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## ASTM E 84 Surface Burning Characteristics of "110 gsm Non Woven"

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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 84-14, as per Exova Warringtonfire North America Quotation No. 14-002-330,601 dated December 2, 2014.

**SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION** (Exova sample identification number 14-002-S0784-1)

Wallcovering material, approximately 0.014 inches (0.36 mm) in thickness, adhered to a substrate, described as, "Zoffany; Collection: Papered Walls; Design: Linen Stripe", identified as:  
"110 gsm Non Woven"

### **TEST PROCEDURE**

The method, designated as ASTM E 84-14 "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 (SD).

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 wallcovering material was adhered to a 0.25 inch (6 mm) fiberglass reinforced cement board substrate using Ready Mix Adhesive. The test specimen consisted of a total of 3 sections of material, each approximately 21 inches (533 mm) in width by 96 inches (2438 mm) in length. The sections were butted together during testing to form the requisite specimen length. Prior to testing, the specimen was conditioned to constant weight at a temperature of  $73 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ) and a relative humidity of  $50 \pm 5\%$ . During testing the specimen was self-supporting.

The testing was performed on: 2015-01-15

### **SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE**

The tunnel is preheated to  $150 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $66 \pm 2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ), as measured by the floor-embedded thermocouple located 23.25 feet (7087 mm) downstream of the burner ports, and allowed to cool to  $105 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $40.5 \pm 2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ), 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  $FSI = 0.515 \cdot A$ ; if greater,  $FSI = 4900 / (195 - A)$ . FSI is then rounded to the nearest multiple of 5.

Smoke Developed (SD) is determined by dividing the total area under the obscuration curve by that of red oak, and multiplying by 100. SD is then rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 if less than 200. SD values over 200 are rounded to the nearest multiple of 50.

**TEST RESULTS**

SAMPLE	Flame Spread Index (FSI)	Smoke Developed (SD)
"110 gsm Non Woven" Item AGARVES FP785	0	5

**Observations of Burning Characteristics**

- The specimen ignited approximately 214 seconds after exposure to the test flame. Partial delamination was observed, starting at approximately 342 seconds.
- The flame front did not propagate past the base line.

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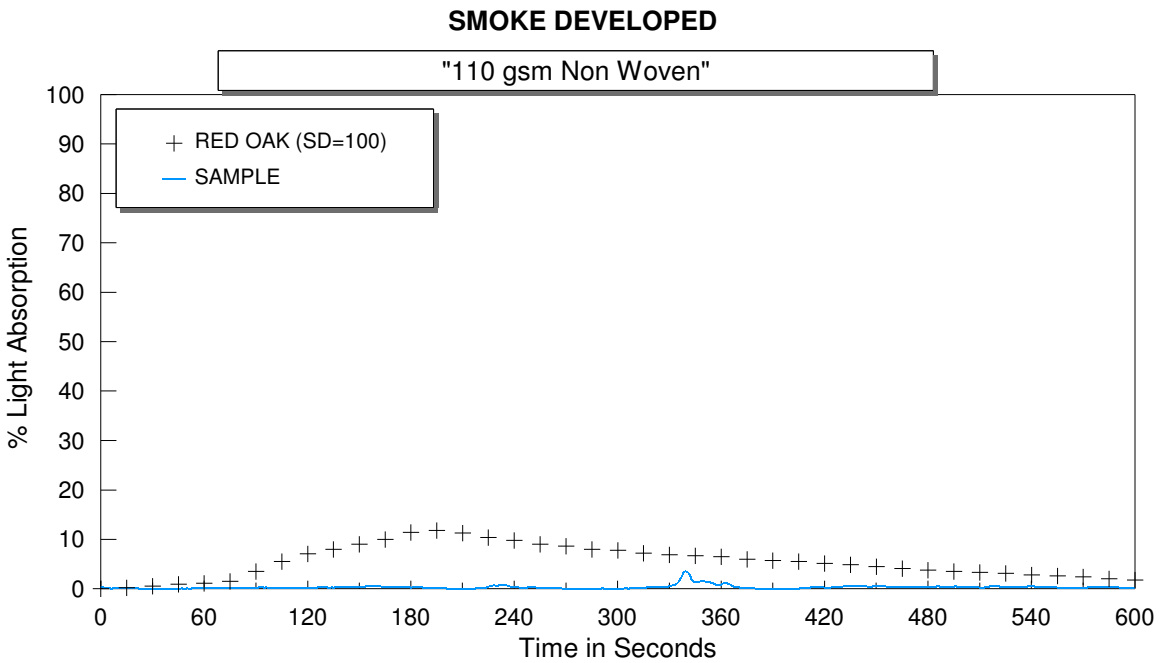
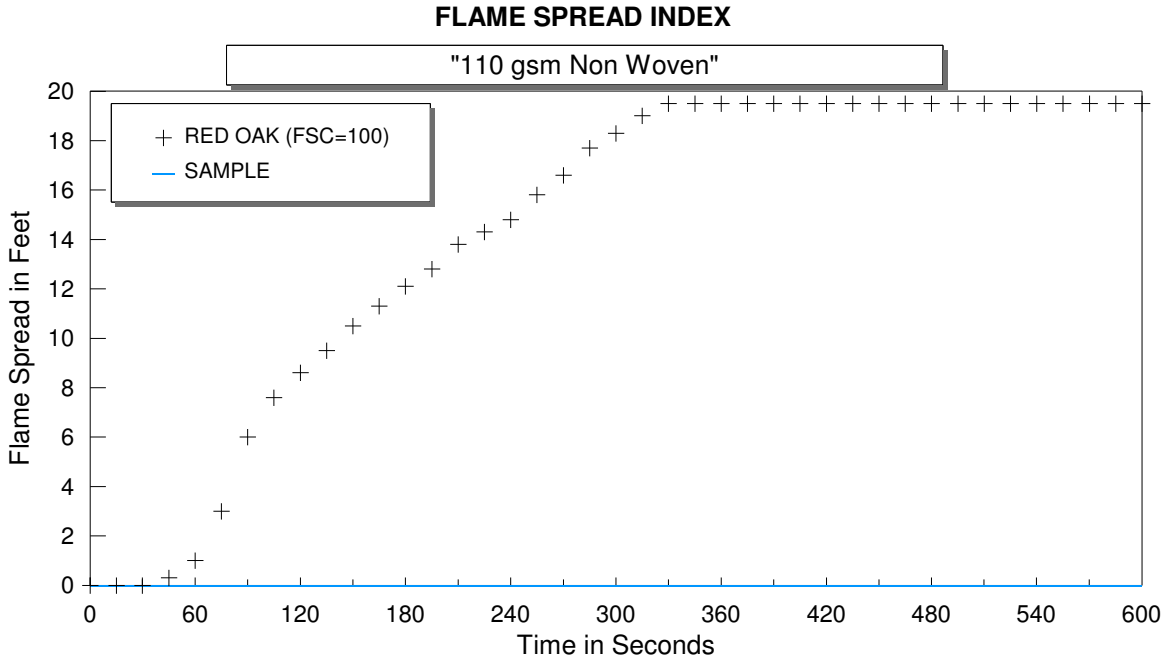
	Flame-Spread Index	Smoke Development
Class 1 or A	0 - 25	450 Maximum
Class 2 or B	26 - 75	450 Maximum
Class 3 or C	76 - 200	450 Maximum

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**Flame Spread  
Index (FSI)**

0

**Smoke  
Developed (SD)**

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