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Fire Doorset Assessments - definitive guide now available

A guide to assessing the fire-resistance performance of fire doorsets is now available to download from the Passive Fire Protection Federation's website (www.pfpf.org): "We need assessments of fire doorsets because the number of combinations of fire doors, leaves, ironmongery, glazing etc is almost infinite. It is not economical or practical to test them all," says Richard Lambert, Chief Executive of the British Woodworking Federation and PFPF board member. "Certification bodies and fire test laboratories have rules for tests to cover the maximum number of combinations. But until now each organisation's rules were different, reflecting their own experience and expertise. This made it difficult to be confident that all fire doorsets are of equal quality."

This set of documents (PFPF and FTSG Agreed Assessment Rules for Timber Based or Metallic Doorsets), produced by the Passive Fire Protection Federation (PFPF) and the UK Fire Test Study Group (FTSG), gives an agreed set of rules for assessing changes to fire doorsets from those tested. It is aimed at organisations producing assessments either as part of third party certification or as stand alone assessments to extend the application of an individual fire test result.

Mike Wood, Vice-Chairman of PFPF, explains: "It is essential that assessments are based on relevant test evidence. That's why the PFPF and the FTSG have come together to pool experience and provide a set of rules that is consistent and representative of available test information."

Using the guide will ensure the quality and consistency of assessments. End users - specifiers, architects, contractors and facilities managers - should always check that it has been used.

The guide is issued in three parts (<http://pfpf.org/publications.htm>) and covers timber and steel fire doors.

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Editors' notes: The Passive Fire Protection Federation (PFPF - www.pfpf.org) is dedicated to growing awareness and giving advice on fire protection, and the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 (RRO). The Federation brings together the collective expertise of the passive fire protection industry and provides a central forum so that the Industry speaks with one voice to articulate the benefits and value of passive fire protection in the achievement of fire safe building design and construction.

Passive fire protection is the primary measure integrated within the constructional fabric of a building to provide inherent fire safety and protection by responding against flame, heat and smoke to maintain the fundamental requirements of building compartmentation, structural stability, fire separation and safe means of escape.

Passive fire protection measures achieve their intended purpose by raising the fire resistance of the structure, protecting the structure against the effects of fire, reducing fire spread through secondary ignition, limiting the movement of flame and smoke, and minimising the danger of fire-induced collapse or structural distortion.

Passive fire protection design, incorporating passive fire protection materials, systems and assemblies, serves by fire containment to protect life, safeguard the building structure, protect assets, maintain building serviceability after fire, minimise rebuild costs, and facilitate quick business recovery and continuity.

Our website www.pfpg.org carries advice on what to check and best practice in all passive fire protection measures.

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