

# TEST REPORT



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PRODUCT EVALUATED: SEALECTION Agri Balance® Soy Based open cell  
foam and 10 MILS Fireshell® F1E intumescent coating  
EVALUATION PROPERTY: Heat Release, Flame Spread

**Report of testing SEALECTION Agri Balance® Soy Based open cell with 10 MILS of Fireshell® F1E on walls for compliance with the applicable requirements of the following criteria: NFPA 286 with acceptance criteria of. (AC377) Appendix A**

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## 2 Introduction

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Intertek Testing Services NA (Intertek) has conducted testing for TPR<sup>2</sup> corporation, on SELECTION Agri Balance® open cell spray foam covered with 10 mils of Fireshell® F1E on the walls only to evaluate heat release and flame spread properties when subjected to specific ignition conditions. Testing was conducted in accordance with NFPA 286. and (AC 377) Appendix A Comparing to PN (3161466-007) tested on October 30, 2008. This was Agribalance™ and ¼"BC plywood that had fire out the door at 4:29 (min-sec) this evaluation was performed on March 10, 2009.

## 3 Test Samples

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### 3.1. SAMPLE SELECTION

Samples were randomly selected on 2-6-09 by Intertek representative Davis Bawer, at the DEMILEC USA LLC manufacturing facility, located at Demilec U.S.A. LLC 2925 Galleria Drive Arlington, TX 76011. The samples were received at the Evaluation Center on 2-12-09. The subject test specimen is a traceable sample selected from the manufacturer's facility. Intertek selected the specimen and has verified the composition, manufacturing techniques and quality assurance procedures.

### 3.2. SAMPLE AND ASSEMBLY DESCRIPTION

The test specimen consisted of three walls with 2x12 studs, 48 inches o.c. and 2x12 joists, 24 inches o.c. with a 15/32 inch plywood backing. The final interior dimensions were 8 feet high, 8 feet wide and 12 feet deep. Ceiling joists ran parallel to the short dimension of the room. The corner was constructed such that two studs met at their edges, forming a 90° angle.

On top of this substrate, the spray foam was applied to a thickness of 10 inches on the walls and 11 1/2 inches on the ceiling. There was no significant over spray outside of the cavities. The wall foam and studs were covered with 10 mils of Fireshell® F1E intumescent coating.

See Photos in Appendix B for a visual depiction of the description.

## 4 Testing and Evaluation Methods

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This standard describes a method for determining the contribution of textile wall and ceiling coverings to room fire growth during specified fire exposure conditions. This method is not intended to evaluate the fire endurance of assemblies, nor is it able to evaluate the effect of fires originating within the wall assembly. The method is not intended for the evaluation of floor finishes.

This method is to be used to evaluate the flammability characteristics of finish wall and ceiling coverings when such materials constitute the exposed interior surfaces of buildings. This test method does not apply to fabric covered less than ceiling height, freestanding, prefabricated panel furniture systems or demountable, relocatable, full-height partitions used in open building interiors. Freestanding panel furniture systems include all freestanding panels that provide visual and/or acoustical separation and are intended to be used to divide space and may support components to form complete work stations.

This fire test measures certain fire performance characteristics of finish wall and ceiling covering materials in an enclosure under specified fire exposure conditions. It determines the extent to which the finish covering materials may contribute to fire growth in a room and the potential for fire spread beyond the room under the particular conditions simulated. The test indicates the maximum extent of fire growth in a room, the rate of heat release, and if they occur, the time to flashover and the time to flame extension beyond the doorway following flashover. It does not measure the fire growth in, or the contribution of, the room contents. Time to flashover is defined herein as either the time when the radiant flux onto the floor reaches 20 kW/m<sup>2</sup> or the temperature of the upper air reaches 600°C. A pair of crumpled single sheets of newspaper are placed on the floor 2 feet out from the center of the rear wall and front walls to determine flashover. The spontaneous ignition of this newspaper provides the visual indication of flashover.

The potential for spread of fire to other objects in the room, remote from the ignition source, is evaluated by measurements of:

1. The total heat flux incident on the center of the floor.
2. A characteristic upper-level gas temperature in the room.
3. Instantaneous net peak rate of heat release.

The potential for the spread of fire to objects outside the room of origin is evaluated by the measurement of the total heat release of the fire.

## **TEST EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUMENTATION**

### **IGNITION SOURCE**

The ignition source for the test is a gas burner with a nominal 12- by 12-inch porous top surface of a refractory material. The burner used at this laboratory is filled with a minimum 4-inch layer of Ottawa sand.

The top surface of the burner through which the gas is applied is positioned 12 inches above the floor, and the burner enclosure is located such that the edge of the diffusion surface is located 1 inch from both walls in the left corner of the room opposite from the door.

The gas supply to the burner is C.P. grade propane (99 percent purity). The burner is capable of producing a gross heat output of 40±1 for five minutes followed by a 160±5 kW for ten minutes. The flow rate is metered throughout the test. The design of the burner controls is such that when one quarter-turn ball valve is opened, the flow of gas to the burner produces 40 kW and when a second quarter-turn valve is opened the combined flow produces 160 kW.

## COMPARTMENT GEOMETRY AND CONSTRUCTION

The interior dimensions of the floor of the fire room, when the specimens are in place, measures 8 feet, by 12 feet. The finished ceiling is 8 feet  $\pm$  0.5 inches above the floor. The four walls are at right angles defining the compartment. The compartment contains a 30  $\pm$  0.25 by 80  $\pm$  0.25 inch doorway in the center of one of the 8' by 8' walls. No other openings are present to allow ventilation.

## PROCEDURE

### SUMMARY OF METHOD

A calibration test is run within 30 days of testing any material as specified in the standard. All instrumentation is zeroed, spanned and calibrated prior to testing. The specimen is installed and the diffusion burner is placed. The collection hood exhaust duct blower is turned on and an initial flow is established. The gas sampling pump is turned on and the flow rate is adjusted. When all instruments are reading steady state conditions, the computer data acquisition system and video equipment is started. Ambient data is taken then the burner is ignited at a fuel flow rate that is known to produce 40 kW of heat output. This level is maintained for five minutes at which time the fuel flow is increased to the 160 kW level for a 10-minute period. During the burn period, all temperature, heat release and heat flux data is being recorded every 6 seconds. At the end of the fifteen minute burn period, the burner is shut off and all instrument readings are stopped. Post test observations are made and this concludes the test.

All damage is documented after the test is over, using descriptions, photographs and drawings, as is appropriate.

### 4.1. TEST STANDARD

NFPA 286. as defined in AC377, Appendix A.

## 5 Testing and Evaluation Results

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### 5.1. RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS

#### FIRE TESTS

The test was started at 11:50 am on March 10, 2009. The ambient temperature was 75°F with a relative humidity of 61%. The data acquisition system was started and the burner was ignited. Events during the test are described below:

<b>TIME</b>	
<b>(min:sec)</b>	<b>OBSERVATION</b>
0:00	Ignition of burner. Heat output set to 40 kW.
0:20	The walls began to discolor.
0:40	There is light smoke.
1:34	Increase in smoke.
1:45	Ignition
3:00	Flames at 5ft in corner over burner.
3:23	Heavy smoke
3:50	Flame tips at 6 foot vertically above burner
4:11	Flames at 8 foot vertically in corner over burner
4:27	Ignition on ceiling
4:52	Flames out door
4:55	Test terminated

#### Post Test Observations:

The intumescent and foam were heavily charred. There 5 ½ inches of foam loss at 4 foot in corner above burner.

For additional details, see the post-test photographs later in this report.

## 6 Conclusion

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The sample submitted, installed, and tested as described in this report displayed high levels of heat release, high upper level temperatures, and had flames exiting the test chamber. The heat flux on the floor did reach flashover levels. The sample did not spread flames to the ceiling during the 40 kW exposure.

NFPA 286 does not publish pass/fail criteria. One must consult the codes to determine pass fail.

This specimen **met** the criteria for ICC-ES AC377 Appendix A in comparison with PN (3161466-007) Agribalance™ foam covered with ¼" BC plywood on October 30, 2008 with test being terminated with fire out the door 4:29 (min-sec) .

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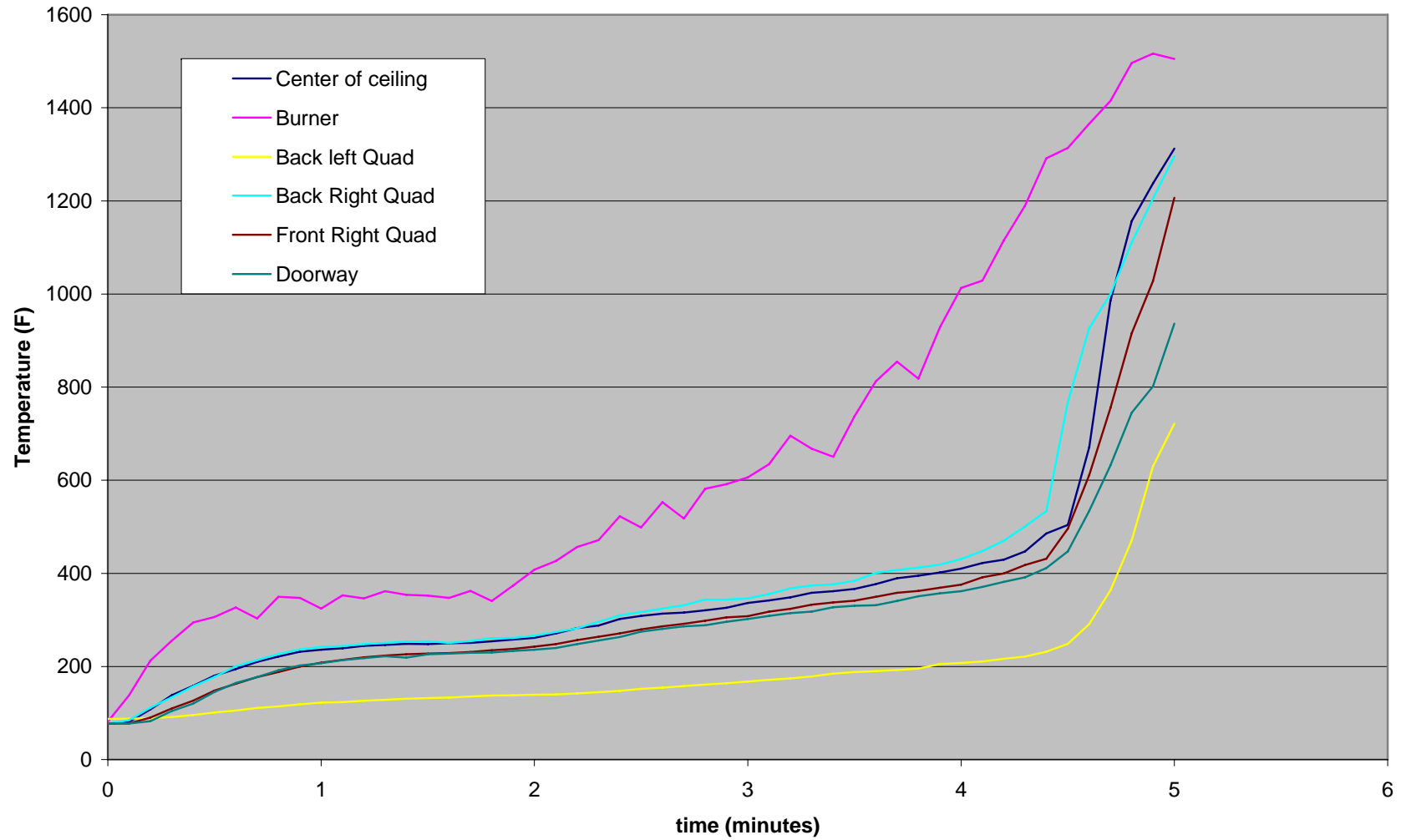


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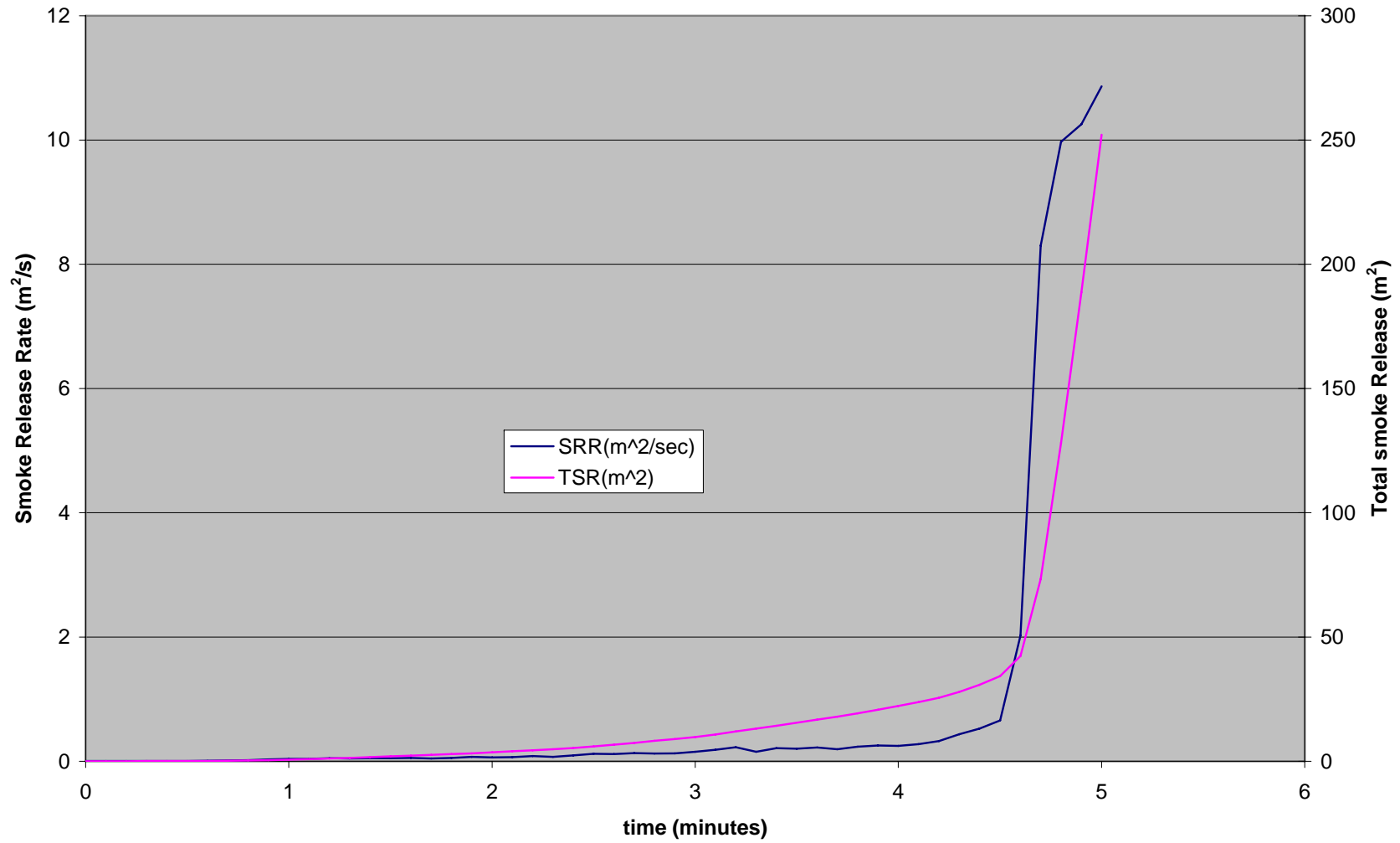
## APPENDIX A

Test Data

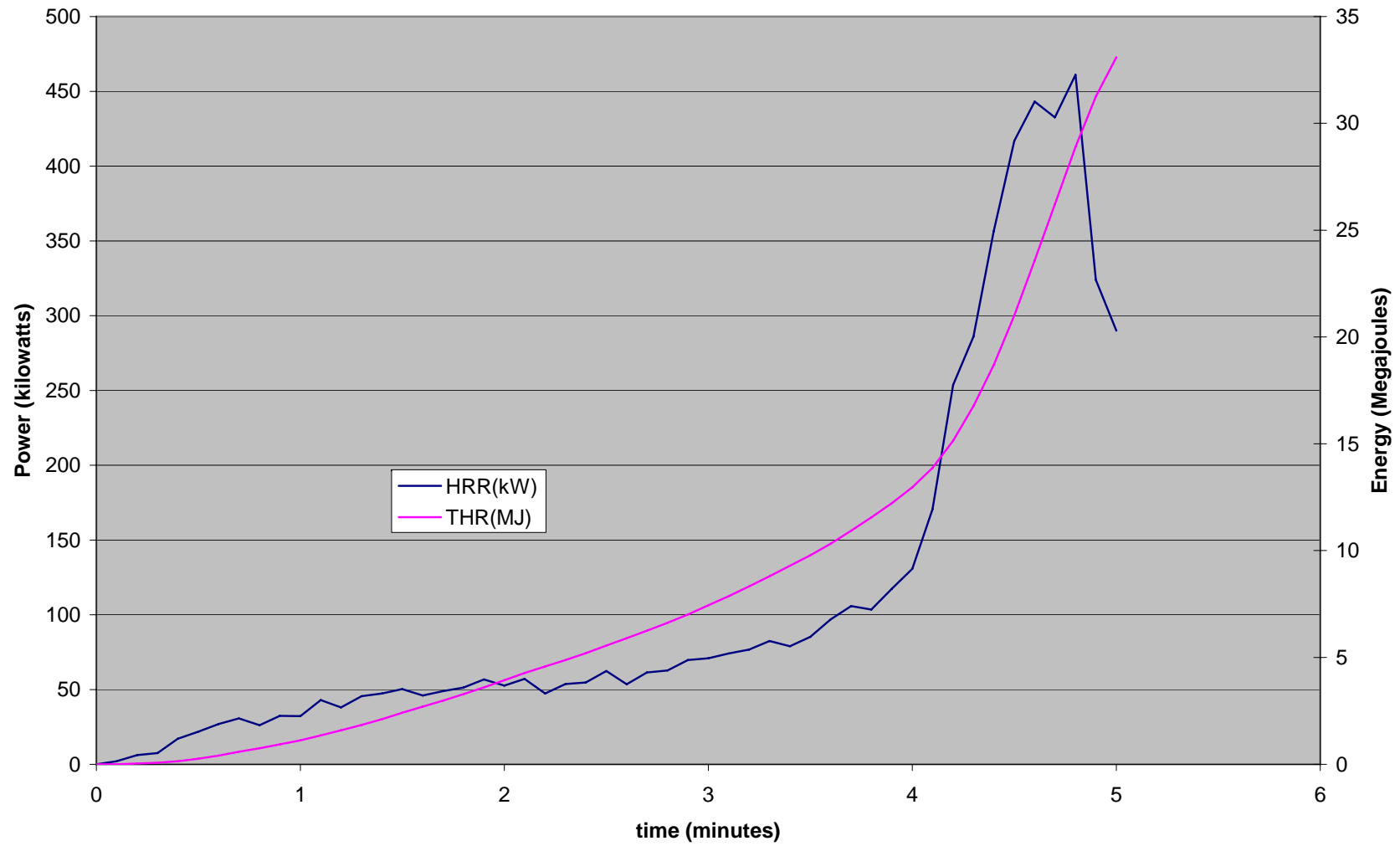
### Thermocouple Data



### Smoke Release



### Heat Release



## APPENDIX B

Photographs



Pre-test photo



Pre-test photo ceiling



Start of test. 40kW



Test photo ignition.



Test photo.



Post-test photo



Post-test photo

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