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This British standard was developed from BRE Fire Note 9 [1], following a recommendation by the then House of Commons Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [2] on the potential risk of fire spread in buildings via external cladding systems.

This was a full revision of the standard, and introduced the following principal changes:

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1 Scope

This British standard provides a test method for determining the fire performance characteristics of non-loadbearing external cladding systems, such as curtain walling, glazed elements, infill panels and insulated composite panels, fixed to and supported by a structural steel frame when exposed to an external fire under controlled conditions. The fire exposure is representative of an external fire source or a fully-developed (post-flashover) fire in a room, venting through an opening such as a window aperture that exposes the cladding to the effects of external flames, or from an external fire source.

This British Standard does not apply to non-loadbearing external rainscreen overcladding systems or external wall insulation systems applied to the face of a building, the fire testing of which are covered in BS 8414-1.

This British Standard does not cover exposure to radiant heat from a fire in an adjacent building.

NOTE Performance Criteria and Classification methodology of the external fire performance can be found in references such as Report BR 135: Fire performance of external thermal insulation for walls of multi-storey buildings [3].

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS EN 60584-1:2013, *Thermocouples — Part 1:EMF specifications and tolerances*

BS EN ISO 13943, *Fire safety — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard the terms and definitions given in BS EN ISO 13943 and the following apply.

3.1 collapse

any part of the cladding system which falls away and becomes detached

3.2 damaged area

total of those surface areas which have been affected permanently by fire under specified conditions

[SOURCE: BS EN ISO 13943]

NOTE 1 Area is expressed in square metres.

NOTE 2 Users of this term should specify the types of damage to be considered. This includes loss of material, deformation, softening, melting, charring, combustion, pyrolysis or chemical attack.

3.3 external cladding system

complete cladding assembly

NOTE 1 This includes, for example, sheeting rails, fixings, cavities, insulation and membranes, coatings, flashings or joints.

NOTE 2 The limits of the cladding system are taken to be from the external weathering surface to the internal finished face of the structural frame.

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