

Overcoming Challenges Of Fire Compartmentation Of Façades

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Course Description



This presentation will review types of compartmentation, the functional and testing requirements of perimeter barrier firestop systems and cavity barriers in global market and Routes to compliance though large scale system tests like NFPA 285 and BS 8414

Learning Objectives



1.FUNDAMENTALS REQUIREMENTS FROM FIRST PRINCIPLES

- 2.TYPES OF COMPARTMENTATION
- 3.CRITICAL INTERFACE BETWEEN SLAB EDGE AND CURTAINWALL

4.COMPARTMENTATION WITHIN EXTERNAL FAÇADE ASSEMBLIES

FUNDAMENTALS





WHAT IS REACTION TO FIRE

CLASSIFICATION A1, A2, B1 ETC

WHAT IS RESISTANCE TO FIRE

MEASUREMENT INTEGRITY (E) OR FIRE RATING INSULATION (I) OR TEMPERATURE (T)

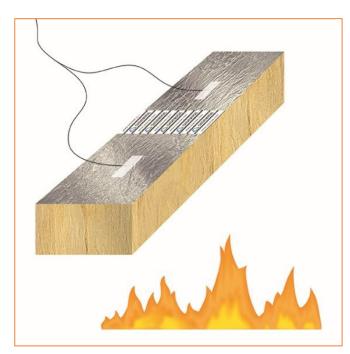
30 MINUTES, 60 MINUTES, 90 MINUTES 120 MINUTES



HOW IS RESISTANCE MEASURED

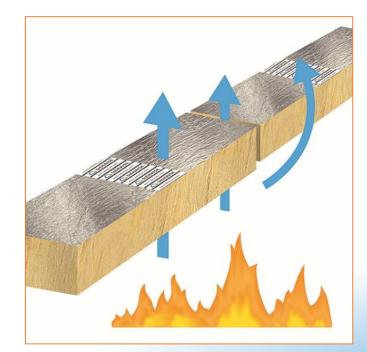


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Conducted heat Ambient plus 180 °C

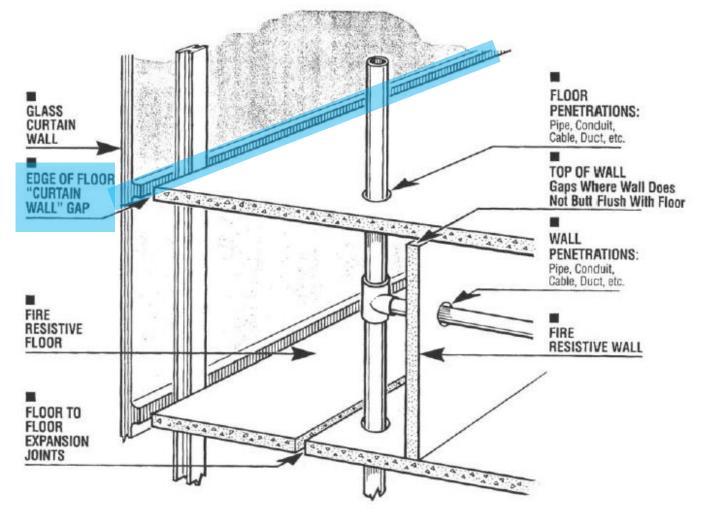
INTEGRITY



Flame, smoke and gases

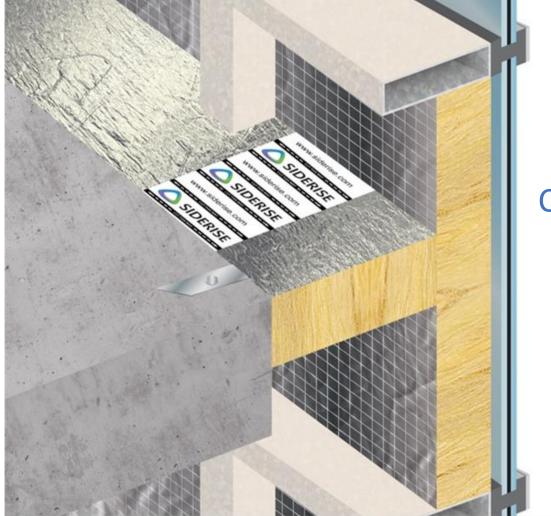
WHERE ARE THESE LOCATED





PRIMARY FUNCTION





Continuity of fire resistance

HOW ARE THE PERFORMANCE MEASURED – TEST STANDARD



EN 1364 PART 4

Fire resistance test for non-loadbearing elements Part 4: Curtain walling Part configuration

- Test of compartment floor: spandrel junction
- Models movements of curtain wall and the floor during a fully developed/ flashed over fire.
- Perimeter seal under the most duress



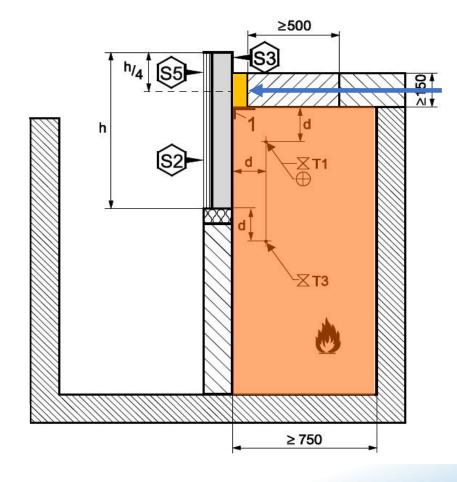
BSI Standards Publication

Fire resistance tests for nonloadbearing elements

Part 4: Curtain walling — Part configuration

HOW ARE THE PERFORMANCE MEASURED – TEST STANDARD – EN 1364 PART 4





Perimeter Barrier Firestop

- Dynamic condition
- Large scale

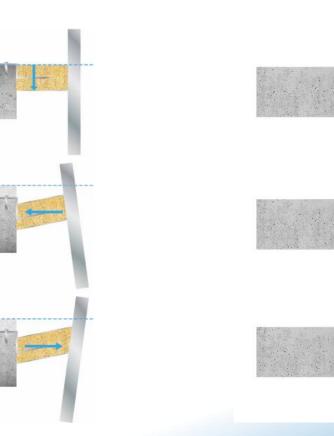
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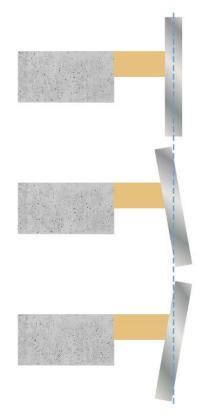




FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS







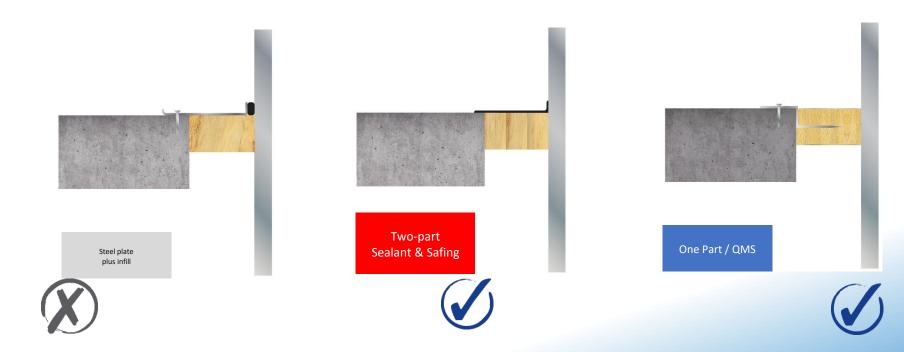
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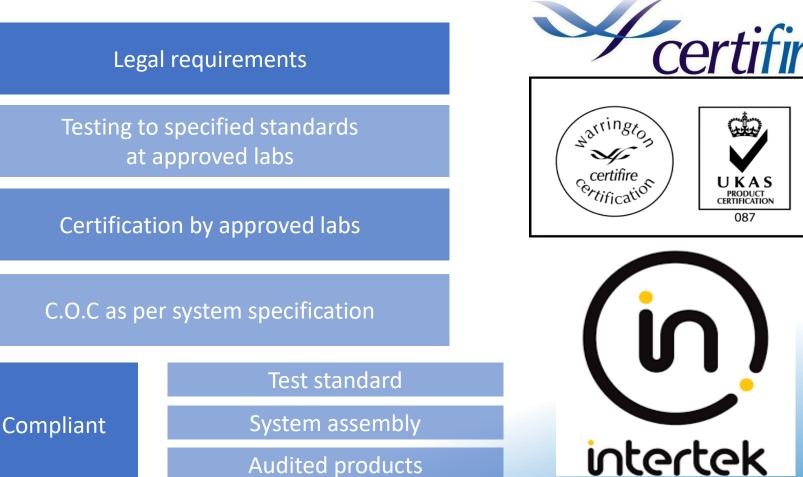
COMPLIANT SYSTEM





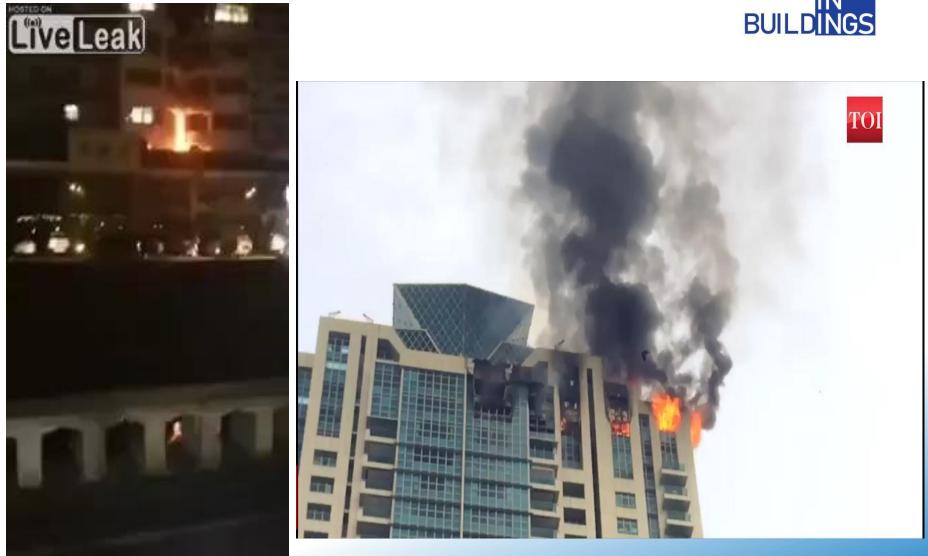
HOW TO COMPLY





BUILDING FIRES





CAVITY BARRIERS





POLAT TOWER, INSTANBUL



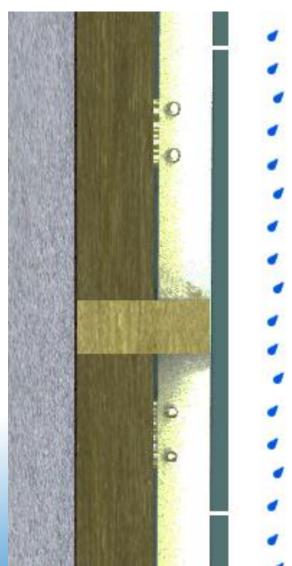




CAVITY BARRIER IN EXTERNAL FAÇADE ASSEMBLIES



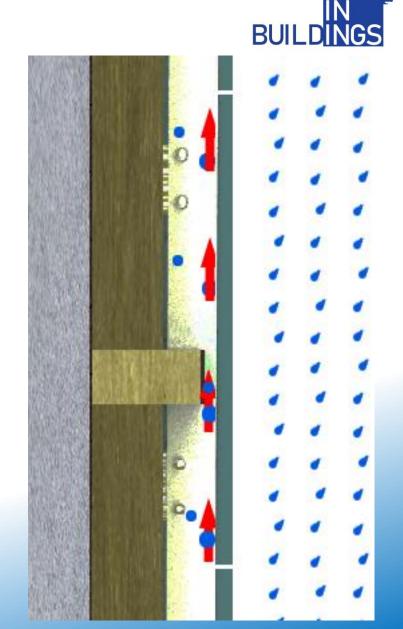
- Traditional full-width cavity barriers prevent ventilation and drainage
- Cavity barriers in rainscreen presents a conflict.
- How do we overcome this conflict?



CORRECT BARRIER DESIGN

The use of intumescent materials:

 Allow a cavity to be maintained under normal circumstances



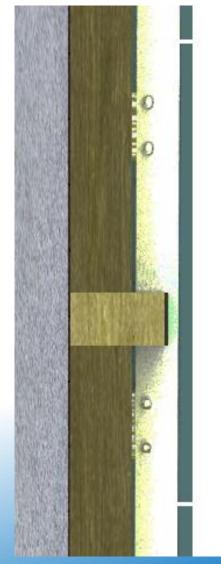
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CORRECT CAVITY BARRIERS

The use of intumescent materials:

- Allow a cavity to be maintained under normal circumstances
- Seals cavity in the event of a fire
 - Activated at critical temperature
 - 'Integrity' re-established
 - Continues to expand to close air gap.



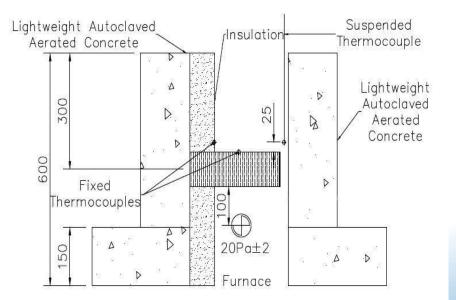


STANDARD TO EVALUATE CAVITY BARRIERS



11.1 Effective Closure of the 'open-state' cavity barrier

10.4 Cavity closure time should be< 5 Minutes





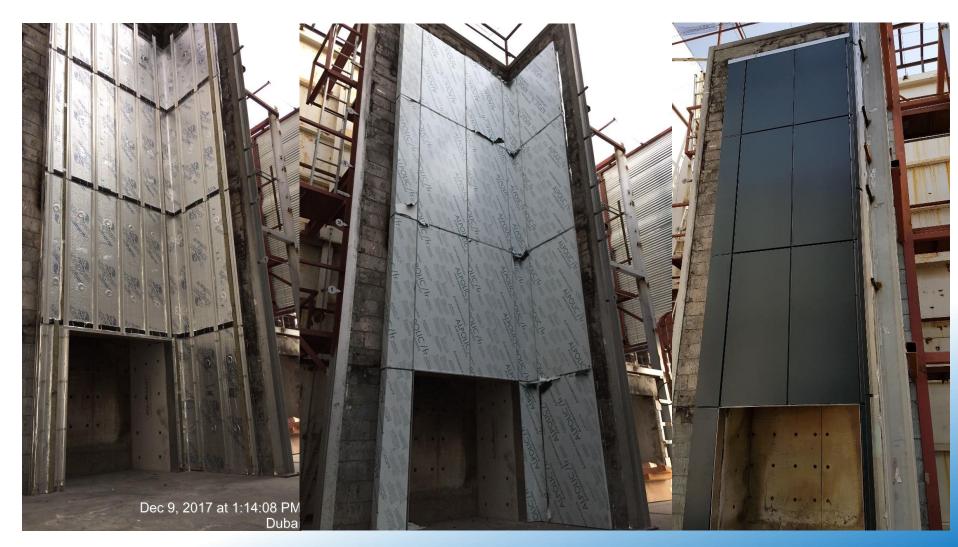
ASFP Technical Guidance Document - TGD 19

Fire Resistance Test for 'Open-State' Cavity Barriers used in the external envelope or fabric of buildings

July 2014

LARGE SCALE TEST – BS 8414





LARGE SCALE TEST

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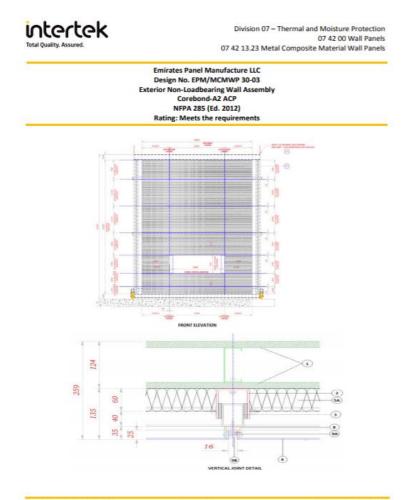
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FUTURE....



Theme #1 – Thinking ahead

A failure to incorporate adequate early thought into how to detail for good fire and acoustic performance in façades in general

Theme #2 – Change of use

We need to think about change of use – can we future proof buildings so they can evolve often from commercial to residential over time or vice versa?

Theme #3 – Service life & building movement We need to consider how passive perimeter compartmentation and cavity barriers in ventilated façades behave over time and how to design them for maximum life, taking into account building geography and climatic conditions.



