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ASTM E 84 Surface Burning Characteristics of "NovaShield FRU88X-6 400"

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SPECIFICATIONS OF ORDER

Determine the Flame Spread and Smoke Developed Indices based upon a single test conducted in accordance with ASTM E 84-16, as per Intertape Polymer Inc..reference Purchase Order No. O080630 and Exova Warringtonfire North America Quotation No. 16-002-455719 accepted October 3, 2016.

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION (Exova sample identification number 16-002-S0573)

Reinforced material, described as, "LDPE coated on HDPE substrate (White/White)", identified as: "NovaShield FRU88X-6 400"

TEST PROCEDURE

The method, designated as ASTM E 84-16 "Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials", is designed to determine the relative surface burning characteristics of materials under specific test conditions. Results are expressed in terms of Flame Spread Index (FSI) and Smoke Developed Index (SDI).

Although the procedure is applicable to materials, products and assemblies used in building construction for development of comparative surface spread of flame data, the test results may not reflect the relative surface burning characteristics of tested materials under all building fire conditions.

SAMPLE PREPARATION

The test specimen consisted of 1 continuous section of material approximately 0.02 inches (0.5 mm) in thickness by 21 inches (533 mm) in width by 288 inches (7315 mm) in length. Prior to testing, the specimen was conditioned to constant weight at a temperature of 73 ± 5°F (23 ± 3°C) and a relative humidity of 50 ± 5%. During testing, the specimen was supported over its full length by 2 inch (50 mm) hexagonal wire mesh and was further supported across its width by 0.25 inch (6 mm) steel rods spaced nominally at 24 inch (610 mm) intervals.

The testing was performed on: 2016-10-17

SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE

The tunnel is preheated to 150 ± 5°F (66 ± 2.8°C), as measured by the floor-embedded thermocouple located 23.25 feet (7087 mm) downstream of the burner ports, and allowed to cool to 105 ± 5°F (40.5 ± 2.8°C), as measured by the floor-embedded thermocouple located 13 feet (3962 mm) from the burners. At this time the tunnel lid is raised and the test sample is placed along the ledges of the tunnel so as to form a continuous ceiling 24 feet (7315 mm) long, 12 inches (305 mm) above the floor. Three 8 foot (2438 mm) sections of 0.25 inch (6 mm) cement board are then placed on the back side of the sample end-to-end, to protect the tunnel lid, and the lid is then lowered into place.

SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE (continued)

Upon ignition of the gas burners, the flame spread distance is observed and recorded every second. Flame spread distance versus time is plotted. Calculations ignore all flame front recessions and Flame Spread Index (FSI) is determined by calculating the total area under the curve for the test sample. If the area under the curve (A) is less than or equal to 97.5 min·ft, then FSI = 0.515·A; if greater, FSI = 4900/(195-A). FSI is then rounded to the nearest multiple of 5.
Smoke Developed Index (SDI) is determined by dividing the total area under the obscuration curve by that of red oak, and multiplying by 100. SDI is then rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 if less than 200. SDI values over 200 are rounded to the nearest multiple of 50.

TEST RESULTS

SAMPLE	Flame Spread Index (FSI)	Smoke Developed Index (SDI)
"NovaShield FRU88X-6 400"	5	180

Observations of Burning Characteristics

- The specimen ignited approximately 7 seconds after exposure to the test flame. Melting, dripping and flaming dripping behavior was observed. Material that dripped to the floor of the apparatus also ignited.
- The flame front propagated to a maximum distance of 2.8 feet (0.9 metres) at approximately 576 seconds.

Authorities having jurisdiction usually refer to these categories:

	Flame-Spread Index	Smoke Development
Class 1 or A	0 - 25	450 Maximum
Class 2 or B	26 - 75	450 Maximum
Class 3 or C	76 - 200	450 Maximum

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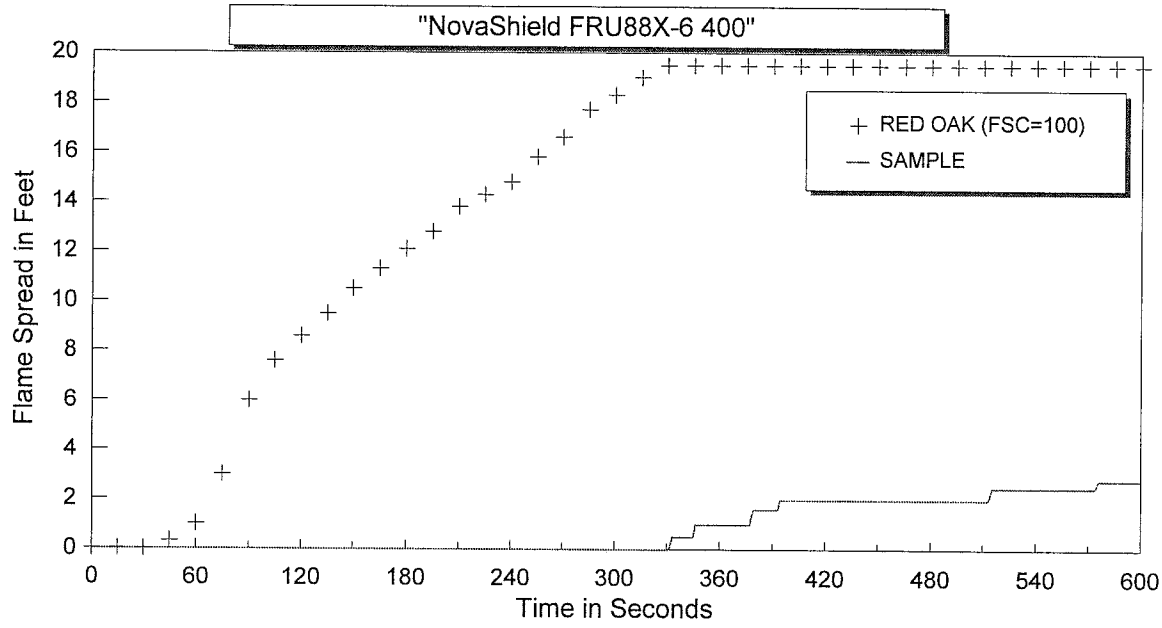
FLAME SPREAD INDEX



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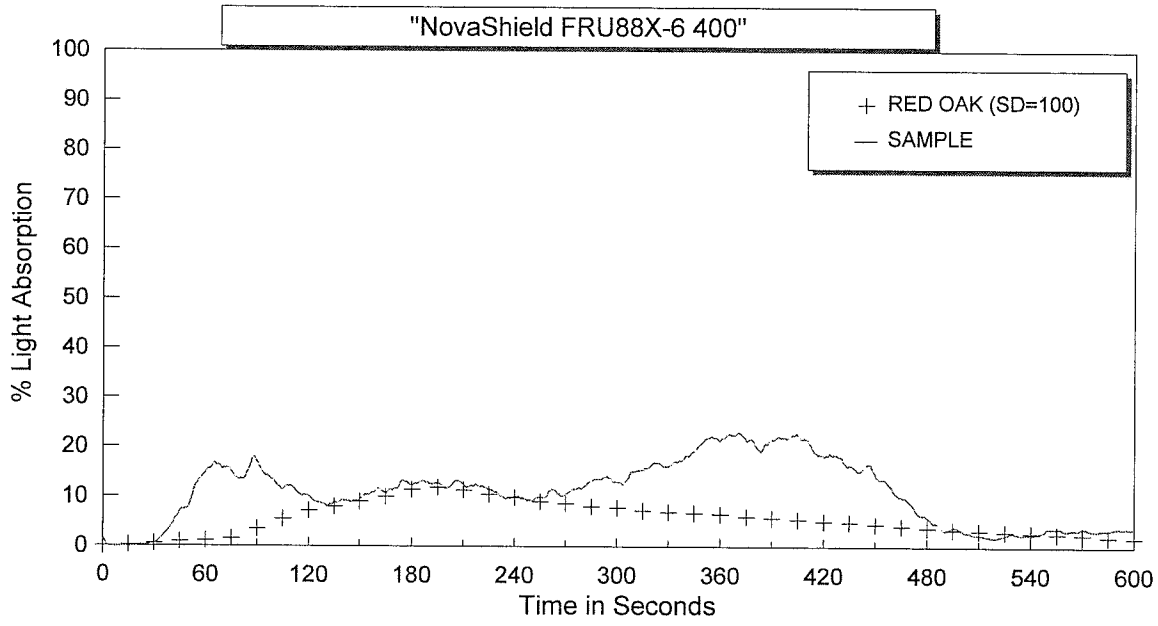

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