, achieved:

fire propagation index	I =	10.2
sub-indices	i ₁ =	4.3
	i ₂ =	4.7
	i ₃ =	1.2

BS 476: Part 6: 1989 + A1: 2009 does not contain acceptance criteria and therefore this test report does not indicate a pass or fail of the product.

6 Validity

The test results relate only to behaviour of the test specimens of the product under the particular conditions of test, they are not intended to be the sole criteria for assessing the potential fire hazard of the product in use.

The specification and interpretation of fire test methods are the subject of ongoing development and refinement. Changes in associated legislation may also occur. For these reasons it is recommended that the relevance of test reports over 5 years old should be considered by the user. The laboratory that issued the report will be able to offer, on behalf of the legal owner, a review of the procedures adopted for a particular test to ensure that they are consistent with current practices, and if required may endorse the test report.

7 Reference

- 1 British Standard 476: Part 6: 1989 + A1: 2009 Fire tests on building materials and structures. Part 6. Fire propagation test for products. British Standards Institution, London. 2009.