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TEST REPORT

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CLIENT	Superior Manufacturing Group
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TEST METHOD CONDUCTED	ASTM E648-03 Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using A Radiant Heat Energy Source, also referenced as NFPA 253 and FTM Standard 372
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DESCRIPTION OF TEST SAMPLE	
IDENTIFICATION	166 Guzzler
COLOR	Charcoal
ROLL	166S0035CH
CONSTRUCTION	Needle Punch
FIBER	----
BACKING	Rubber
REFERENCE	

GENERAL PRINCIPLE

This procedure is designed to measure the critical radiant flux at flame out of horizontally mounted floor covering systems exposed to a flaming ignition in a test chamber which provides a graded radiant heat energy environment. The imposed radiant flux simulates the thermal radiation levels likely to impinge on the floors of a building whose upper surfaces are heated by flames from a fully developed fire in an adjacent room or compartment. The test result is an average critical radiant flux (watts/square cm) which indicates the level of radiant heat energy required to sustain flame propagation in the flooring system once it has been ignited. A minimum of three test specimens are tested and the results are averaged. Theoretically, if a room fire does not impose a radiant flux that exceeds this critical level on a corridor floor covering system, flame spread will not occur.

The NFPA Life Safety Code 101 specifies as Class 1 Critical Radiant Flux of .45 watts/sq cm or higher and Class 2 Critical Radiant Flux as .22 - .44 watts/sq cm.

FLOORING SYSTEM ASSEMBLY			
SUBSTRATE	Mineral-Fiber/Cement Board	UNDERLAYMENT	Loose Laid
ADHESIVE	N/A	CONDITIONING	Minimum of 96 hours at 70 ± 5° F and 50 ± 5% relative humidity

	Distance Burned	Time to Flame Out	Critical Radiant Flux
Specimen 1	100 cm	20 minutes	0.11 watts/square cm
Specimen 2	---	---	--- watts/square cm
Specimen 3	---	---	--- watts/square cm

Average Critical Radiant Flux	0.11 Watts/Square Cm*
Standard Deviation	--- Watts/Square Cm
Coefficient of Variation	--- %

* NOTE: Single specimen burn due to excessive burn rate.

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