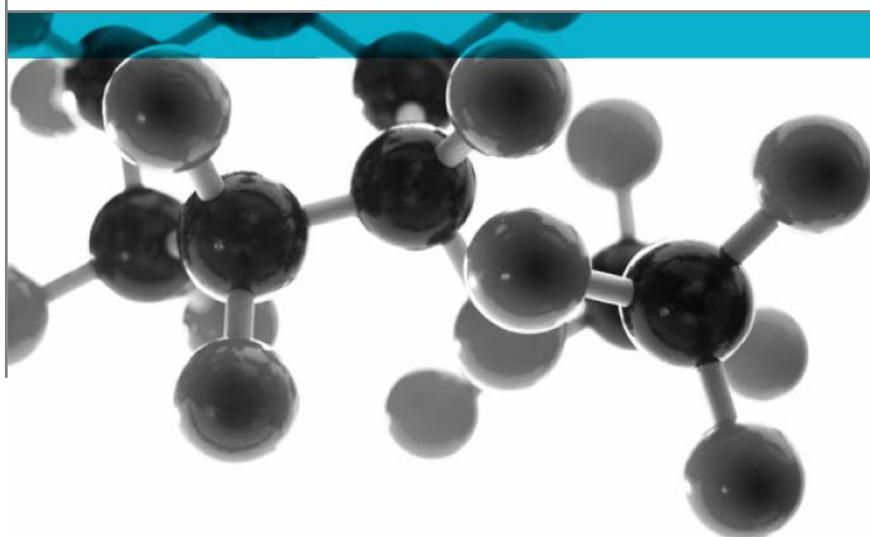


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# BS 476: Part 7: 1997



## Method For Classification Of The Surface Spread Of Flame Of Products

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## Executive Summary

**Objective** To determine the surface spread of flame classification of the following product when tested in accordance with BS 476: Part 7: 1997.

Generic Description	Product reference	Thickness	Weight per unit area or density
Flame retardant grade high pressure laminate (HPL)	"POLYREY HPL HGF"	0.8mm	1420kg/m <sup>3</sup>
<b>Please see page 5 of this test report for the full description of the product tested</b>			

**Test Sponsor** Polyrey SAS, Usine de Couze, 24150 Baneuil, France

**Test Results:** **Class 1**

**Date of Test** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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## Test Details

<b>Purpose of test</b>	To determine the performance of a product when it is subjected to the conditions of the test specified in BS 476: Part 7: 1997, "Fire tests on building materials and structures, method for classification of the surface spread of flame of products". This test was therefore performed in accordance with the procedure specified in BS 476: Part 7: 1997, and this report should be read in conjunction with that British Standard.
<b>Scope of test</b>	BS 476: Part 7: 1997 specifies a method of test for measuring the lateral spread of flame along the surface of a specimen of a product orientated in the vertical position, and a classification system based on the rate and extent of flame spread. It provides data suitable for comparing the performances of essentially flat materials, composites, or assemblies, which are used primarily as the exposed surfaces of walls or ceilings.
<b>Fire test study group/EGOLF</b>	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.
<b>Instruction to test</b>	The test was conducted on the 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2011 at the request of Polyrey SAS, the sponsor of the test.
<b>Provision of test specimens</b>	The specimens were supplied by the sponsor of the test. <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> was not involved in any selection or sampling procedure.
<b>Conditioning of specimens</b>	The specimens were received on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2011 and were conditioned to constant mass at a temperature of $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and a relative humidity of $50 \pm 5\%$ prior to testing.
<b>Form in which the specimens were tested</b>	Assembly - Fabrication of materials and/or composites that can contain air gaps. Each specimen was placed over 25mm thick by 20mm wide calcium silicate based spacers positioned around its perimeter and mounted onto a backing board so that a 25mm enclosed air gap was provided between the unexposed face of the specimen and the backing board.
<b>Exposed face</b>	The decorative face of the specimens was exposed to the heating conditions of the test.

## Description of Test Specimens

The description of the specimens given below has been prepared from information provided by the sponsor of the test. All values quoted are nominal, unless tolerances are given.

General description		Flame retardant grade High Pressure laminate (HPL)		
Product reference of laminate		"POLYREY HPL HGF"		
Name of manufacturer of laminate		Polyrey		
Thickness of laminate		0.8mm (stated by sponsor) 0.85mm (determined by <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> )		
Density of laminate		1420kg/m <sup>3</sup> (stated by sponsor)		
Weight per unit area of laminate		1.22kg/m <sup>2</sup> (determined by <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> )		
Colour of laminate		"B070 Blanc Megève"		
Facing	Paper	Product reference	"Decorative Paper Blanc Megeve"	
		Name of manufacturer	Arjowiggings	
		Generic type	Decorative paper	
		Number of layers	1	
		Thickness of each layer	0.15mm	
		Weight per unit area of each layer	286g/m <sup>2</sup>	
		Flame retardant details	<b>See Note 1 below</b>	
	Resin	Product reference	"PS04D/41"	
		Name of manufacturer	Polyrey	
		Generic type	Melamine	
		Amount of resin	<b>See Note 2 below</b>	
		Flame retardant details	<b>See Note 1 below</b>	
	Core	Paper	Product reference	"Kraft Paper"
			Name of manufacturer	Kapstone
Generic type			Kraft paper	
Number of layers			3	
Thickness of each layer			0.21mm	
Weight per unit area of each layer			328kg/m <sup>2</sup>	
Flame retardant details			<b>See Note 1 below</b>	
Resin		Product reference	"PN10"	
		Name of manufacturer	Polyrey	
		Generic type of resin	Phenolic	
		Amount of resin	<b>See Note 2 below</b>	
		Flame retardant details	<b>See Note 2 below</b>	

Brief description of manufacturing process	<p>High pressure decorative laminate (HPL) consisting of layers of cellulosic fibrous material (paper) impregnated with thermosetting resins and bonded together by the simultaneous application of heat (&gt; 120 °C) and high specific pressure (&gt; 7Mpa) to provide flowing and subsequent curing of the thermosetting resins to obtain a homogeneous non porous material with increased density.</p> <p>The surface layers on one side having decorative colors or designs are impregnated with melamine resins. The core layers are impregnated with an FR phenolic resin.</p> <p>Specimen not bonded on a substrate, but clamped.</p>
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**Note 1: The sponsor of the test has confirmed that no flame retardant additives were utilised in the production of this component.**

**Note 2: The sponsor of the test has provided this information but at the specific request of the sponsor, these details have been omitted from the report and are instead held on the confidential file relating to this investigation.**

## Test Results

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**Results and observations** The test results for the individual specimens, together with observations made during the test and comments on any difficulties encountered during the test are given in Appendix 1.

**Classification** **In accordance with the class definitions given in BS 476: Part 7: 1997, the specimens tested are classified as Class 1.**

**Criteria for classification** If the prefix 'D' or suffix 'R' or 'Y' is included in the classification, this indicates that the results should be treated with caution. An explanation of the reason for the prefix and suffixes is given in Appendix 2, together with the classification limits specified in the Standard.

**Applicability of test result** The test results relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens of the product under the particular conditions of 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.

### Validity

The specification and interpretation of fire test methods are 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 – Test Results

SPECIMEN No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum distance travelled at 1.5 minutes (mm)	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50

Distance (mm)	Time to travel to indicated distance (minutes : seconds)					
75						
165						
190						
215						
240						
265						
290						
375						
455						
500						
525						
600						
675						
710						
750						
785						
825						
Time to reach maximum distance travelled	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00	1:00
Maximum distance travelled in 10 minutes (mm)	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50

Note: Six specimens are usually tested. If the test on any specimen is deemed to be invalid, as defined in the Standard, it is permissible for up to a maximum of nine specimens to be tested in order to obtain the six valid test results.

### Observations made during test and comments on any difficulties encountered during the test:

None.

## Appendix 2 – Classification Criteria

Classification of spread of flame	Spread of Flame at 1.5 min		Final Spread of Flame	
	Classification	Limit (mm)	Limit for one specimen (mm)	Limit (mm)
Class 1	165	165 + 25	165	165 + 25
Class 2	215	215 + 25	455	455 + 45
Class 3	265	265 + 25	710	710 + 75

Class 4 Exceeding the limits for class 3

### Explanation of prefix and suffixes which may be added to the classification

1. A suffix R is added to the classification if more than six specimens are required in order to obtain six valid test results (e.g. class 2R).
2. A prefix D is added to the classification of any product which does not comply with the surface characteristics specified in the Standard and has therefore been tested in a modified form (e.g. class D3).
3. A suffix Y is added to the classification if any softening and/or other behaviour that may affect the flame spread occurs (e.g. class 3Y).

For example, a classification of D3RY could be achieved indicating (a) a modified surface has been used; (b) a class 3 result has been obtained; (c) additional specimens have been used to obtain 6 valid results and; (d) softening and/or other behaviour has occurred which is considered to have affected the test result.

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