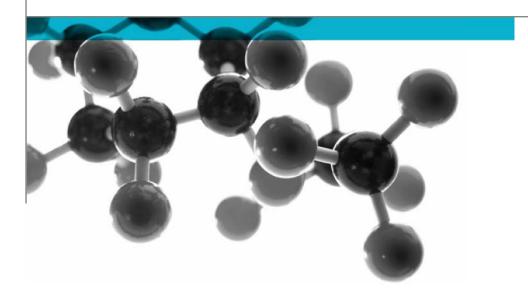
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# BS EN 13823:2020



Reaction to Fire Tests for Building Products -Building Products Excluding Floorings Exposed to the Thermal Attack by a Single Burning Item

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# **Executive Summary**

**Objective** 

To determine the fire performance of the following product when tested in accordance with BS EN 13823:2020.

Generic Description	Product reference	Thickness	Weight per unit area/density or specific gravity			
ZENOVA IR on plywood	"Zenova IR"	13.61mm	7.92kg/m <sup>2</sup>			
Individual components used to manufacture composite:						
Coating "Zenova IR" 5mm 1.35±0.05						
Substrate	"Plywood"	9mm	450kg/m <sup>3</sup>			
Please see page 5 of this test report for the full description of the product tested						

**Test Sponsor** 

Zenova Ltd, 101 Kings Road, Brentwood, CM14 4DR, United Kingdom

Test Results (average):

FIGRA	(w/s)	THR 600s (MJ)	SMOGRA (m²/s²)	TSP 600s (m²)
(0.2MJ)	(0.4MJ)	24.70	Recalculated	Recalculated
1568.17	1568.17	24.78	187.23	154.95

Lateral Flame Spread to End of Specimen? None Fall of Flaming Drop/Particle? None Flaming of Fallen Particle Exceeding 10s? None

Date of Test:

20<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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### **Test Details**

### **Purpose of test**

To provide data which, in conjunction with data from other test methods, will enable building products excluding floorings, to be classified in accordance with the Classification requirements specified in BS EN 13501-1:2018. The test was performed in accordance with the procedure specified in BS EN 13823:2020 and this report should be read in conjunction with that standard.

#### Scope of test

To determine the reaction-to-fire performance of construction products, excluding floorings and excluding products which are indicated in the EC Decision 2000/147/EC, when exposed to thermal attack by a single burning item (SBI) utilising the test procedures defined in BS EN 13823:2020.

### Fire test study group/EGOLF

Certain aspects of some fire test specifications are open to different interpretations. The Fire Test Study Group and EGOLF have identified a number of such areas and have agreed Resolutions which define common agreement of interpretations between fire test laboratories which are members of the Groups. Where such Resolutions are applicable to this test they have been followed.

#### Instruction to test

The test was conducted on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at the request of Zenova Ltd, the sponsor of the test.

### **Provision of test** specimens

The specimens were supplied by the sponsor of the test. Warringtonfire was not involved in any selection or sampling procedure. The results stated in this report apply to the samples as received.

### **Conditioning of** specimens

The specimens were received on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021 and were conditioned to constant mass at a temperature of 23  $\pm$  2°C and a relative humidity of 50  $\pm$ 5% prior to testing.

## Intended application

Insulation paint.

### **Test facility**

The Single Burning Item (SBI) test facility at Warringtonfire is constructed in accordance with the specifications detailed in BS EN 13823: 2020.

### **Deviations from** the test standard

None.

### **Exposed face**

The painted face of the specimens was exposed to the heating conditions of the test when the specimens were mounted in the test position.

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## **Description of Test Specimens**

### **Test specimens**

The description of the system given below has been prepared from information provided by the sponsor of the test. This information has not been independently verified by Warringtonfire.

All values quoted are nominal, unless tolerances are given.

The test specimen comprised two walls (or wings) mounted into an aperture in a specimen trolley such that they formed a vertical 90° corner. The dimensions of the walls were as follows:

Short wall -  $495 \pm 5$  mm long x  $1500 \pm 5$  mm high Long wall -  $1000 \pm 5$  mm long x  $1500 \pm 5$  mm high

Each wall (or wing) consisted of the following product:

General description		ZENOVA IR on plywood
Product reference of overall composite		"Zenova IR"
Name of manufactu	rer of overall composite	Zenova Ltd
Thickness of overal	l composite	13.61mm (determined by Warringtonfire)
Weight per unit area	a of overall composite	7.92kg/m <sup>2</sup> (determined by Warringtonfire)
	Generic type	Water-based exterior insulating render covering
		consisting of a mixture of polymers, dispersants and
		organic compounds
	Product reference	"Zenova IR"
	Name of manufacturer	Zenova Ltd
	Colour reference	"White"
Coating	Number of coats	One
(test face)	Application rate	1 l/m <sup>2</sup>
	Thickness	5 mm
	Specific gravity	0.75 + - 0.05
	Application method	Trowel
	Curing process per coat	2 hours per coat under controlled temperature max
		24 hrs
	Flame retardant details	See Note 1 below
	Generic type	Non flame retardant grade plywood which complied
	Generic type	BS EN 13238: 2010
Substrate	Product reference	"Plywood"
Substrate	Name of manufacturer	See Note 2 below
	Thickness	9mm
	Density	450kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Brief description of manufacturing process		See Note 2 below

Note 1: The sponsor of the test has confirmed that no flame retardant additives were utilised in the production of the component.

Note 2: The sponsor was unwilling to provide this information.

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The specimen walls (or wings) were placed in the trolley in accordance with the requirements of section 5.3 of the Standard.

Photographs of the installed product are appended as Plates 1 and 2 in Appendix 1 of this report.

Each wing was retained in the trolley using mechanical clamps which pushed the wing against a lip at the top and bottom of the aperture in the trolley.

The trolley incorporated a triangular propane sand burner of side length 250mm, which was positioned in the base of the corner formed by the two wings of the test specimen, with a horizontal separation of 40mm between the edge of the burner and the lower edges of the wings. The burner is referred to as the primary burner and has an output of 30kW. A secondary propane sand burner was attached to the fixed frame, beneath the hood but at the furthest possible distance from the specimen when the trolley was in place. The purpose of this burner is to obtain base line data without affecting the assembled specimen. The trolley incorporated a grill in its base and this was the sole source of ventilation for the test enclosure whilst the test was in progress.

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## **Test Results**

# Results and observations

The test results relate to the behaviour of the test specimens of a product under the particular conditions of the test; they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the product in use.

The test results relate only to the specimens of the product in the form in which they were tested. Small differences in the composition or thickness of the product may significantly affect the performance during the test and may therefore invalidate the test results. Care should be taken to ensure that any product which is supplied or used is fully represented by the specimens which were tested.

A total of three specimens were tested. The results obtained, relevant to the 'Euroclassification' of Building Products are given in Table 1.

Observations made during the test and comments on any difficulties encountered during the test are given in Table 2.

### Table 1

	Result			
Parameter	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3	Mean
FIGRA (W/s) (THR(t) threshold of 0.2MJ)	1678.69	1464.94	1560.87	1568.17
FIGRA (W/S) (THR(t) threshold of 0.4MJ)	1678.69	1464.94	1560.87	1568.17
THR 600s (MJ)	24.71	24.82	24.81	24.78
SMOGRA (m²/s²) (Recalculated results)	217.74	165.88	178.08	187.23
TSP 600s (m²) (Recalculated results)	196.23	142.28	126.33	154.95
Lateral Flame Spread to End of Specimen?	None	None	None	ı
Fall of Flaming Drop/Particle?	None	None	None	-
Flaming of Fallen Particle Exceeding 10s?	None	None	None	-

Curves of time averaged rate of heat release contribution of the specimen (HRRav(t)), cumulative heat release (THR(t)), and Fire Growth Rate (FIGRA) are appended as Figures 1 to 3. Curves of time averaged rate of smoke production (SPRav(t)), cumulative smoke production (TSP(t)) and smoke growth rate (SMOGRA) are appended as Figures 4 to 6 in appendix 2 of this report.

Interpretation of the test results given above in the context of Euroclassification of building products should be carried out using BS EN 13501–1:2018.

The determination of the uncertainty of measurement of FIGRA, THR $_{600s}$ , SMOGRA and TSP $_{600s}$  is an ongoing topic within CEN. PD CEN/TR 16988: 2016 provides the latest work of the CEN committee tasked with working on this matter. Until this work is finalised the measurement of uncertainty is not reported.

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### Table 2

Tir	me	Observations during test of Specimen 1
min	Sec	Observations during test of Specimen 1
00	00	Pre-checks performed on analysers
02	00	Auxiliary burner switched on to check correct burner operating conditions
05	00	Gas flow switched from auxiliary burner to main burner & test flames impinge on
		specimen
05	12	Discolouration of the surface of the product occurred in the region of the burner.
05	24	Flaming occurred in the region of the burner.
05	30	Flames reaching full height of sample in the region of the burner.
09	24	The surface began to spall in the region of the burner
20	51	The flames penetrated through the specimen and began burning the rear face
26	00	End of test conditions. Flaming continued to the end of test.

Tir	me	Observations during test of Specimen 2
min	Sec	Observations during test of Specimen 2
00	00	Pre-checks performed on analysers
02	00	Auxiliary burner switched on to check correct burner operating conditions
05	00	Gas flow switched from auxiliary burner to main burner & test flames impinge on
		specimen
05	09	Discolouration of the surface of the product occurred in the region of the burner.
05	27	Flaming occurred in the region of the burner.
05	33	Flames reaching full height of sample in the region of the burner.
07	21	The surface began to spall in the region of the burner
16	00	The flames penetrated through the specimen and began burning the rear face
26	00	End of test conditions. Flaming continued to the end of test.

Time		Observations during test of Specimen 3
min	Sec	Observations during test of Specimen 3
00	00	Pre-checks performed on analysers
02	00	Auxiliary burner switched on to check correct burner operating conditions
05	00	Gas flow switched from auxiliary burner to main burner & test flames impinge on
		specimen
05	06	Discolouration of the surface of the product occurred in the region of the burner.
05	24	Flaming occurred in the region of the burner.
05	30	Flames reaching full height of sample in the region of the burner.
80	03	The surface began to spall in the region of the burner
17	00	The flames penetrated through the specimen and began burning the rear face
26	00	End of test conditions. Flaming continued to the end of test.

Note: Impingement of the burner flame onto all three specimens commenced at 5 minutes.

### **Validity**

The specification and interpretation of fire test methods is the subject of ongoing development and refinement. Changes in associated legislation may also occur. For these reasons it is recommended that the relevance of test reports over five years old should be considered by the user. The laboratory that issued the report will be able to offer, on behalf of the legal owner, a review of the procedures adopted for a particular test to ensure that they are consistent with current practices, and if required may endorse the test report.

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# **Appendix 1**

## **Photographs**

Plate 1: Total View of the exposed surface of the long wing.



Plate 2: Close up view of the vertical outer edge of the long wing at a height of 500mm



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# **Appendix 2**

## Graphs

Figure 1. HRR<sub>av</sub>(t) (kW)

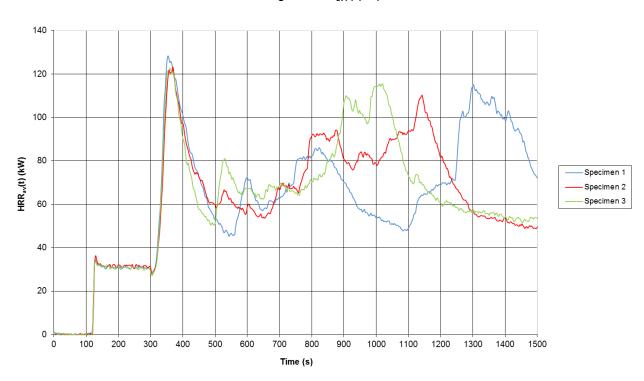
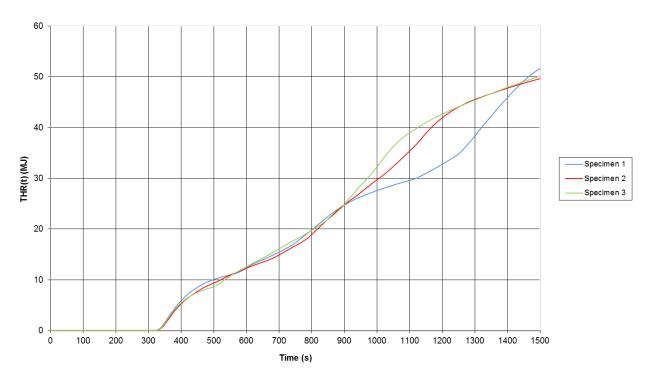


Figure 2. THR(t) (MJ)



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Figure 3. FIGRA

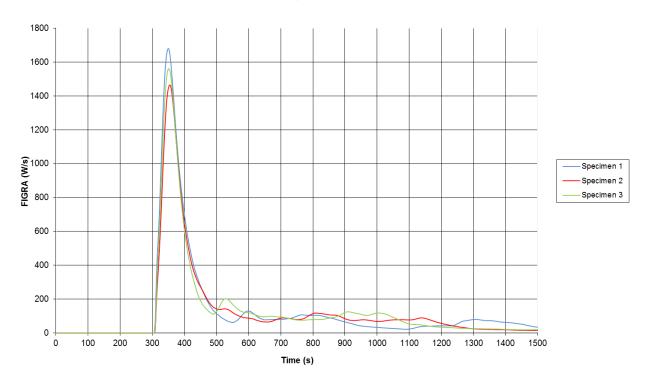
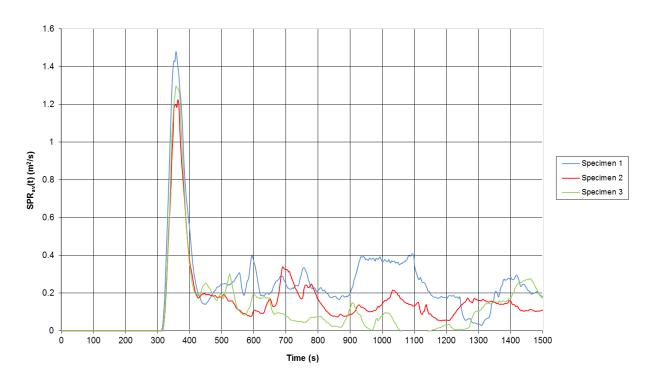


Figure 4. SPR<sub>av</sub>(t) (m<sup>2</sup>/s)



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Figure 5. TSP(t) (m<sup>2</sup>)

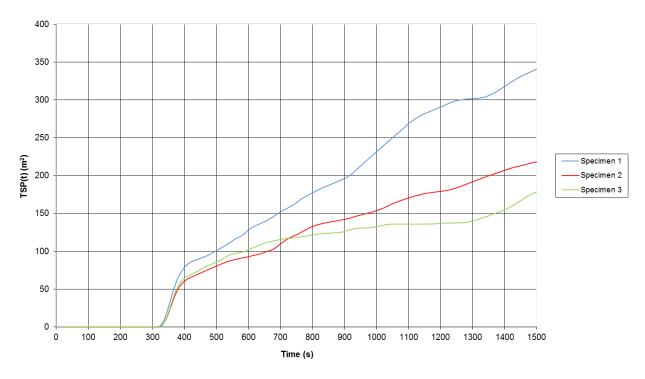
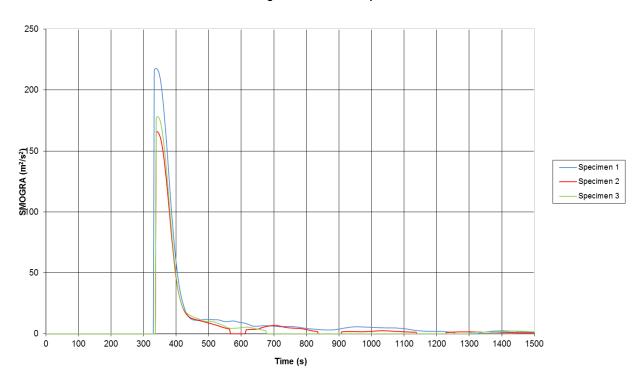


Figure 6. SMOGRA Graph.



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