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This edition of NFPA 268 was approved as an American National Standard on October 22, 2021.

Origin and Development of NFPA 268

The 1996 edition of NFPA 268 represented the first edition of a standard that addressed the determination of ignitability characteristics of exterior wall assemblies. The test method incorporated a radiant heat energy source. At the time this document was published, there were no standardized test methods available within the standards development organizations, and NFPA 268 complemented the fire test methods available within the NFPA standards. The results of this test could be used to measure and describe properties of materials in controlled laboratory conditions and also could be used as an element of a fire risk assessment.

The 2001 edition incorporated the new format and editorial changes as required to satisfy the *Manual of Style for NFPA Technical Committee Documents*. Revisions to 11.4.2, 11.4.2.1, and 12.1(10)(c) were made to incorporate the specific time period that was originally within the definition. No significant revisions were made in the 2007 edition.

The 2012 edition was revised editorially. Referenced publications were revised to reference the most up-to-date documents.

The 2017 edition was a reconfirmation of the 2012 edition with minor editorial corrections and reference updates.

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