



Reaction to fire test report

Test standard: Ad-hoc test based off ISO 13785-1:2002 with an additional wind component

Test sponsor: Cladding Safety Victoria (CSV)

System: Aluminium composite panel (ACP) and glazing external wall cladding system

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1. Introduction

This report documents the findings of an ad-hoc reaction to fire test for an Aluminium composite panel (ACP) and glazing external wall cladding system performed on 23 February 2024. The test was based off some general requirements of ISO 13785-1:2002 with an additional wind component.

Warringtonfire performed the test at the request of the test sponsor listed in Table 1.

Table 1 Test sponsor details

Test sponsor	Address
Cladding Safety Victoria (CSV)	717 Bourke Street Docklands, VIC 3808
	Australia

2. Test specimen

2.1 Schedule of components

Table 2 describes the test specimen and lists the schedule of components. These were provided by the representatives of the test sponsor and surveyed by Warringtonfire. All measurements were done by Warringtonfire – unless indicated otherwise.

Detailed drawings of the test specimen are provided in Appendix A.

Table 2 Schedule of components

Item	Description			
Cladding	l			
1.	Item name	aluminium composite panel (ACP) panel		
	Product	Aluminium Composite	Panel - 4 mm Dark Oak/Matte White	
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Material	The material was nominated as panels consisting of two layers of aluminium sheets sandwiching a layer (core) with 45 % polyethylene (PE) and inorganic filler.		
		Analysis conducted by the analytical centre of UNSW showed that the core consisted of polyethylene-vinyl acetate (PEVA) - found to be 43.9 % w/w - whilst the remainder of the material was found to be 45.3 % magnesium hydroxide, 6.1 % calcium carbonate and 4.8 % other inert material.		
		Refer to Appendix C for more detaile	ed results.	
		Skins	Front skin – Dark brown oak pattern Back skin – Matte white	
		Core	Light grey	
	Size	Total panel thickness – 4.0 mm Core thickness – 2.9 mm Skin thickness – 0.5 mm (both) Refer to Appendix A for individual panel sizing details.		
	Marking (representative panel)			
	Areal density	Full panel – 6.9 kg/m² (measured)		
2.	Item name	Back-pan		
	Product	Nominally 0.9 mm thick Galvabond	sheet, measured 0.6 mm	
	Supplier			

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Item	Description			
	Material	Galvanised steel		
	Batch			
	Size	Measured: 1160 mm wide × 3700 mm tall, 0.6 mm thick – in segments.		
Glazing				
3.	Item name	Double glazing		
	Material	6 mm Clear Heat Strengthened\12B (Argon filled cavity) \6.5 HU		
	Size (nominal)	1188 mm wide × 1800 mm tall × 5 mm/6 mm/6.76 mm with a 12 mm black spacer.		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Batch	Unknown		
4.	Item name	Single glazing		
	Material	6 mm toughened glass		
	Size (nominal)	1182 mm wide × 1800 mm tall × 6 mm thick		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Batch	Unknown		
Framing				
5.	Item name	Test rig frame - 90 × 90 SHS and 200 × 90 PFC frame		
	Size	90 mm × 90 mm × 5 mm thick and 200 mm × 90 mm × 10 mm thick – refer to Figure 14.		
6.	Item name	Aluminium curtain wall transom/mullions (rectangular hollow sections) – framing		
	Size	65 mm to 70 mm wide × 116 mm deep × 3 mm thick.		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
7.	Item name	Aluminium angles - framing		
	Size	25 mm wide × 50 mm deep × 3 mm thick		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
8.	Item name	Aluminium angles – for middle double back-pan unit.		
	Size	25 mm wide × 50 mm deep × 3 mm thick		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Installation	Used to secure the secondary back-pan in the within the middle module The angle was screw fixed to both the back-pan (item 2) and the aluminium framing (item 6) using screws (item 18).		
9.	Item name	Aluminium stiffener - framing		
	Size	3 mm thick × 150 mm deep		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
10.	Item name	Curtain wall bracket		
	Size	150 mm deep (7 mm thick) × 75 tall (10 mm thick) × 100 mm wide		
	Installation	Used to secure the 3 modules to the test rig using tek screws.		
Smoke	sea l			
11.	Item name	Smoke seal		
	Size	0.55 mm thick galvanised steel		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			

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Item	Description			
Penetra	netration			
12.	Item name	Exhaust		
	Size	Backing plates: 355 mm × 355 mm × 0.6 mm thick Large tube: Ø155 mm × 330 mm long × 0.5 mm thick Small tube: Ø100 mm × 300 mm long × 0.6 mm thick		
	Material	Galvanised steel		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Pictures	Exposed side Unexposed side		
	Installation	These penetrating elements were a galvanised steel tube with a smaller galvanised steel tube inside. On the glazing side was a circular cap connected to the large tube via 15-off strips. Between the glazing and the inner back-pan was a square compartment made from galvanised steel which hid the tubing.		
Insulati	on			
13.	Item name	90 mm thick polyethylene terephthalate (PET) insulation		
	Density	10 kg/m³		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
14.	Item name	50 mm thick aluminium - with fibre-glass mesh - foil faced rockwool insulation		
	Density of core	40 kg/m ³		
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
Sealant	/Adhesive			
15.	Item name	Weathering sealant - silicone sealant		
	Product name			
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Usage	Placed at ACP edges and screw and rivet locations.		
16.	Item name	Back-pan sealant - Fire-rated mastic		
	Product name			
	Manufacturer/Supplier			
	Usage	Used between the back-pans (item 2) and the aluminium framing (item 7).		
17.	lt	Penetration sealant		
17.	Item name			
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Item	Description	
18.	Item name	Tek screws SDS – zinc coated steel – for fixing the back-pan
	Size	10g × 24 mm long
	Installation	Used to fix aluminium angles (item 8) to the aluminium frame (item 6) at max. 500 mm centres
19.	Item name	Wafer head screws – zinc coated steel
	Size	10g × 16 mm long
	Installation	Used to fix aluminium angles (item 8) to the aluminium frame (item 6) at max. 500 mm centres
20.	Item name	Wafer head screws – zinc coated steel
	Size	10g × 20 mm long
	Installation	Used to fix the penetration backing plate (item 12) to the back-pan (item 2) of the central module.
21.	Item name	Wafer head screws – zinc coated steel
	Size	10g × 21 mm long
	Installation	Used to fix ACP (item 1) to the aluminium stiffener (item 9) – four per corner.
22.	Item name	Aluminium rivets
	Size	Ø4 mm
23.	Item name	Fast-fix washers and pin weld (to hold insulation)
	Size	115 mm × 3 mm pins and 25 mm × 25 mm fast fix washers.
24.	Item name	Tek screws for curtain wall bracket
	Size	14 g × 35 mm long
25.	Item name	Tek screws for smoke seal to false slab i.e., C-Purlin
	Size	14 g × 35 mm long
Installatio	n method	
Test rig:	two C-purlin sec modules – interc using curtain wa	the (item 5) was the main support for the test specimen, however, there were stions that acted as false slabs (200 mm tall). The test specimen, 3-off connected through aluminium framing (item 6), was fixed to the test rigular brackets (item 10) and fixings (item 24) – see Figure 16 & Figure 17. tended from the bottom of the specimen to the top.
Framing:	which were scre stiffeners (item 9	g for the external wall was composed of aluminium extrusions (item 6) w fixed together. Aluminium angles (item 8) – horizontal edges - and 3) – on the vertical edges - were fixed to the aluminium framing (item 6), d screws (item 20) and aluminium rivets (item 22), respectively.
Cladding:	which were fixed	f the specimen was cladded with 200 mm deep cassetted ACPs (item 1), it to the aluminium stiffeners (item 9) and the aluminium angles (item 8) rivets (item 22), 2-off at 300 mm centres - Appendix A. See Figure 15 for
	18) at 300 mm o washers and pir module had an o framing (item 6)	If the framing was closed off with steel back-pans (item 2) screw fixed (item tentres. PET insulation (item 13) was fixed to the back-pan using fast-fix a combinations (item 19) that were welded to the back-pan. The centre extra back-pan behind the glazing (item 4). This was fixed to the aluminium using screws (item 18) and aluminium angles (item 8). Foil-faced rockwool 14) was inserted between the two back-pans (item 2) of the centre module.
Glazing	framing (item 6)	h double (item 3) and single (item 4), were attached to the aluminium as shown in Figure 15 to Figure 20 and Figure 21. The glazing was sealed neter with weather sealant (item 15).

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Item	Description
Smoke sea	Smoke seal barrier (item 11) was attached to C-purlins of the test rig (item 5) with screw fixings (item 24) at approximate 600 mm centres. PET insulation (item 13) was installed into the 60 mm wide cavity above the barrier (item 12).
Penetration	The penetration went through holes in the single glazing (item 4) and back-pans (item 2) of the second module. These were fixed to the back-pan and the window with a steel sheet (backing plate), using screws and sealant and just sealant, respectively.

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3. **Test procedure**

Table 3 details the test procedure for this reaction to fire test.

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Item	Detail
Statement of compliance	The ad-hoc test – which was based off ISO 13785-1:2002 - was performed to determine the reaction to fire performance of an external wall cladding when exposed to heat from a simulated external fire with flames impinging directly upon a façade with an added wind component. The test utilises a burner used in ISO 13785-1:2002 with the specimen mimicking the as-is construction of the façade.
Variations	None.
Sampling / specimen selection	The laboratory was not involved in sampling or selecting the test specimen for the reaction to fire test. The results obtained during the test only apply to the test samples as
	received and tested by Warringtonfire.
Test duration	60 minutes
Instrumentation and equipment	21 mineral insulated metal sheathed (MIMS) Type K thermocouples with an overall diameter of 1.5 mm with the measuring junction insulated from the sheath were positioned 60 mm in front of the face of the test specimen. Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 for details on positioning.
	• The incident heat flux on the top of the specimen in line with the front face of test specimen was measured using a Schmidt-Boelter type heat flux gauge with a range of 0-100 kW/m².
	The incident heat flux 500 mm behind the outer glazings – burner side and non-burner side – was measured using two Schmidt-Boelter type heat flux gauges with a range of 0-20 kW/m², respectively.
	The incident heat flux 80 mm behind the central glazing was measured using a Schmidt-Boelter type heat flux gauge with a range of 0-20 kW/m².
	Temperatures above and below the cladding were measured by seven 100 mm × 100 mm × 0.7 mm plate thermocouples with mineral insulated metal sheathed (MIMS) Type K thermocouples with an overall diameter of 1 mm with the measuring junction electrically insulated from the sheath. The thermocouple hot junction was fixed to the geometric centre of the plate by a small steel strip made from the same material as the plate. The plate thermocouples included 97 mm × 97 mm × 10 mm inorganic insulation pads. Before the first use of the plate thermocouples, they were aged by being exposed to heat in a fire-resistance test furnace for 90 min under the standard temperature/ time curve. Refer Figure 1 and Figure 2 for details on positioning.
	The fire source was a propane (95% purity) gas burner 1.2 m long × 0.1 m deep × 0.15 m tall. The burner was placed on the floor below the specimen with approximately 40 mm overlap with the front of the ACP. A shield for the burner made from FR plasterboard and Hebel block work – having a cavity 1.2 m × 0.12 m, 500 mm above the floor - was used during the baseline data test.
	Airflow across the front of the specimen was provided by a square array of 4-off pedestal fans. 3 blades with a fan diameter of 750 mm. The centre of the fans were located at the approximate heights of 1.5 m and 2.3 m from the floor and 0.5 m and 1.3 m from the guide wall. The fans were at the settings that provided the airflow listed in Table 4.
	A guide wall – 2.8 m tall × 3.0 m wide was butted up to the specimen and blanking wall and placed at a 45° angle in relation to the specimen.
	The horizontal wind speed was measured using a hot wire anemometer.

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Item	Detail
Test procedure	 At least two minutes of baseline data was collected prior to producing air flow across the specimen. Data of for baseline airflow was collected for at least 5 minutes. Temperature and heat flux data was collected at 5 s intervals.
	The heat output from the burner was held at 300 kW for the 30 minutes. The burner was then turned off and data recorded for the next 30 minutes.
Variation between tests – referencing test report	The burner and source of the wind were located on the opposing side of the specimen.
RTF230002 R1.0 and this test.	The main cladding – cassetted ACP - of the wall system was different. The tested ACP had a core 45 % polyethylene with FR with skin with an oak colour and pattern instead of that tested in the previous test.
	The capping of the penetration was slightly different.

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Test measurements and results 4.

The results from the tests are summarized below. Photographs of the specimen are included in Appendix B.

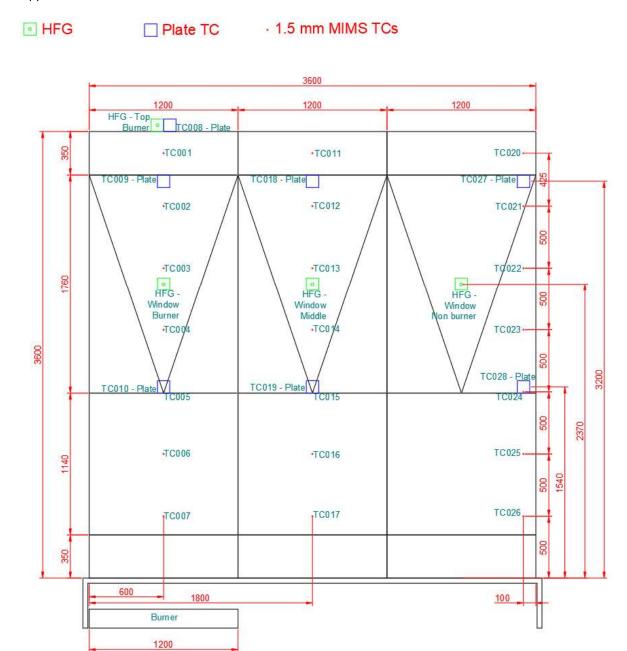


Figure 1 Instrumentation locations - front elevation

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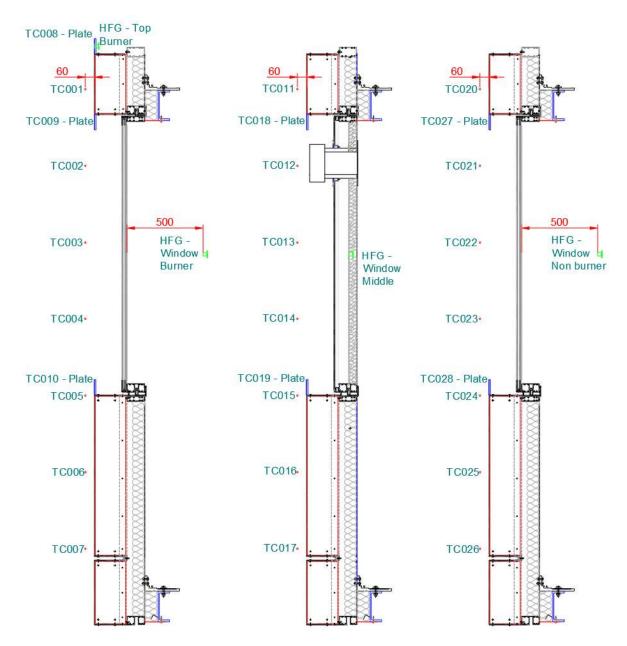


Figure 2 Instrumentation locations – sections



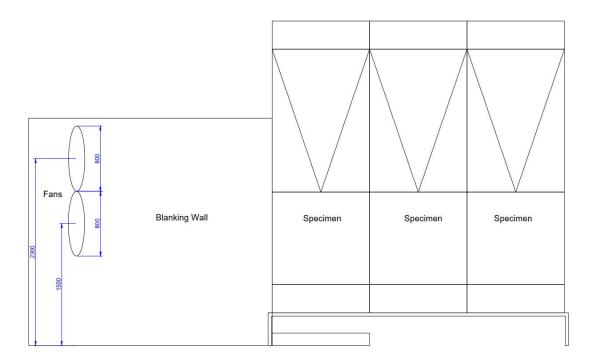


Figure 3 Instrumentation locations – Elevation

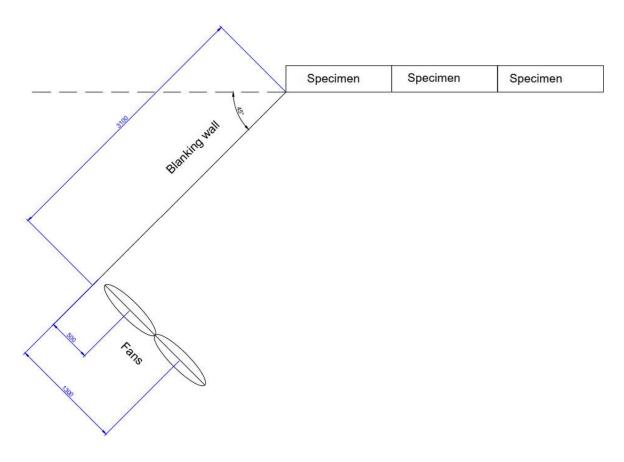


Figure 4 Instrumentation locations – Plan view

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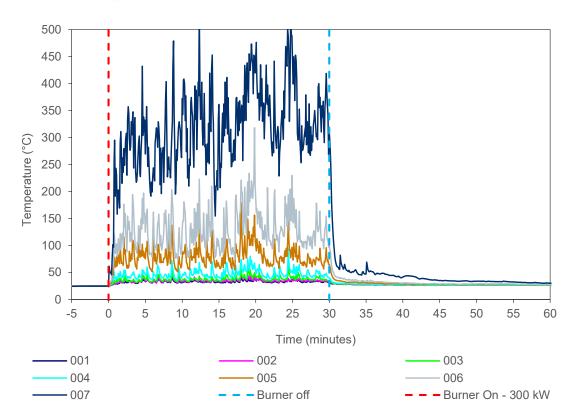


Figure 5 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 60 mm from the front face of the specimen - in-line with the burner.

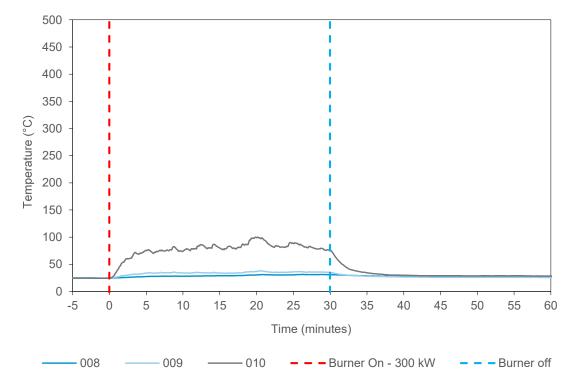


Figure 6 External temperature data collected by thermocouples in-line with ACP, above and below, respectively - in-line with the burner.



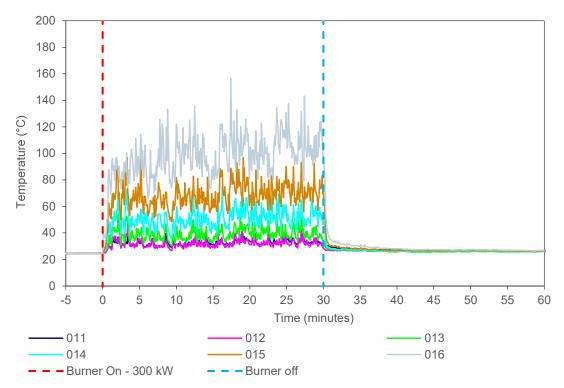


Figure 7 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 60 mm from the front face of the specimen – central module.

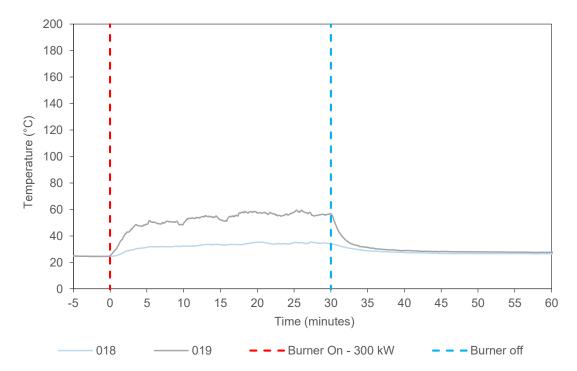


Figure 8 External temperature data collected by thermocouples in-line with ACP, above and below, respectively – central module.



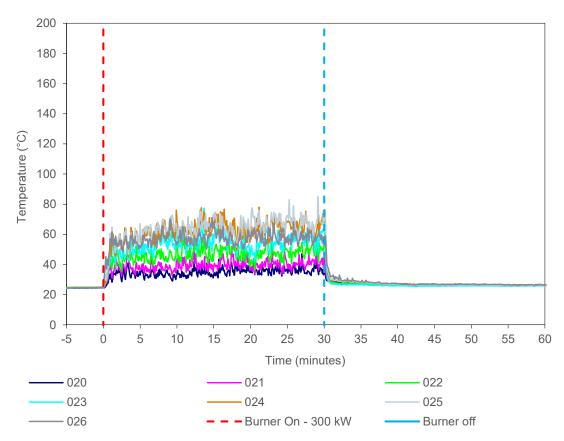


Figure 9 External temperature data collected by thermocouples placed 60 mm from the front face of the specimen – away from burner.

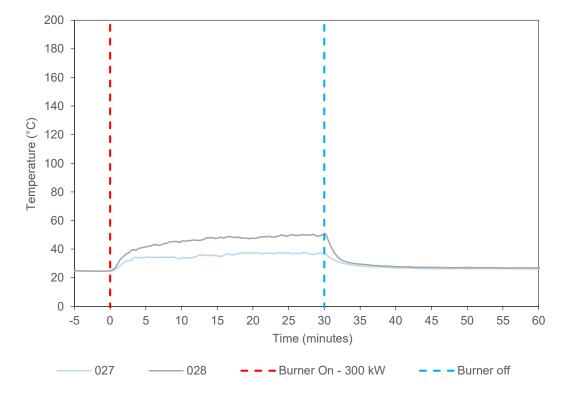


Figure 10 External temperature data collected by thermocouples in-line with ACP, above and below, respectively – away from burner.



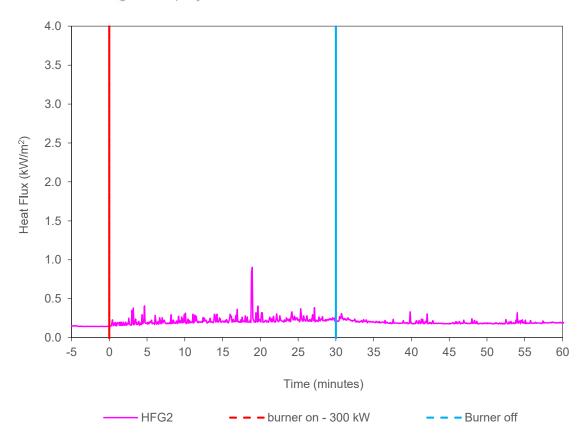


Figure 11 Heat flux data collected by heat flux gauge at the top of the specimen above the burner.

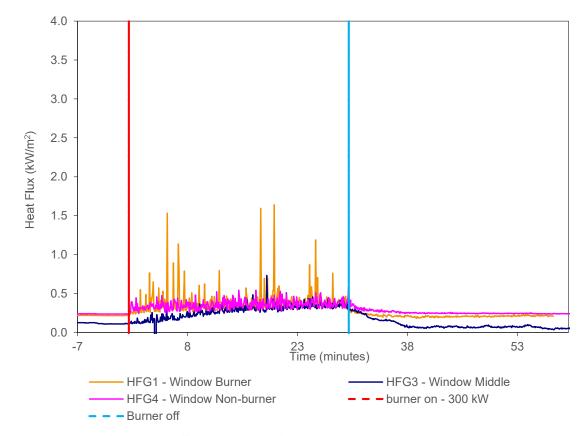


Figure 12 Heat flux data collected by heat flux gauges behind the glazing units.





Figure 13 Designation of section for the test observations.

Table 4 shows the observations of any significant behaviour of the specimen during the test. Figure 13 shows the panel and glazing designations sighted in the observations.

Video recordings were also taken of the test. A copy of the video recording is available upon request from the test sponsor or by contacting Cladding Safety Victoria. The video of the test should be viewed in conjunction the contents of this report.

Table 4 Test observations

	Tin	ne	Des.	Observation
М	in	Sec		
	Pre-test			an hour period prior to the test period and data collection the wind was turned on and easurements and steady state conditions were recorded.
A2 The wind speed just below TC005 was 1.3 – 1.8 m/s.		The wind speed just below TC005 was 1.3 – 1.8 m/s.		
B2 The wind speed just below TC015 was 2.2 – 2.8 m/s.		The wind speed just below TC015 was 2.2 – 2.8 m/s.		

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Time D		Des.	Observation
Min	Sec		
		C2	The wind speed just below TC024 was 1.2 – 2.5 m/s.
- 7	00	All	Data collection started.
-5	00	All	The wind loading was applied
0	00	All	The reaction to fire test was started as the burner was ignited with the heat output set at 300 kW.
1	09	A1	The face of the panel started to darken.
1	52	A1	The bottom paint started to burn away.
2	20	A1	The bottom paint started to burn upward.
3	50	A1	The panel face is deforming.
5	03	B1	The panel face was discolouring.
5	31	A2	The panel face was discolouring at the bottom part.
6	13	Α	There was smoke emitting from the top of the frame.
6	52	A1/A2	The join was smoking.
7	15	B1	The panel face was flaking off.
7	44	A1/A2	There was intermittent flaming at the join.
8	32	A1	The bottom of the panel had opened up.
9	00	A2	The paint of the panel was flaking off.
9	41	A1/A2 B1/B2	There was flaming at the joins.
11	48	B2	The was discolouration of the face of the panel.
18	50	A1/A2	The join was flaming consistently.
22	10	C1/C2	There was smoke emitting from this join.
26	43	B1/B2	The joint was flaming consistently.
29	15	A/B	There was smoke emitting on the unexposed side.
30	00	All	The burner was turned off.
30	20	A1/A2 B1/B2	The panels were still burning. The panels were intermittently burning.
34	00	All	The specimen continued to flame.
40	00	All	The specimen continued to flame.
40	20	Α	Unexposed - The specimen was flaming on the smoke seal.
45	00	A1/A2	The panels were still flaming but had died down.
45	50	All	Smoke emissions had reduced.
50	00	A1/A2	There was still flaming at the join.
55	00	A1/A2	There was still flaming at the join, but it has reduced.
60	00	All	There was still some flaming. The test was ended.

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5. Application of test results

Test limitations 5.1

The results of these fire tests 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.

These results only relate to the behaviour of the specimen of the element of construction under the particular conditions of the test. They are not intended to be the sole criteria for assessing the potential fire performance of the element in use, and they do not necessarily reflect the actual behaviour in fires.

5.2 Variations from the tested specimen

This report details methods of construction, the test conditions and the results obtained when the specific element of construction described here was tested following the procedure outlined in Table 2. Any significant variation with respect to size, construction details, loads, stresses, edge or end conditions is not addressed by this report.

It is recommended that any proposed variation to the tested configuration should be referred to the test sponsor. They should then obtain appropriate documentary evidence of compliance from Warringtonfire or another accredited testing authority.

5.3 **Uncertainty of measurements**

Because of the nature of reaction to fire testing and the consequent difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of measurements obtained from a reaction to fire test, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy of result.

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Appendix A Drawings of test assembly

The drawings of the test assembly in Figure 14 to Figure 21 were provided by the representatives of Warringtonfire. Dimensions, unless specified, are in mm.

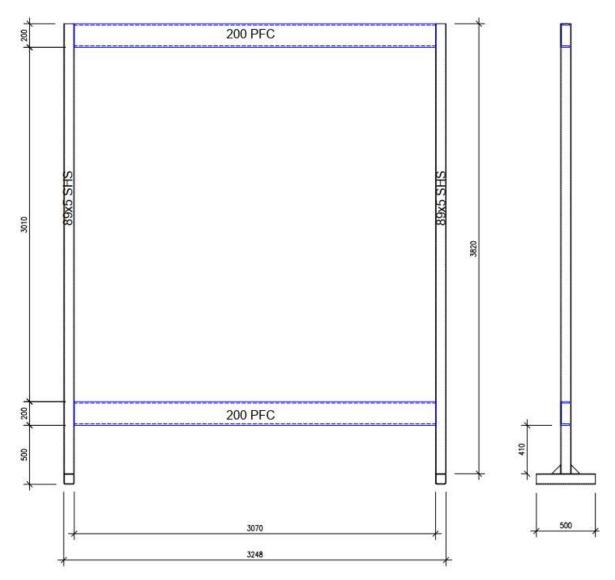


Figure 14 Elevation of rig support.



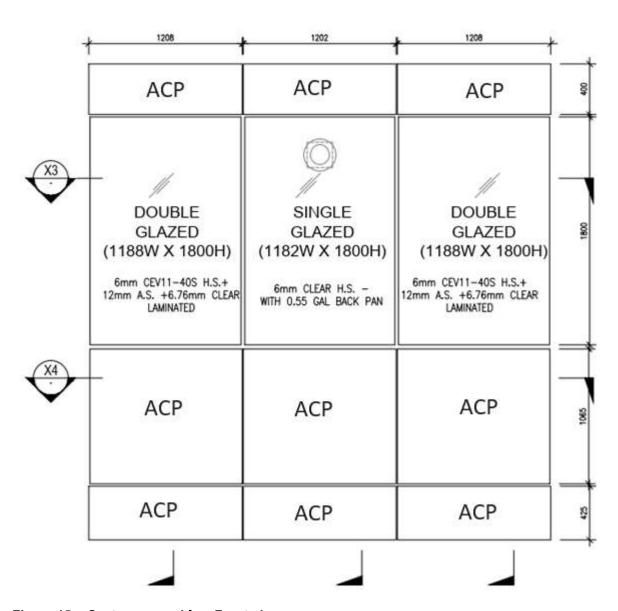


Figure 15 System assembly - Front view



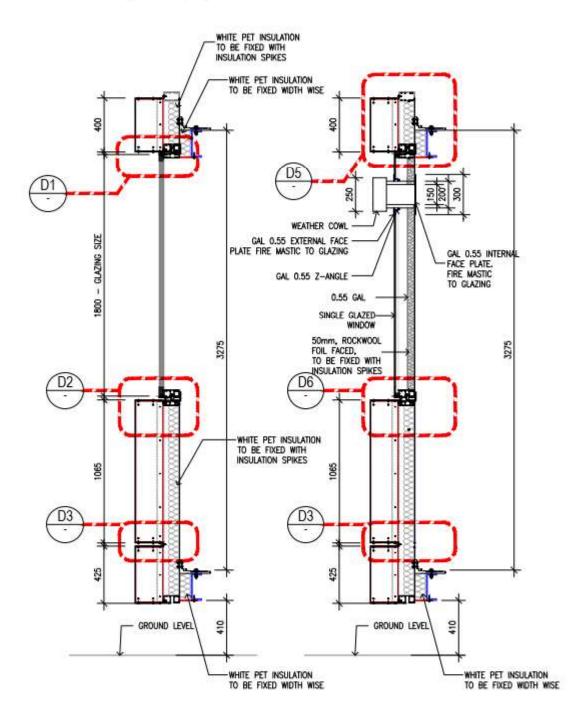


Figure 16 System assembly - vertical cross-sectional view.

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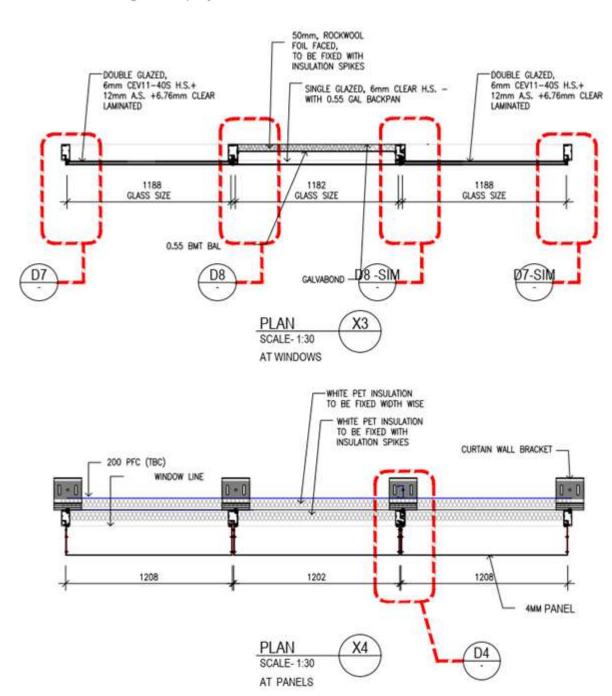


Figure 17 System assembly - vertical cross-sectional view.

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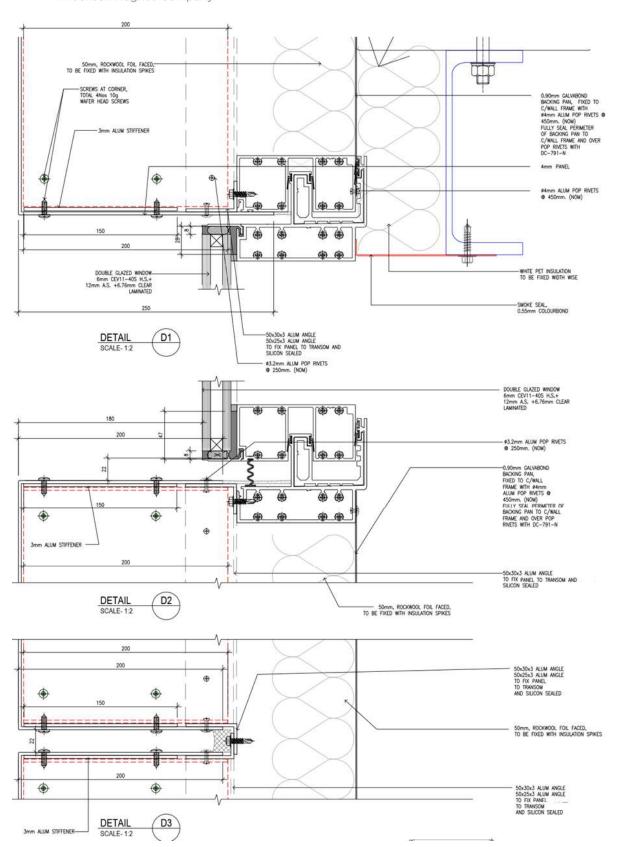


Figure 18 System assembly - Vertical cross-sectional view.

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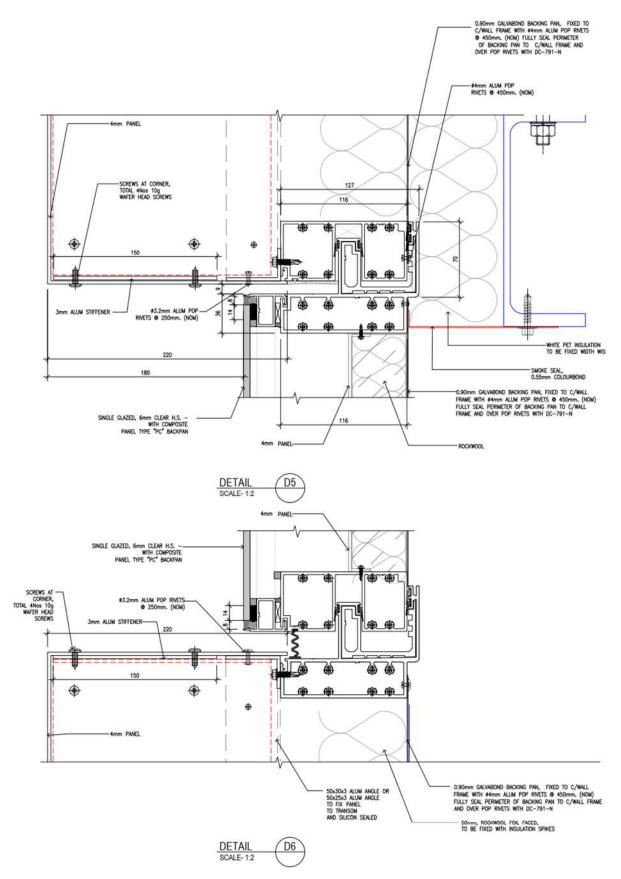


Figure 19 System assembly - Vertical cross-sectional view.

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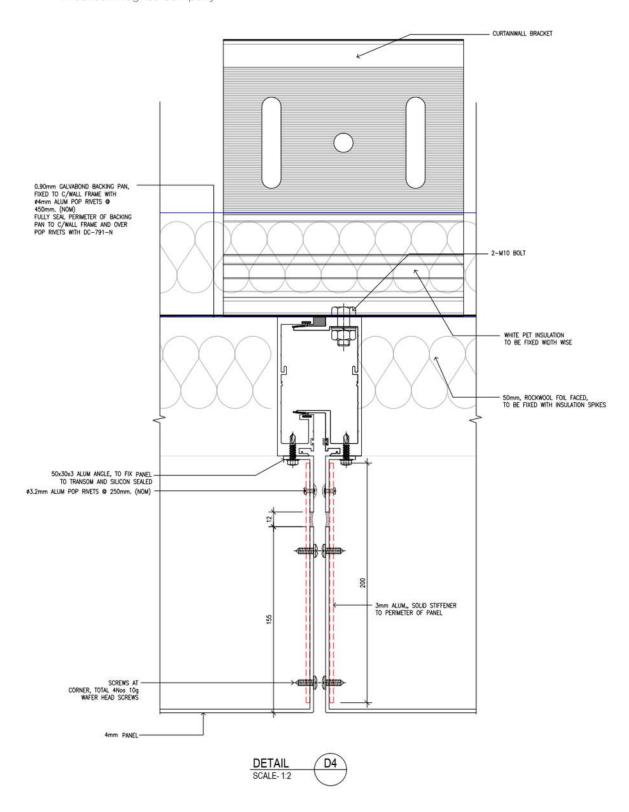


Figure 20 System assembly – vertical cross-sectional view.

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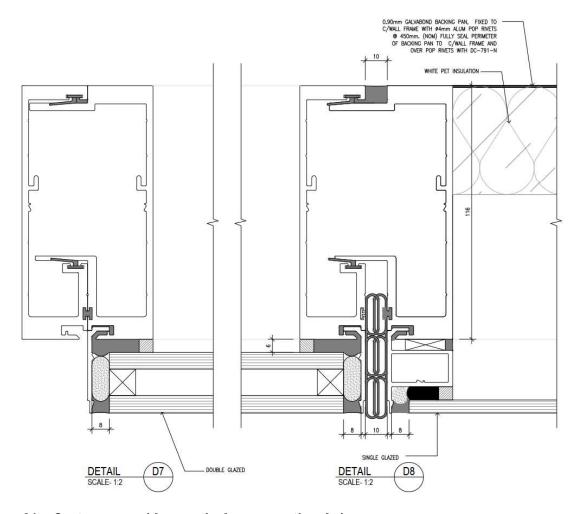


Figure 21 System assembly - vertical cross-sectional view.



Appendix B Photographs



Figure 22 The specimen and test setup (angled - exposed side) before the reaction to fire test

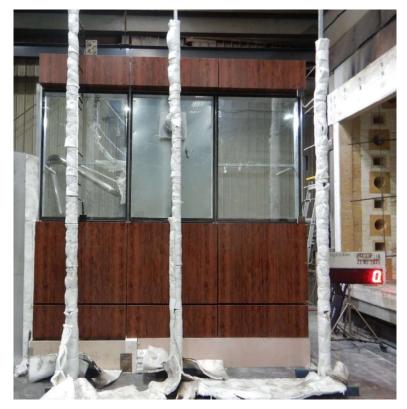


Figure 23 The specimen before the reaction to fire test - exposed side.

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Figure 24 The specimen before the reaction to fire test - unexposed side.



Figure 25 The specimen 2 minutes 30 seconds into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on)

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Figure 26 The specimen 5 minutes 1 second into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on)



Figure 27 The specimen 7 minutes 30 seconds into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on)

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Figure 28 The specimen 10 minutes into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on)



Figure 29 The specimen 15 minutes into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on).





Figure 30 The specimen 20 minutes into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on).



Figure 31 The specimen 25 minutes into the test (burner output at 300 kW and wind on).





Figure 32 The specimen 30 minutes into the test (burner off and wind on).



Figure 33 The unexposed side of the specimen 30 minutes into the test (burner off and wind on).

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Figure 34 The specimen 30 minutes 10 seconds into the test (10 seconds after burner off and wind on).



Figure 35 The specimen 30 minutes 20 seconds into the test (20 seconds after burner off and wind on).

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Figure 36 The specimen 31 minutes into the test (1minute after burner off and wind on).



Figure 37 The specimen 32 minutes 30 seconds into the test (2 minutes 30 seconds after burner off and wind on).

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Figure 38 The specimen 35 minutes into the test (5 minutes after burner off and wind on).



Figure 39 The specimen 40 minutes into the test (10 minutes after burner off and wind on).





Figure 40 The specimen 45 minutes into the test (15 minutes after burner off and wind on).



Figure 41 The specimen 50 minutes into the test (20 minutes after burner off and wind on).





Figure 42 The specimen 55 minutes into the test (25 minutes after burner off and wind on).



Figure 43 The specimen at the end of test.





Figure 44 The unexposed side of the specimen at the end of test.



Appendix C Chemical analysis results



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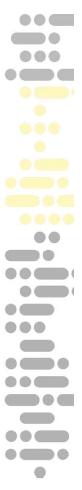
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1. SAMPLES

One plastic sachet containing two ACP cores was received for analysis. The samples were identified as follows:

CCL sample coding	Client sample coding		
23197-1	Oak		
23197-2	Silver		

CCL has been asked to identify the polymer and the filler (s) in the samples by FT/IR, quantitate and identify the mineral filler in the samples and classify them in accordance with the ICA cladding scheme.

2. METHODOLOGY AND RESULTS

The aluminium metal was removed from the ACPs cladding polymer, and the flat surface of the polymer samples was abraded to remove any surface adhesive. The surface of each sample was analysed directly by FTIR. The FT-IR spectrum is presented in Figures 1-2.

The core of each sample was then ashed to determine its percentage mineral content (Table 1). If sufficient (>0.5 g) ash had been produced it was analysed for elemental composition by X ray fluorescence spectroscopy. Results are presented in Table 2.

Table 1 Ash content of samples.

Sample coding	Ash content (w/w%)		
23197-1	39.5		
23197-2	21.6		

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Table 2 Elemental composition of 23197-1

Element Oxide wt.%	23197-1
Na ₂ O	0.45
MgO	79.26
Al ₂ O ₃	0.39
SiO ₂	4.87
P ₂ O ₅	0.12
SO ₃	0.26
K ₂ O	0.04
CaO	8.66
TiO ₂	2.24
V ₂ O ₅	0.01
Cr ₂ O ₃	<0.01
Mn ₃ O ₄	0.04
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.55
NiO	<0.01
CuO	<0.01
Zn0	0.01
Sr0	<0.01
ZrO ₂	<0.01
BaO	0.09
HfO ₂	<0.01
PbO	<0.01
L.O.I.	ND

NOTE: (i) L.O.I.= loss on ignition at 1,050 °C.

(ii) ND = not determined



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3. CONCLUSIONS

The cladding sample #1 consisted of consisted of 45.3% magnesium hydroxide, 6.1% calcium carbonate, 4.8% other inert material and approximately 43.9% polyethylene/EVA copolymer.

The cladding sample #1, is classified as ICA category A.

The cladding sample#2 consisted of consisted of 21.6% inert material and approximately 78.4% polyethylene/EVA copolymer.

The cladding sample #2, is classified as ICA category A.

The ICA Classification assigned is correct as per the September 2020 revision of the ICA Guidelines.

The calculation for magnesium hydroxide content assumes that all magnesium found is present as the hydroxide. The calculation for calcium carbonate content assumes that all calcium found is present as calcium carbonate.

The reader is reminded that we can only analyse and classify the content of samples actually presented to us. We can offer no guarantee that this composition or classification is valid for cladding as a whole, because some types of cladding can be inhomogeneous, and a sample may not be representative of the cladding as a whole. Anyone using our results should consider these sampling issues and uncertainties before they generalise the results we present to anybody of cladding as a whole.

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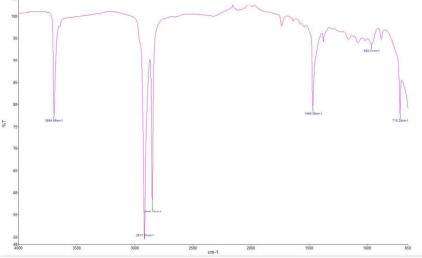


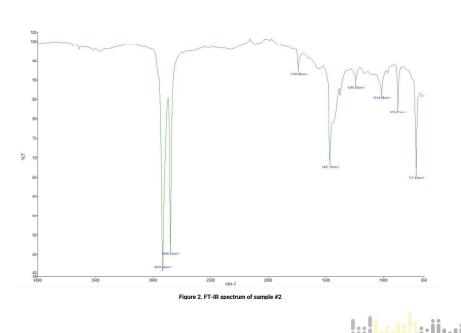
Figure 1. FT-IR spectrum of Sample #1

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