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European foreword

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The classification of the reaction to fire performance of construction products established by Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/364 defines the reaction to fire classes for building products excluding floorings. The relevant test methods for determining the reaction to fire are being prepared by CEN/TC 127.

Safety warning

The attention of all persons concerned with managing and carrying out the tests described in this document is drawn to the fact that fire testing can be hazardous and that toxic and/or harmful smoke and gases can be produced during the test.

An assessment of all potential hazards and risks to health should be made and safety precautions should be identified and provided. Smoke and gases should be removed from the workplace. Written safety instructions should be issued. Appropriate training should be given to relevant personnel. Laboratory personnel should ensure that they follow written safety instructions at all times.

Special precautions are required for the propane gas supply system.

— The equipment, for example tubes, couplings, flow meters, should be approved for propane.

— The burner should be equipped with a remote-controlled ignition device, for example a pilot flame or a glow wire. There should be a warning system for leaking gas and a valve for immediate and automatic cut-off of the gas supply in case of extinction of the ignition flame. The pilot flames can be ignited directly by an operator in the test room, however, no one should be present in the test room during ignition of a burner.

— It should be possible to operate the switch between auxiliary and main (primary) burner and the preceding main valve (to open or stop the propane supply) from outside the test room.

Special precautions are required for the extinction of burning specimens.

When the extinction is carried out because of intensive combustion of the specimens, it is recommended that a second operator is ready to intervene. Means for extinguishing should be available (e.g. since the heat output during intensive combustion can damage the apparatus).

1 Scope

This document specifies a method of test for determining the reaction to fire performance of construction products excluding floorings, and excluding products which are indicated in Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/364, when exposed to thermal attack by a single burning item (SBI). The calculation procedures are given in Annex A. Information on the precision of the test method is given in Annex B. The calibration procedures are given in Annexes C and D, of which Annex C is a normative annex.

NOTE This document has been developed to determine the reaction to fire performance of essentially flat products. The treatment of some families of products, e.g. linear products (pipes, ducts, cables etc.), can need special rules.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 13238, *Reaction to fire tests for building products - Conditioning procedures and general rules for selection of substrates*

EN 13501-1:2018, *Fire classification of construction products and building elements - Part 1: Classification using data from reaction to fire tests*

EN 60584-1:2013, *Thermocouples — Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

EN ISO 13943:2017, *Fire safety — Vocabulary (ISO 13943:2017)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 13943:2017 and EN 13501-1:2018 and the following apply.

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— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp/ui

3.1
backing board
calcium silicate panel used to back the specimen that can be placed directly against a free-standing test specimen or at a distance from it

3.2
specimen
piece of a product, which is to be tested

Note 1 to entry: This can include the mounting technique used in its end-use application. This also can include an air gap and/or a substrate where appropriate.