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Fabrics for curtains, drapes and window blinds –

Part 2: Flammability requirements – Specification

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Foreword

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While a consumer is likely to be interested primarily in such properties as colour fastness and dimensional stability, fire safety advisers might be interested primarily in the flammability aspects of a product. For this reason the standard is divided into two parts:

- *Part 1 General requirements;*
- *Part 2 Flammability requirements.*

Either part can be used individually or both parts can be used together, though it is stressed that a fabric conforming only to the requirements of Part 2 might not be satisfactory for use as a curtain fabric.

Information about this document

A fabric conforming to the requirements of this standard does not always withstand exposure to large sources of heat, but it would have some resistance to flame spread following accidental contact with small sources of ignition.

The flammability requirements given in this part of BS 5867 have been selected after careful consideration of the statistical information concerning hazard to life in those incidents where curtains and drapes have been identified as the material first ignited.

Three sets of performance requirements have been included so that the most important one can be selected for a specific end use.

Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its requirements are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is “shall”.

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *The BSI guide to standardization – Section 2: Rules for the structure, drafting and presentation of British Standards*, subclause **11.3.1**, which states, “Requirements should be expressed using wording such as: ‘When tested as described in Annex A, the product shall ...’”. This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

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