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TEST FOR EVALUATING THE SMOKE GENERATION CHARACTERISTICS OF SOLID MATERIALS (ASTM E662-83/NFPA 258)

TEST REPORT

MATERIAL ID: FLAME SAFE - PAPER SAFE SwRI PROJECT NO. 01-3779-389

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The results apply specifically to the specimens tested, in the manner tested, and not to the entire production of these or similar materials, nor to the performance when used in combination with other materials. All test data are on file and are available for review by authorized persons.

This test method is used to determine the smoke generated by solid materials using a Smoke Density Chamber. Test specimens are preconditioned at 410°F (60°F) for 24 hours followed by stabilization at 70°F (21°C) and 50­percerifrelative humidity. Specimens measuring 73 x 73-mm are tested in the vertical mode, while exposed to a radiant heat flux of 2.5 watts per square centimeter. Triplicate runs are conducted in each the flaming and nonflaming exposure. Results are expressed in terms of Specific Optical Density (Ds), which is defined as the measure of the amount of smoke produced per unit area by a material due to nonflaming pyrolytic decomposition and flaming combustion.

This report presents the results of a smoke test in accordance with ASTM E662 "Standard Test Method for Specific Optical Density of Smoke Generated by Solid

Materials."

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY OF RESULTS EXPOSURE: FLAMING

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In all three runs there was ignition on contact and immediate smoke. The flame went out at 20 seconds in Run 1, 15 seconds in Run 2, and 20 seconds in Run 3.

COMMENTS

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| RUN  | #  | 1.5  | min  | 4  | min  | MAX  | Ds  | Time  | to  | MAX  | Ds  | MAX  | Ds  | (corrected)  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (min:sec)  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1  |  | 31. 9  | 71. 9  | 77 .2  |  | 5:20  |  |  | 75.1  |
| 2  |  | 30.3  | 62.8  | 70.3  |  | 6:10  |  |  | 69.8  |
| 3  |  | 25.5  | 61.5  | 67.9  |  | 6:15  |  |  | 66.8  |
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| AVERAGE  | 29.2  | 65.4  | 71.8  |  |  |  |  |  | 70.6  |

SPECIFIC OPTICAL DENSITY (Ds) DURING 20 MINUTES

Specimen Orientation: VERTICAL

Radiant Heat Flux: 2.5 W/CMA2

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Material Tested:

FLAME SAFE CHEMICAL

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Surface char was noted at 15 seconds in Runs 1 and 2, and 10 seconds in Run 3. White smoke occurred at 20 seconds in Runs 1 and 2, and 15 seconds in Run 3. In all three runs, the sample charred through and separated at the end of the test.

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| RUN  | #  | 1.5  | min  | 4  | min  | MAX  | Ds  |
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| 1  |  | 31.9  | 56.3  | 61.0  |
| 2  |  | 31.5  | 65.4  | 72.4  |
| 3  |  | 29.9  | 58.0  | 63.4  |
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| AVERAGE  | 31.1  | 59.9  | 65.6  |
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6:40 6:55 6:40

Time to MAX Ds (min:sec)

64.6

59.3

71.8

62.9

MAX Ds (corrected)

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS EXPOSURE: NON-FLAMING

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