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Report On
Critical Radiant Flux of Floor-Covering Systems
Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source
As Determined By
ASTM E 648 Test Method

PREPARED FOR:
Armstrong Flooring Inc.
Lancaster, PA
TEST NUMBER: FRP-992R
Armstrong Commercial Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT)

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I. SCOPE

This report contains the reference to the test method, purpose, test procedure, preparation and conditioning of test samples, description of materials, test and post test observation data, and test results.

II. TEST METHOD

The test was conducted in accordance with ASTM Designation E 648, "Standard Method of Test for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source." The test is also described by NFPA No. 253.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the test is to determine the critical radiant flux of horizontally-mounted floor covering systems exposed to a flaming ignition source in a graded radiant heat energy environment maintained in a test chamber. The specimen may be mounted over underlayment, a simulated concrete structural floor, bonded to a simulated structural floor, or otherwise mounted in a typical and representative way.

The test method provides a basis for estimating one aspect of fire exposure behavior for floor covering systems. The imposed radiant flux is designed to simulate the thermal radiation levels likely to impinge on the floors of a building whose upper surfaces are heated by flames and/or hot gases from fully developed fire in an adjacent room or compartment. The method was developed to simulate an important fire exposure component of fires which may develop in corridors or exit ways of buildings and is not intended for routine use in estimating flame spread behavior of floor covering in building areas other than corridors or exit ways.

IV. TEST PROCEDURE

The basic elements of the test chamber are: 1) an air-gas, fueled radiant heat energy panel inclined at 30° to and directed at 2) a horizontally-mounted floor covering system specimen. The radiant panel generates a radiant energy flux distribution ranging along the 100-cm length of the test specimen from a nominal maximum of 1.0 watts/cm² to a minimum of 0.1 watts/cm². The test is initiated by open flame ignition from a pilot burner. The distance burned to flame-out is converted to watts/cm² and reported as **critical radiant flux**.



Report on Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source as Determined by the ASTM E 648 Flooring Radiant Panel

Test Number: FRP-992R

Test Date: 04/19/16

Report Prepared For:	Armstrong Flooring Inc. Lancaster, PA
Material Tested:	Armstrong Commercial Vinyl Composition Tile (VCT)

Sample Information:	
Detailed Product Description:	Exact Product Tested: Raffia Stream, Pattern #55911, Lot D068A. Product Lines with Similar Construction: Raffia, ChromaSpin, Stonetex, Arteffects, Companion Square, Imperial Texture Rave, Imperial Texture, Imperial Texture Classics, MultiColor, Feature Tile/Strips, SDT, Safety Zone, Civic Square and Crown Texture.
Sample Preparation:	The material was adhered to a 1/4" cement board backer using Armstrong S-515 adhesive. Samples were selected and prepared by Armstrong.
Sample Selection By:	Manufacturer
Number of Samples:	3
Surface Exposed:	Surfaces (Faces Only)
Average Thickness (in.):	0.374
Flux Profile Run Date:	04/19/16
Conditioning Days:	8
Sample Color:	Grey
Average Weight (lbs):	8.22

Test Data			
	Burn 1	Burn 2	Burn 3
Preheat Time (min):	5:00	5:00	5:00
Starting Temp. (°C):	136	135	136
Burn Length (cm):	7.6	7.2	7.3
Time to Max Burn Length (min):	10.07	10.1	10.23

Test Results			
	Burn 1	Burn 2	Burn 3
Critical Radiant Flux (W/cm2):	0.99	0.99	0.99
Average Critical Radiant Flux (W/cm2):		0.99	
Standard Deviation:		0	
Coefficient of Variation:		0.24%	

Observations:	Blistering during the 5 minute preheat.
Remarks:	Weights and thicknesses include the 1/4" cement board backer. Revision 02/10/17: Armstrong Flooring changed to Armstrong Flooring Inc. Revision 04/11/17: "Crown Texture" was added to the list of products with similar construction.
Conclusions:	The product is classified as Class I (Critical Radiant Flux > 0.45 W/cm2) by NFPA 101.
Test Operator:	CP

Report Prepared By: _____

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