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Report Sponsor	Insul-crete, 628 Skipton Street, Ballarat, Victoria 3350, Australia.
Test Laboratory	Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd, Unit 2, 409-411 Hammond Road, Dandenong South, Victoria 3175, Australia.
Test Date	5th June 2001.
Test standards	AS1530.4-1997 Sections 2 & 3 as appropriate.
General description of tested specimen	The test assembly comprised a nominal 3000mm × 3000mm × 145mm thick steel stud partition incorporating a phenolic foam infill and faced with a render material named by the test sponsor as insul-crete sunblok. The partition was constructed by the test sponsor within a concrete block lined steel test frame supplied by Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd. The steel stud partition was constructed using BHP House framing studs and tracks (Nominal 75mm x 35mm x 0.75mm). The top and bottom tracks were fastened to the concrete block surround and the studs were fastened to the top track only. The eastern edge was fastened to the concrete block surround and the studs were fastened to the top track only. The eastern edge remained free with an approximate 50mm gap (Ceramic fibre wool was hand fed into this gap) to the concrete block surround. Builders strapping (30mm wide x 1mm thick) was fastened to the exposed face only. The Phenolic foam wall panel infill was supplied by NOVIO Vic Pty Ltd and installed between the stud sections by the test sponsor. A coating of insul-crete sunblok material was hand trowelled to the two faces of the specimen to a nominal thickness of about 15mm. A small amount of Fondue cement was added to the render applied about the butt joint region of the mesh. The surface was then scored using a comb type trowel. A second coat render was applied directly to the scoured up face of the first render coating on both faces. A final coating (finishing coat for internal walls) was applied to a nominal thickness of 3.0mm. This coating was applied only to the exposed face of the test specimen For the final coating, an adhesive material was added to the insul-crete sunblok applied to the eastern half (vertical) of the exposed face. A detailed description of the test construction is contained within Appendix 1.
Instrumentation	The instrumentation was provided in accordance with AS1530.4-1997 Sections 2 & 3 as appropriate. The positions of the thermocouples are described in Table A2.1, and are shown in Drawing F91864-TS-02. Deflection measurement positions are shown in Drawing F91864-TS-03.
Test Procedures	The test procedures were as specified in AS1530.4-1997 Sections 2 & 3 as appropriate. Control of the furnace temperature was maintained within the prescribed limits of variance from the time/temperature curve. The pressure was maintained at approximately 0 Pa at 500mm from the notional floor level after the first five minutes then for the duration of the test. Heating was terminated after 241 minutes at the request of the test sponsor.
Test Duration	241 minutes.

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Ambient Air Temperature	Approximately 23°C at the commencement of the fire resistance test.				
Temperatures Measured versus Time	Refer to Table A2.1 and Figures A2.1 to A2.5 in Appendix 2				
Irradiance Measured versus Time	Refer to Figure A2.6 in Appendix 2				
Deflections Measured versus Time	Refer to Figure A2.7 in Appendix 2				
Pre-test observations	Refer to Table A2.2 in Appendix 2.				
Observations	Refer to Table A2.3 in Appendix 2.				
Performance Against the Criteria Specified in	Structural Adequacy	Integrity (minutes)	Insulation (minutes)		
AS1530.4-1997	Not applicable	No failure at 241 minutes	232		
Fire Resistance Level (FRL) Designation	For the purposes of the Building Code of Australia in Australia the specimen may be regarded as having achieved the Fire Resistance Levels (FRL's) as shown in Table 2.				

 Table 2: Summary of Fire Resistance Levels Ascertained for the Purpose of the Building

 Code of Australia for the Tested Specimen

Test Specimen Designation	Fire Resistance Level (FRL)	
Nominal 3000mm × 3000mm × 145mm thick steel stud partition incorporating a phenolic foam infill and faced with insul-crete sunblok	-/240/180	

LIMIT OF APPLICATION

Table 1. Test Posults

The results of this fire test may be used to directly assess fire hazard, but it should be recognised that a single test method does not provide a full assessment of fire hazard under all fire conditions.

The results of this fire test apply to the configuration as tested. Any variations to the test configuration may achieve different results. It is therefore recommended that any proposed variation to the tested configuration should be referred in the first instance to Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd in the first instance.

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APPENDIX 1

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIMEN

A1.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- A1.1.1 The test assembly comprised a nominal 3000mm × 3000mm × 145mm thick steel stud partition incorporating a phenolic foam infill and faced with a render material named as insul-crete sunblok by the test sponsor. The partition was constructed by the test sponsor within a test frame supplied by Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd.
- A1.1.2 The frame was constructed using BHP House Framing. Studs and track members ($75mm \times 35mm \times 0.75mm$ Nominal). The top and bottom tracks were fastened to the concrete block surround using M8 × 50mm long masonry anchors at 600mm centres. Studs were fastened to the top track only with M6 × 25mm long bolts with nuts and mudguard washers with slotted holes provided in the stud material. The eastern edge stud (looking from unexposed face) was fastened to the concrete block surround using M10 × 50mm long masonry anchors whereas the western edge was free with an approximate 50mm gap to the concrete block surround. Noggins were fastened between the studs at approximately mid-height of the specimen frame.
- A1.1.3 Ceramic fibre wool was hand fed to fill the 50mm gap between the vertical steel stud and the concrete block surround along the western edge of the test specimen.
- A1.1.4 Builders strapping of 30mm wide × 1.0mm thick was fastened to the frame on the fire exposed side only at the studs/noggins/tracks using M4 × 10mm long Hex head Tek screws (self drilling/tapping).
- A1.1.5 The test sponsor then installed the phenolic foam infill of 68mm thickness, supplied by NOVIO (VIC) Pty Ltd, between the stud sections. The measured density of the foam infill was recorded as being 46.7 kg/m³.
- A1.1.6 A series of 'bottle-tops' were screw fixed to the studs and tracks using selfdrilling/tapping screws on both faces of the specimen and acted as spacers (approximately 2mm) for the weld mesh as detailed below.
- A1.1.7 A single layer of $25\text{mm} \times 25\text{mm} \times 2.5\text{mm}$ galvanized weld mesh made up in two sections, 2400mm wide and 600mm wide respectively, and butt jointed together with five (5-off) wire twitches and three (3-off) flattened saddles (detailed below), was fixed to both faces of the specimen. The vertical butt joints were staggered to each other with the joint on the exposed face being in the eastern half of the specimen. The fixing was achieved using flattened saddles (60mm long × 14mm wide) and self drilling and tapping hex head TEK screws (2-off per saddle) at each bottle top location (Refer Drawing F91864-



TS-01 for further information). Random gaps of up to approximately 10mm between the mesh and the studs and panel infills (phenolic foam) were observed due to local buckling of the mesh.

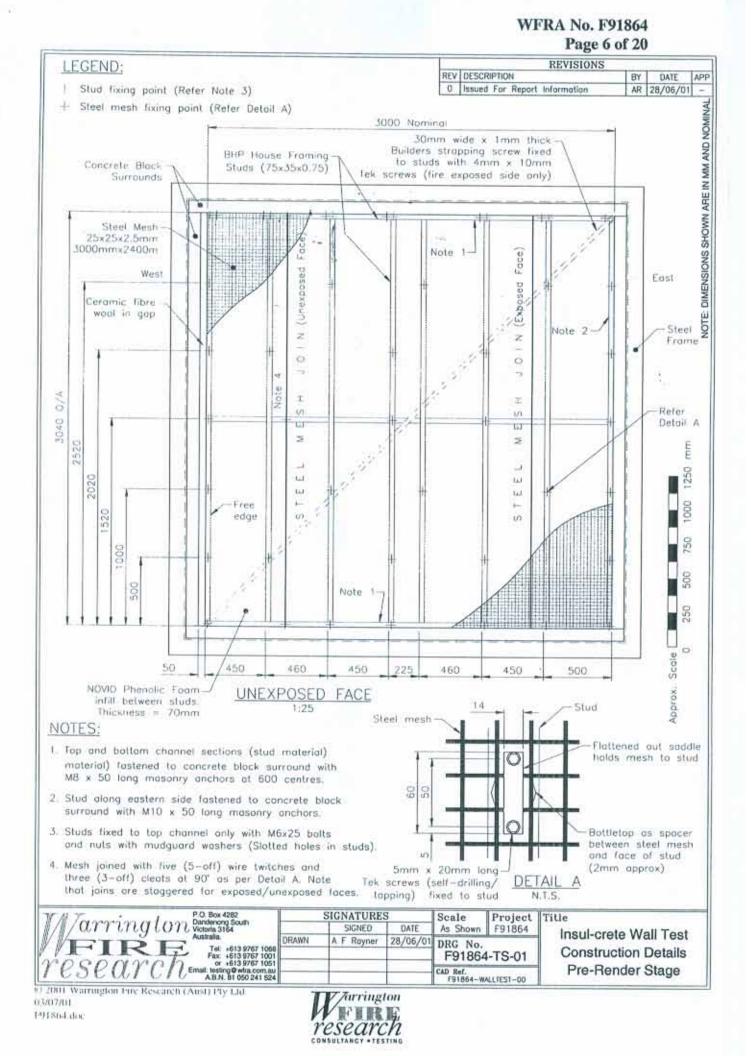
- A1.1.8 A coating of insul-crete sunblok was hand trowelled to the two faces of the specimen to a nominal thickness of about 15mm. A small amount of Fondue cement was added to the insul-crete sunblok applied about the butt joint region after straightening out the mesh by using a steel angle leaning against the outwards bowing of the mesh. The angle was removed after this insul-crete sunblok had gone off, leaving the rendered face flat. The surface was then scored using a comb type trowel. This coat was applied on 22/3/01.
- A1.1.9 An average coating thickness of 15.5mm and 16.4mm was obtained for the exposed face and the unexposed face respectively.
- A1.1.10 A second coat render was applied directly to the scoured up face of the first coating. This second coating was applied by the test sponsor to both faces except for a 750mm wide strip across the top section of the unexposed face. This coat was applied on 28/3/01.
- A1.1.11 The average thickness of the second coat was determined to be 18.5mm and 15.2mm on the exposed face and the unexposed face respectively.
- A1.1.12 A final coating (finishing coat for internal walls) was applied by the test sponsor to a nominal thickness of 3.0mm. This coating was applied only to the exposed face of the test specimen. At the same time, the remaining portion of the second coating was applied to the top section of the unexposed face, which, although trowelled flat, had an open texture finish. This coat was applied on 4/04/01.
- A1.1.13 For the final coating, an adhesive material was added to the insul-crete sunblok applied to the eastern half (vertical) of the exposed face.
- A1.1.14 The specimen had a final thickness of approximately 145mm after the application of the insul-crete sunblok.
- A1.1.15 Samples of the insul-crete sunblok for coats 1 and 2, as applied, were retained by Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd for density and moisture content calculations. A confidential disclosure has also been provided by the test sponsor for the insul-crete sunblok composition and is held on a confidential file by Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd.

A1.2 DRAWINGS OF SPECIMEN

Drawing No.	Description
F91864-TS-01	Construction details
F91864-TS-02	Thermocouple positions and Deflection measurement positions
F91864-TS-03	Building Panel – Cross section of panel

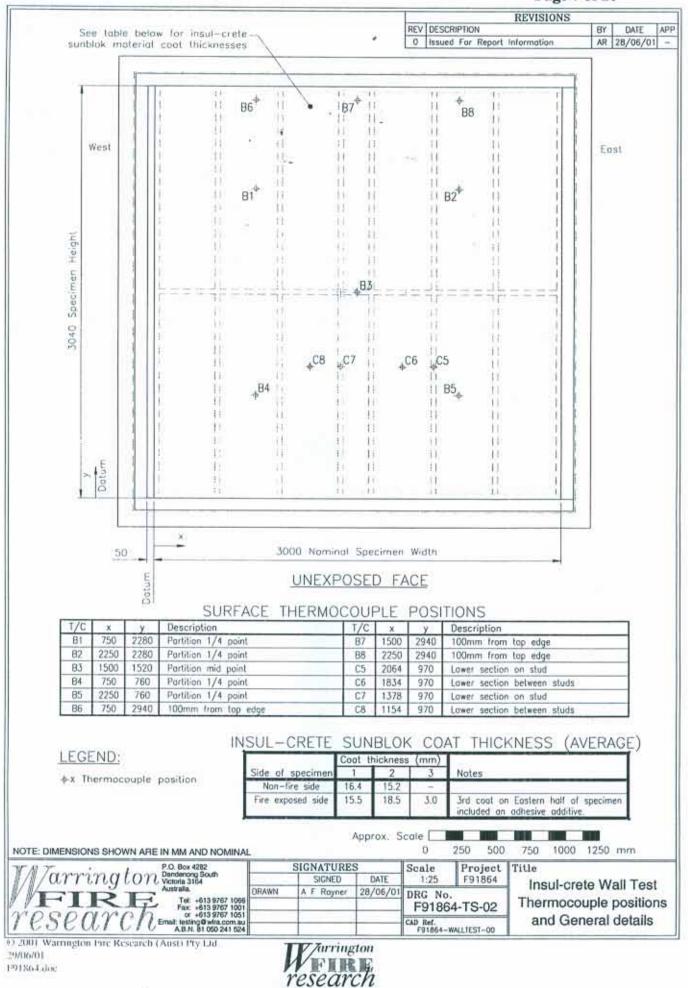
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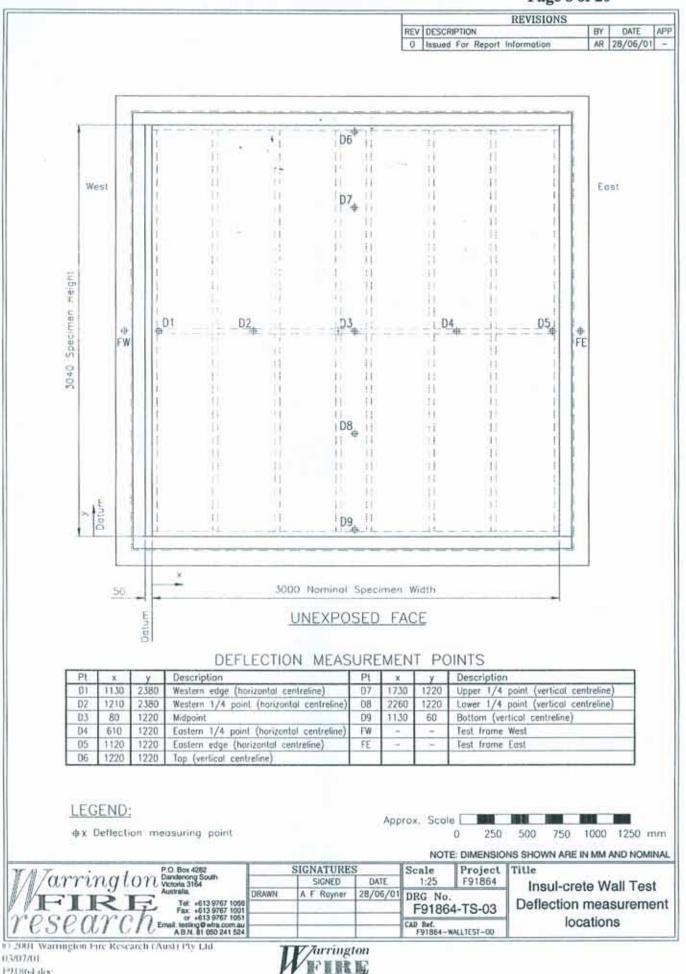


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APPENDIX 2

TEST DATA & OBSERVATIONS

Element	T/C	DESCRIPTION	POSITON ¹	- TEMP (°C) at t (minutes)					LIMIT ²	
	No.			t=0 t=30		t=60	t=120	t=180	t=240	(minutes)
Partition Surfaces	BI	TOP WEST ¼ POINT	x=750, y=2280	23	76	71	83	137	199	-
(¼ & mid)	B2	TOP EAST ¼ POINT	x=2250, y=2280	23	59	65	77	86	167	-
	B3	CENTRE PARTITION	x=1500, y=1520	23	54	68	85	99	185	
	B4	BOTTOM WEST ¼ POINT	x=750, y=760	22	38	55	81	87	168	-
	B5	BOTTOM EAST ¼ POINT	x=2250, y=760	22	40	59	75	82	137	-
Partition Surfaces	B6	100mm FROM TOP EDGE	x=750, y=2940	23	43	62	79	92	165	
(Top Section)	B7	100mm FROM TOP EDGE	x=1500, y=2940	23	64	68	74	81	101	-
	B8	100mm FROM TOP EDGE	x=2250, y=760	23	45	65	81	89	143	22
Partition	C5	ON STUD	x=2064, y=970	22	60	72	85	106	191	
Surfaces (Additional)	C6	BETWEEN STUDS	x=1834, y=970	22	65	66	82	92	167	-
	C7	ON STUD	x=1378, y=970	22	57	71	88	102	188	
	C8	BETWEEN STUDS	x=1154, y=970	23	68	66	85	92	169	-

Table A2.1: Specimen Temperatures

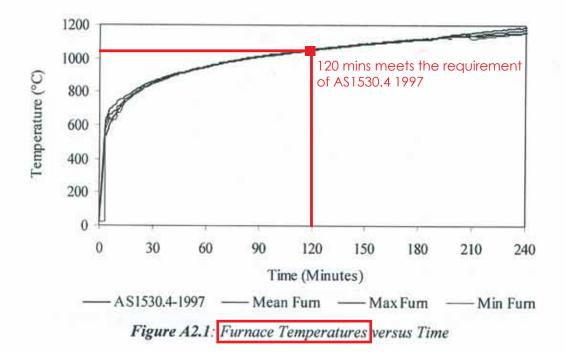
Notes: ¹ Positions are all shown in millimetres and are measured from the bottom western corner of the doorframe (See Drawing F91882-TS-01).

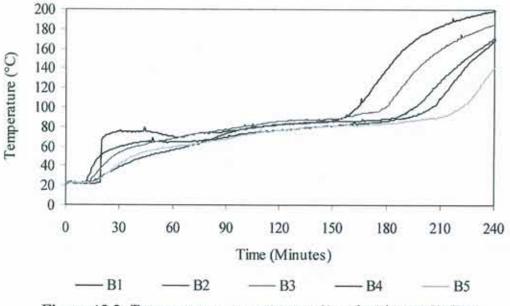
² Limit time is the time to the nearest whole minute, rounded down to the nearest minute, at which the temperature recorded by the thermocouple does not rise by more than 180 K above the initial mean temperature.

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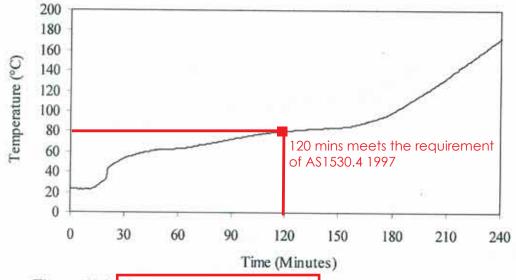






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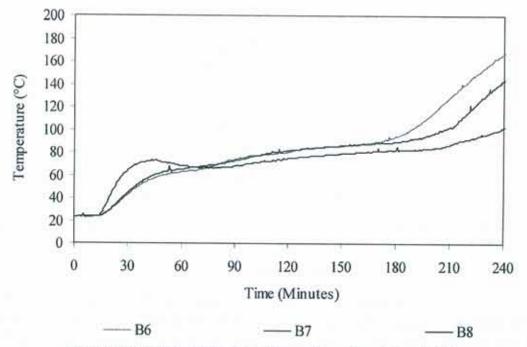


Figure A2.4: Temperatures at top section of partition Vs Time

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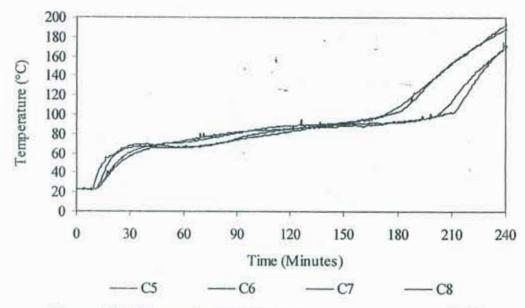
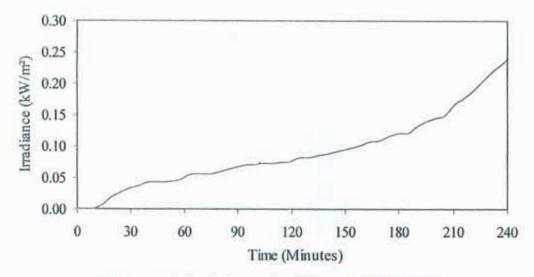
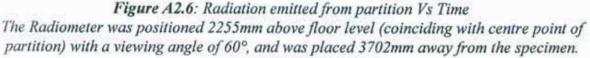


Figure A2.5: Temperatures at lower-mid section of partition Vs Time

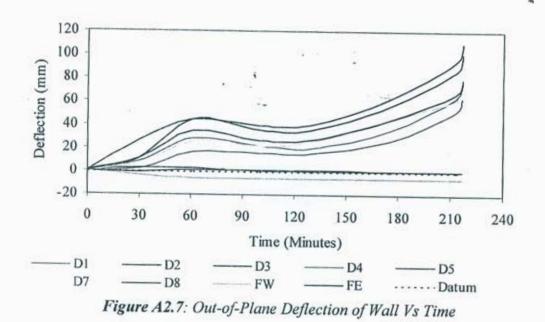




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Positive measurements was movement of partition inward (towards furnace) and Negative measurements was movement of partition outward (away from furnace)

A2.2 PRE-TEST OBSERVATIONS

- A2.2.1 Two material cracks of hairline thickness were noted in the exposed face of the test specimen. One crack ran vertically down the specimen and was approximately 610mm from the eastern edge. The position of this crack appeared to coincide with the position of the join in the steel weld mesh that was under the layers of insul-crete sunblok. The second crack was a horizontal crack and was approximately 810mm long and started from the western edge of the test specimen 1100mm from the bottom. These cracks had occurred during the curing cycle (Refer Plates 1 and 2 in Appendix 3 for further information).
- A2.2.2 Following the placement of the test specimen against the furnace and before commencement of the fire resistance test it was noted that cracking of the material at both top corners of the unexposed face had occurred. The two cracks were at about 45° across each corner commencing at about 600mm out from each corner. These cracks of hairline thickness were not observed when the surface thermocouples were attached in this area. The exposed face was then looked at through the observation ports and there were no cracks evident in either corner section.

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Time		U/E	Test Observations F91864			
Min	Sec					
0	00	U	Fire Resistance Test commenced.			
1	20	U	Slight amount of smoke was emitted from between the furnace seals at the to of the test specimen.			
6	10	U	Cement render on eastern exposed face was sloughing off. Cracking sound were heard coming from the test specimen.			
7	00	U	The partition had deflected inwards.			
7	30	E	Cement render on the top section of the eastern exposed face had sloughed off			
9	00	U	Smoke was emitted from the top of the test specimen between the concret blocks and the edge of the test specimen.			
14	00	U	Smoke was emitted from around the edges of the test specimen.			
15	30	U	Top right hand eastern corner of the unexposed face had darkened in colour.			
17	30	U	Smoke was emitted from around the edges of the test specimen.			
18	00	U	Moisture precipitation was observed along the eastern edge of the test specimen.			
20	30	E	Cement render on the entire eastern exposed face had sloughed off.			
23	40	U	Smoke was emitted from the top of the test specimen between the concret blocks and the edge of the test specimen.			
27	30	U	There was a decrease in the amount of smoke that was emitted from the edge of the test specimen.			
30	00	U	No further changes had occurred. Test specimen was still maintaining integrit in accordance with AS1530.4-1997.			
36	20	U	Smoke was emitted from around the edges of the test specimen.			
42	00	E	Western exposed face appeared to be intact.			
57	00	E	A horizontal crack had developed and widened on the western exposed face.			
63	20	U	Cracking sound was heard from the specimen.			
60	00	U	No further changes had occurred. Test specimen was still maintaining integrit in accordance with AS1530.4-1997.			
65	00	Е	Eastern exposed edge was buckled inwards towards the furnace.			
66	00	E	An additional crack running vertically down from near the top of the eastern exposed face had developed.			
70	10	E/U	Flaming was observed on the eastern exposed face of the test specimen. Smok was emitted along this edge on the unexposed face.			
75	00	U	Smoke was emitted from the specimen at the positions of Thermocouples B1 and C9.			
76	00	U	Smoke was emitted from around the edges of the test specimen.			
86	00	U	Smoke was emitted along the eastern edge of the test specimen. There was decrease in the amount of smoke that was emitted from the top of the test specimen.			
90	00	U	No further changes had occurred. Test specimen was still maintaining integrit in accordance with AS1530.4-1997.			
91	30	E/U	There was a continuation of the flaming on the eastern exposed face of the test specimen. Smoke was emitted along this edge on the unexposed face.			
98	00	U	A crack was observed on the unexposed face about 620mm from the westernedge of the test specimen. The position of the crack was coincident with the join between the steel mesh on the unexposed face. Steam was emitted from the crack.			

Table A2.3: Test Observations

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Time		U/E	Test Observations F91864		
Min	Sec	1			
104	00	U	A slight crack had appeared at the top western corner of the test specimen.		
106	00	U	Smoke was only emitted from the eastern edge of the test specimen.		
107	00	E	The flaming on the eastern exposed face had ceased.		
109	05	E	Eastern exposed face was buckled in shape.		
120	00	U	Smoke was emitted from along the eastern edge and from the crack on the western side (identified at 98 minutes) of the test specimen. Test specimen was still maintaining integrity in accordance with AS1530.4-1997.		
128	00	U	There was a slight increase in the amount of smoke that was emitted from the crack in the western side.		
145	00	U	Smoke was emitted from along the eastern edge of the test specimen. Smok emission from the crack on the western side remained as in 128'00''.		
150	00	U	Test specimen was still maintaining integrity in accordance with AS1530.4 1997.		
160	00	U	Smoke was emitted (as before) from the crack in the western side of the te specimen. Smoke was emitted from the eastern side of the test specimen.		
177	30	U	Roving thermocouple was applied near the crack near B11 for a period of 9 seconds and a reading of 118°C was obtained.		
180	00	U	Cracks had developed in the top section of the test specimen. Test specime was still maintaining integrity in accordance with AS1530.4-1997.		
185	00	U	Roving thermocouple was applied on the crack of the western side of the test specimen.		
186	30	U	Roving thermocouple reading was 98.5°C after 90 seconds.		
187	00	U	Roving thermocouple was applied on the top crack of the western side of the test specimen.		
188	30	U	Roving thermocouple reading was 138°C after 90 seconds.		
189	00	U	No further changes had occurred.		
204	30	U	Roving thermocouple was applied at approximately 470mm from the top an 950mm from the western edge of the test specimen.		
206	00	U	Roving thermocouple reading was 157°C after 90 seconds.		
210	00	U	Smoke was emitted from the eastern edge and through the crack in the partition of the test specimen.		
216	00	U	Roving thermocouple was applied on the crack 200mm below deflection poir D2.		
217	30	U	Roving thermocouple reading was 180°C after 90 seconds.		
220	00	U	Roving thermocouple was applied near Thermocouple B5.		
221	30	U	Roving thermocouple reading was 90°C after 90 seconds. This compared to Thermocouple B5 reading of 99°C.		
228	00	E	No further changes of the exposed face had occurred		
239	00	U	Crack had developed above Thermocouple C2. Smoke was emitted from the eastern edge of the test specimen.		
241	00	U	The furnace was shut down and the fire resistance test was terminated at the request of the test sponsor.		

Table A2.3 (continued...): Test Observations

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U- Observations from non-fire side of the test specimen

E- Observations from fire exposed side of the test specimen

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APPENDIX 3

PHOTOGRAPHS

PLATE 1:	Exposed face vertical hairline crack on eastern side prior to commencement
	of the fire resistance test.

- PLATE 2: Exposed face horizontal hairline crack on western lower corner prior to commencement of the fire resistance test.
- PLATE 3: Exposed face prior to commencement of the fire resistance test.
- PLATE 4: Unexposed face prior to commencement of the fire resistance test.
- PLATE 5: Unexposed face after approximately 120 Minutes Test Duration.
- PLATE 6: Unexposed face after completion of the fire resistance test.

PLATE 7: Exposed face after completion of the fire resistance test and after being detached from the furnace.





Plate 1: Exposed face vertical hairline crack on eastern side prior to commencement of the fire resistance test.

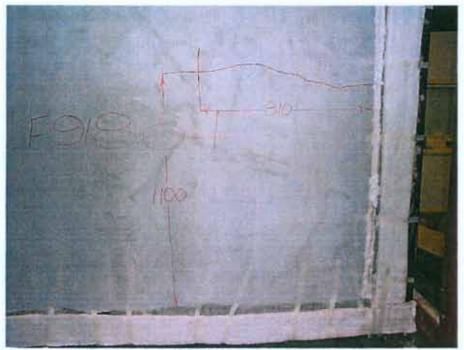


Plate 2: Exposed face horizontal hairline crack on western lower corner prior to commencement of the fire resistance test.

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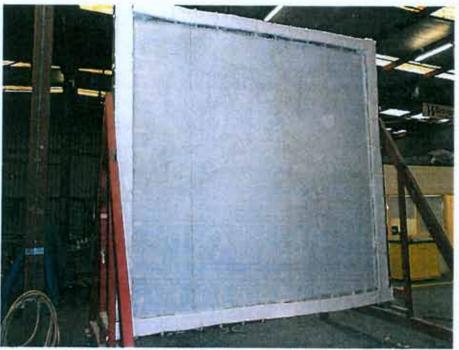


Plate 3: Exposed face Prior to Commencement of the fire resistance test.

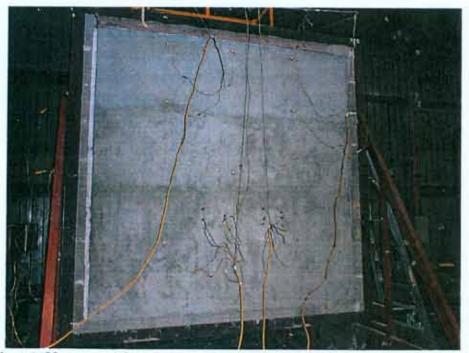


Plate 4: Unexposed face Prior to Commencement of the fire resistance test.

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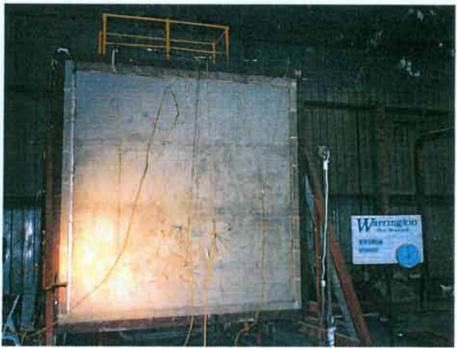


Plate 5: Unexposed face of test specimen after approximately 120 Minutes Test Duration.

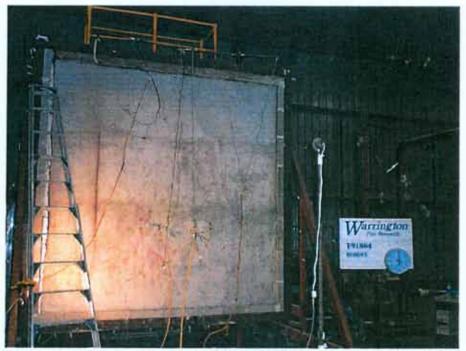


Plate 6: Unexposed face of test specimen after completion of the fire resistance Test.

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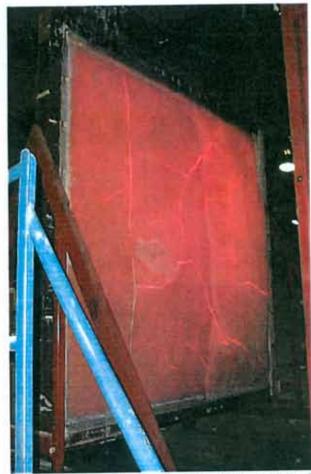


Plate 7: Exposed face of test specimen after completion of the fire resistance test and after being detached from the furnace.

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