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This assessment report does not provide an endorsement by Ignis Solutions Pty Ltd of the actual product evaluated.

The conclusions of this assessment may be used to directly assess fire hazard, but it should be recognised that a single test method will not provide a full assessment of fire hazards under all conditions. The design and nature of the building is to be appropriately considered.

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This assessment is based on information and experience available at the time of preparation. The published procedures for the conduct of tests and the assessment of test results are the subject of constant review and improvement and it is recommended that this report is reviewed on or, before, the stated expiry date. This report is prepared in good faith and with due care for information purposes only, and should not be relied upon as providing any warranty or guarantee. In particular, attention is drawn to the nature of the inspection and investigations undertaken and the limitations these impose in determining with accuracy the state of the building, its services or equipment and life safety.

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Ignis Solutions has carefully reviewed and applied to the best of our ability the requirements of local Legislation, the NCC and the International Fire Engineering Guidelines.



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executive summary



1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 General

Ignis Solutions has been engaged to evaluate the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render for use on buildings under the National Construction Code – Building Code of Australia –Volume One 2019 as well as Amendment 1.

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render has been tested in accordance with AS 1530.1:1994 and demonstrated to be non-combustible. In addition the render has had two tests in accordance with AS 5113 large scale external wall tests where an EW, being a full pass, has been achieved.

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render can be applied to steel structures to enhance their Fire Resistance Levels as well as being applied in Bushfire Prone Areas.

1.2 Scope and Purpose

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render is suitable to be used, on the interior or exterior side of the wall substrate with a Fire Resistance Level or without a Fire Resistance Level on buildings of Type A, B, C or residential construction.

External Use

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render is suitable to be used as the external most lining of a wall.

External Bushfire

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render is suitable to be installed on the exposed components of an external wall and maintain compliance with the requirements of AS 3959, Clause G5.2 and Part 3.7.4 of the BCA for bushfire prone areas up to BAL 19.

Steel Protection

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render is suitable to be installed over steel elements to enhance their Fire Resistance Levels. Section 4 provides details of enhancements from an FRL of 30 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes and 120 minutes.

1.3 National Construction Code Compliance

1.3.1 Volume One – Building Code of Australia

Clause A5.1 (1) evidence to support the use of a material meets the nominated Performance Requirements and Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions complying with a combination of Performance Solutions and Deemed-to-Satisfy Solutions.

Clause A5.2 sub-clause (1)(e) as evidence to support that the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render meets the nominated Performance Requirements and Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision under a certificate from a professional engineer.

Performance Requirement CP2 (external application) – Spread of Fire – The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render does not contribute to the spread of fire provided the design and instalaltion comply with the requirements of Thermal Cladding Solutions instalaltion requirements as well as this evaluation report. Performance Requirement CP4 (internal application) – Spread of fire and generation of smoke and heat, and any toxic gases – The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render does not contribute to the spread of fire, generate excessive smoke, heat or toxic gases likely to limit the tenable conditions during occupant evacuation from being maintained.

• C1.10 (a)(ii) Wall linings and ceiling linings



• Non-Combustible Material tested to be non-combustible

GP5.1 Bushfire

- i. G5.2 Protection
 - 1. AS 3959:2018 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas, section 4 BAL Low to Section 6 BAL FZ.

1.3.2 State and Territory Variations

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render can be used in all States and Territories within Australia.



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conditions limitations and installation



2 FIRE SAFETY MEASURES

2.1 Conditions and Limitations

This evaluation is limited to the details within this evaluation report including the above compliance elements, product description and scope. This evaluation report is to be read, considered and used as a whole document.

The application surface must be structural sound, clean free of dust, mould, dirt, silicones and paint products. The application surface needs to be smooth and free from defects. Major cracks, holes or voids should be prepared prior to application. The surface shall be wet especially on highly porous and absorbing surfaces or at high temperatures.

The following figure details the application process.

Pour a TCX 20kg bag into a mixing container, followed by 14 to 15 litres of water and mix between 10 to 12 minutes.

 Add approximately 2/3 of the required water (10L) into the container then empty the whole bag and start the mixing process.

2. About 3 minutes after step 1, add the remaining 1/3 of water (5L) and continue mixing for 7 to 9 minutes.

A plastering machine can be used.

Mixing should be done mechanically at a low speed until the mixture reaches a homogenous consistency.

Note: Additional water can be added to the mix to a maximum of 0.5L.

<u>02</u> coverage

A 20kg bag of TCX covers 10.00 m2 at 5mm thickness.

Coverage may vary due a number of factors including but not limited to:

- ambient temperature
- surface temperature
- surface porosity
- mixing methods
- application methods
- amount of water
- wall type
- metal lath type.



Gauge sticks (long, narrow strip of aluminium bars) at desired thickness should be placed on the surface at equal distances to control the thickness and consumption of the material.

Prepared material should be applied between these sticks using a steel trowel or plastering machine then levelled with a straight edge.

Various finishes can be achieved with different techniques, which gives you the flexibility to get creative!



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external wall application



3 EXTERNAL WALL APPLICATION

3.1 Introduction

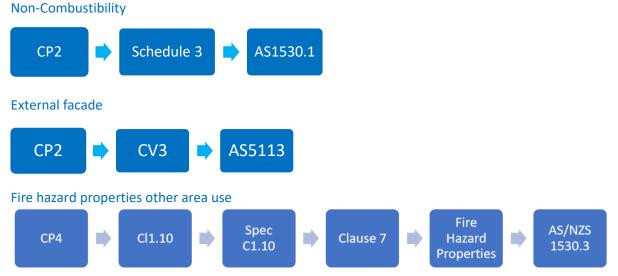
The following details the use and compliance of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render on external applications. External elements of buildings of Type A or B construction are required to be of non-combustible construction. In addition, each wall element is to satisfy fire hazard properties.

Ignis Labs has undertaken testing of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render in accordance with AS 1530.1:1994 for non-combustibility as well as AS/NZS 1530.3:1999 for fire hazard properties.

Whilst the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render satisfies the requirements for external walls to be noncombustible, the material has been subject to two tests in accordance with AS 5113 large scale external wall tests.

3.2 BCA DtS Compliance Requirement

The BCA has the provision for other and ancillary use and components. The compliance pathway for the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render under the BCA is detailed below. This includes the provision of non-combustibility, external façade large scale external wall test as well as fire hazard properties.



The following details the BCA Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions for compliance of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX S Render material.

The relevant provisions of compliance under the BCA is Performance Requirement CP4. The BCA Deemed to Satisfy provisions include Clause C1.10 and BCA Specification C1.10 Clause 4 for wall and ceiling linings.

For other uses not covered by Clause 4 of BCA Specification C1.10, Clause 7 of BCA Specification C1.10 is applicable. Testing of the full material assembly is required to satisfy AS/NZS 1530.3.

3.3 BCA Performance Requirement

CP2 Spread of fire				
(a) A building must have elements which will, to the degree necessary, avoid the spread of fire-				
(i) to <i>exits</i> ; and				
(ii) to sole-occupancy units and public corridors; and				
Application:				
CP2(a)(ii) only applies to a Class 2 or 3 building or Class 4 part of a building.				
(iii) between buildings; and				
(iv) in a building.				



- (b) Avoidance of the spread of fire referred to in (a) must be appropriate to-
 - (i) the function or use of the building; and
 - (ii) the fire load; and
 - (iii) the potential fire intensity; and
 - (iv) the fire hazard; and
 - (v) the number of storeys in the building; and
 - (vi) its proximity to other property; and
 - (vii) any active fire safety systems installed in the building; and
 - (viii) the size of any fire compartment; and
 - (ix) fire brigade intervention; and
 - (x) other elements they support; and
 - (xi) the evacuation time.

CP4

To maintain tenable conditions during occupant evacuation, a material and an assembly must, to the degree necessary, resist the spread of fire and limit the generation of smoke and heat, and any toxic gases likely to be produced, appropriate to—

- (a) the evacuation time; and
- (b) the number, mobility and other characteristics of occupants; and
- (c) the function or use of the building; and
- (d) any active *fire safety systems* installed in the building.

Application:

CP4 applies to linings, materials and assemblies in a Class 2 to 9 building.

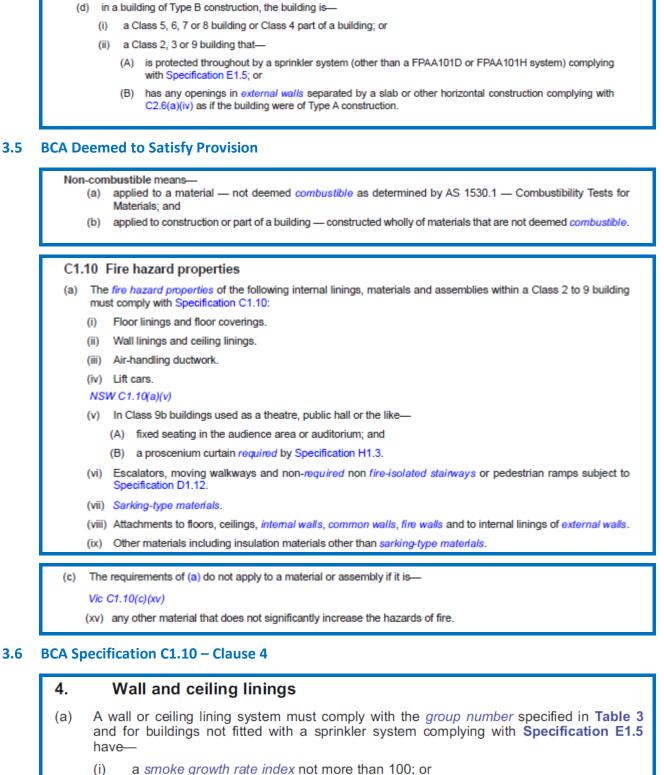
3.4 Verification Method

CV3 Fire spread via external walls

Compliance with CP2 to avoid the spread of fire via the external wall of a building is verified when-

- (a) compliance with CP2(a)(iii) to avoid the spread of fire between buildings, where applicable, is verified in accordance with CV1 or CV2, as appropriate; and
- (b) the external wall system-
 - (i) has been tested for external wall (EW) performance in accordance with AS 5113; and
 - (ii) has achieved the classification EW; and
 - (iii) if containing a cavity, incorporates cavity barriers and these cavity barriers have been included in the test performed under (i) at the perimeter of each floor; and
- (c) in a building of Type A construction, the building is protected throughout by a sprinkler system (other than a FPAA101D or FPAA101H system) complying with Specification E1.5 and has—
 - (i) sprinkler protection to balconies, patios and terraces, and where overhead sprinkler coverage is not achieved alongside the *external wall*, sidewall sprinkler heads are provided at the *external wall* for the extent of the balcony, patio or terrace where overhead sprinkler coverage is not achieved; and
 - (ii) for a building with an *effective height* greater than 25 m—
 - (A) monitored stop valves provided at each floor level arranged to allow the isolation of the floor level containing the stop valve while maintaining protection to the remainder of the building; and
 - (B) the sprinkler system being capable of providing sufficient flow to serve the design area required by AS 2118.1 for the relevant hazard class on each floor level plus the design area required by AS 2118.1 for the floor level above, except where the former level is—
 - (aa) the floor level below the uppermost roof; or
 - (bb) any floor level that is wholly below ground; and





- (ii) an average specific extinction area less than 250 m²/kg.
- (b) A group number of a wall or ceiling lining and the smoke growth rate index or average specific extinction area must be determined in accordance with AS 5637.1.



3.7 BCA Specification C1.10 – Clause 7

Table 4 OTHER MATERIALS				
Material or assembly location	Flammability Index	Spread-of- Flame Index	Smoke- Developed Index	
Other materials or locations and insulation materials other than <i>sarking-type materials</i> . Notes 2 and 3	_	9	8 if the Spread-of- Flame Index is more than 5	

3.8 Fire Hazard Properties

BCA Clause C1.10 establishes fire hazard properties of internal linings, materials and assemblies within a Class 2 to 9 building to comply with Specification C1.10. The requirements of BCA Clause C1.10(a) apply to floor coverings establishing a Critical Radiant Heat Flux (CHF), walls and ceilings where a Group number is to be determined as well as insulation and other materials where the Spread-of-Flame Index and Smoke-Developed Index is to be established.

Except as varied by Victorian provision Vic C1.10(c)(xv), BCA Clause C1.10(c) establishes that the requirements of (a) do not apply to a material or assembly if it is under (xv) any other material that does not significantly increase the hazard of fire.

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render has been tested in accordance with AS 1530.1:1994 and documented in Ignis Labs test report IGNL-2036-01-01 IO2 ROO dated 07 March 2020 as being non-combustible. An indicative test has been undertaken in accordance with AS 1530.3:1999 and documented in Ignis Labs test report IGNL-3156-03 IO1 ROO dated 21 January 2020. The test resulted in a Spread of Flame Index of 0 and a Smoke Developed Index of 0.

It is the opinion of Ignis Solutions that based on the material being tested and being a noncombustible material demonstrates that it does not significantly increase the hazard of fire. Therefore, the compliance with non-combustibility establishes sufficient evidence for compliance with BCA Clause C1.10(c)

Based on the above, the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render is subject to the exception established under BCA Clause C1.10(c) where a Group Number is not required to be established in accordance with BCA Specification C1.10 and that compliance with BCA Clause C1.10 is maintained. Clause C1.10(c) is deleted in Victoria. The following testing details the results of the indicative test.

1530.3 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures – Simultaneous determination of ignitability, flame propagation, heat release and smoke release full assembly test Ignis Labs has undertaken testing of the U-STUCCO™ FRX render and documented in certificate IGNL-3156-03 I01 R00 dated 21 January 2020. The test was an indicative single specimen test and produced the following results:

Clause C1.10(a)(ii) – Spec C1.10 Clause 7 Note 3(a)
IGNL-3156-03 I01 R00
Spread of Flame
Smoke Developed Index

AS 1530.3:1999 dated 21.01.20 0 0



3.9 External Wall tests

Two external wall tests in accordance with AS 5113 has been undertaken which has involved the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render. The first test included rendering over a QT panel. The second test included rendering over the Steadiform PVC and concrete formwork.

3.9.1 Test 1 – QT Panel and U-STUCCO[™] FRX

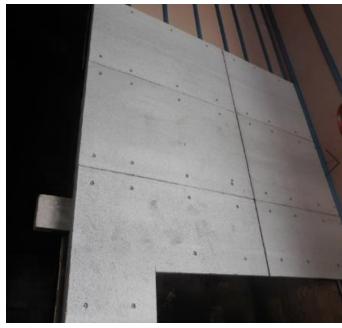
The test included 50mm QT Systems Conpolcrete panels fixed to steel studs with 10mm noncombustible cement render. The QT System was fixed to two layers of 13mm fire grade plasterboard in accordance with Clause 5.4.4 of AS 5113-2016 Amendment 1:2018 which has been used to represent the non-combustible inner leaf.

The wall system consists of the following wall elements from the non-fire affected side. The construction of the wall is detailed below.

- 2 x 13mm Fire rated plasterboard | CSR Fyrecheck (fixed to test wall sub-frame)
- Steel Top hats 20x25x50x25x20 1.15BMT fixed to stud frame through the fire grade plasterboard at 450mm spacings.
- 50mm QT panel horizontally installed with QT Buttons and fixed with 12-14 x 50mm Metal hex screws.
- The vertical joint as well as the horizontal joint located at 2.4m above the combustion chamber were installed as control joints with a 10mm gap. Polyurethane backing rod was installed and the gap sealed with Bostic FireBan One to a depth of 10mm.
- 10mm non-combustible concrete render was installed over the completed QT Conpolcrete wall system.

FIGURE 1:

QT AND U-STUCCO[™] FRX SYSTEM INSTALLATION







PECIMEN RESULTS AND CLASS	SIFICATIONS	
Classification Criteria	Related Classification Measure	Pass/Fail
5.4.5(a)T _{w5m}	≤600°C	Max 717°C spike @ 15 min <10s PASS
5.4.5(b)T _{Insulation5m}	≤250°C	Max 55°C PASS
5.4.5(b)T _{Cavity5m}	≤250°C	Max 101°C PASS
5.4.5(c)T _{unexposedside0.9m}	≤180°C	Max 27°C PASS
5.4.5(d)flaming	No flaming	No flaming PASS
5.4.5(d)openings	No openings	No openings PASS
5.4.5(e)spread	No spread beyond specimen	No spread occurred PASS
5.4.5(f)debris flaming	≤20s	No Flaming debris PASS
5.4.5(g)debris mass	≤2kg	No debris PASS
Classification		EW

FIGURE 2:

AS 5113 TEST START AND 10 MINUTES







3.9.2 Test 2 – Steadiform and U-STUCCO[™] FRX

The test included 10mm render applied over the Steadiform PVC formwork. The formwork, as detailed below is a 300mm x 200mm PVC structure which is filled with concrete.

FIGURE 3:

AS 5113 TEST LEVEL 1 THERMOCOUPLES



The resultant temperatures of the test is detailed below. The temperatures on Level 2 remained below 600°C. Given no cavities are present no measurement is needed. During the test no debris fell from the wall. In addition, the U-STUCCO[™] FRX Render protected the PVC from the impact of fire. Nor evidence of fire spread of the PVC occurred.



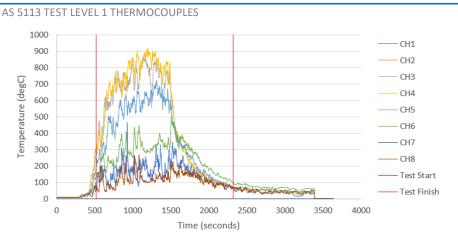
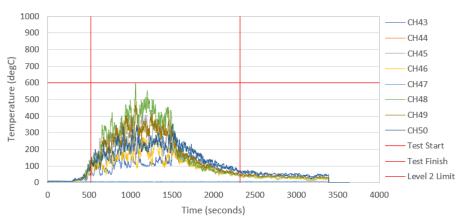


FIGURE 5:



AS 5113 TEST LEVEL 2 THERMOCOUPLES



TAD	1 - 1.	
IAB	LE I:	

Classification Criteria	Related Classification Measure	Pass/Fail
5.4.5(a)T _{w5m}	≤600°C	Max 600°C spike @ 9 min 1s PASS
5.4.5(b)TInsulation5m	≤250°C	N/A
5.4.5(b)T _{Cavity5m}	≤250°C	N/A
5.4.5(c)T _{unexposedside0.9m}	≤180°C	-
5.4.5(d)flaming	No flaming	No flaming PASS
5.4.5(d)openings	No openings	No openings PASS
5.4.5(e)spread	No spread beyond specimen	No spread occurred PASS
5.4.5(f)debris flaming	≤20s	No Flaming debris PASS
5.4.5(g)debris mass	≤2kg	No debris PASS
Classification		EW

FIGURE 6:

AS 5113 TEST START AND 10 MINUTES



3.10 Application

The above testing demonstrates that the U-STUCCO[™] FRX satisfies the Deemed-to-Satisfy provisions of the BCA and is therefore suitable for use as other areas on a building. The material property testing is provided on the following pages.



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	CERTIFICATE	
	 Material Fire Test Certificate 	
	No. 2036-01-01 I02R00	
ISSUED 07 March 2020 EXPIRY 06 March 2025	Sample Identification TCS	
	Product Description	
AS 1530.1-1994: COMBUSTIBILITY TEST	The tested material is an insulated render product predominantly a white Portland cement	t I
FOR MATERIALS	base which is a powdered solid, spray or trowelled on to a wall. The test specimens are cylindrical and each have –	
	(a). Nominal thickness: 45.21 mm (b). Nominal diameter 49.91 mm (c). Nominal mass: 40.44 g (d). Nominal density: 609 g/m ³ (e). Colour: white	
	Test Procedure	
	Five (5) samples were tested in accordance with Australian Standard 1530 Methods for f testes on building materials, components and structures, Part 1- 1994: Combustibility Test Materials.	
	Observation	
PRESENTED TO	Test Results	
Thermal Cladding Solution 19 Endurance Avenue	Mean furnace thermocouple temperature rise ΔT_f : 10.62°C	
Queanbeyan NSW 2620 Australia	Mean specimen surface thermocouple temperature rise ΔT_s :12.3°CMean duration of sustained flaming:0 second	
J L J	Mean mass loss: 17.13%	
C TEST BODY	Combustibility	
Ignis Labs Pty Ltd ABN 36 620 256 617	The material is NOT deemed COMBUSTIBLE according to the test criteria specified in clause 3.4 of as 1530.1- 1994.	
3 Cooper Place Queanbeyan NSW 2620	Notes	
OHS LABS PT	These test results relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens of the material under the particular conditions of the test and they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the material in use.	
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4201 36 G20 200 ST	Benjamin Hughes-Brown FEAust CPEng NER APEC Engineer IntPE(Aus Charlened Professional Engineer CPEng, NER (File Sabity/Mech) 2590091, RPEQ11498, BPB-C10-1875, EF-33994, MFireSafety (UWS), BEng (UTS), GadDipbush Fire (UWS), DipEngPrac(UTS), DipEng (CT)	\$)







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Material Fire Test Certificate

IGNL-4068-08 I01R00

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 11 July 2020

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 25 July 2025

AS 5113:2016 Fire propagation testing and classification of external walls of buildings

Sample Identification

Product Description

The sponsor described the tested specimen as a 10mm concrete based single coat render. The render was installed over the Steadyform PVC formwork comprising 300mm x 200mm structure joined to create a wall 8m high and 2.6m wide with a wing wall of equivalent height and 1.5m wide.

Test Procedure

An external wall system was tested in accordance with British Standard 8414-2:2015 as modified by Australian Standard 5113:2016, Fire propagation testing and classification of external walls of buildings. The test included a crib fire for 30 minutes, in which after 20 minutes the crib collapsed. Observations continued for an additional 30 minutes.

Observations

The wall presented some crazing from moisture removal during the test and had a char effect from the products of combustion. No debris or flaming was present from the wall during the test.

Test Results

The following means and standard errors were obtained:

Classification Criteria	Related Classification	Pass/Fail
	Measure	
5.4.5(a)T _{w5m}	≤600°C	Max 600°C spike @ 9 min 1s PASS
5.4.5(b)Tinsulation5m	≤250°C	N/A
5.4.5(b)Tavity5m	≤250°C	N/A
5.4.5(c)Tunesposedside0.9m	≤180°C	-
5.4.5(d)flaming	No flaming	No flaming PASS
5.4.5(d)openings	No openings	No openings PASS
5.4.5(e)spread	No spread beyond specimen	No spread occurred PASS
5.4.5(f)debris flaming	≤20s	No Flaming debris PASS
5.4.5(g)debris mass	≤2kg	No debris PASS
Classification		EW

Notes

The result of fire tests may be used to directly assess fire Hazard, but it should be recognized that a single test Method will not provide a full assessment of fire hazard Under all fire conditions.

This report details methods of construction, the test Conditions and the results obtained when the specific Element of construction described herein was tested Following the procedure outlined in as 5113. Any significant variation with respect to size, Constructional details, edge or end conditions, other than Those allowed

under the field of direct application in the relevant test method, is not covered by this report. Because of the difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of Measurement, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy of the result.

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Material Fire Test Certificate

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Date of Test 04 December 2019

QT Compolcrete panel with TCS-PV-X render

Product Description

The sponsor described the tested specimen as 50mm QT Systems Conpolcrete panels fixed to a steel stud with 10mm TCS-PV-X concrete based single coat render.

Test Procedure

An external wall system was tested in accordance with British Standard 8414-1:2015 as modified by Australian Standard 5113:2016, Fire propagation testing and classification of external walls of buildings. The test included a crib fire for 30 minutes, in which after 18 minutes the crib collapsed. Observations continued for an additional 30 minutes.

Observations

The wall presented some cracking from movement in the QT panel during the test and had a char effect from the products of combustion. No debris or flaming was present from the wall during the test.

Test Results

The following means and standard errors were obtained:

Classification Criteria	Related Classification	Pass/Fail
	Measure	
5.4.5(a)T _{w5m}	≤600°C	Max 717°C spike @ 15 min <10s PASS
5.4.5(b)Tinsulation5m	≤250°C	Max 55°C PASS
5.4.5(b)Tawiyom	≤250°C	Max 101°C PASS
5.4.5(c)Tunexposedside0.9m	≤180°C	Max 27°C PASS
5.4.5(d)flaming	No flaming	No flaming PASS
5.4.5(d)openings	No openings	No openings PASS
5.4.5(e)spread	No spread beyond specimen	No spread occurred PASS
5.4.5(f)debris flaming	≤20s	No Flaming debris PASS
5.4.5(g)debris mass	≤2kg	No debris PASS
Classification		EW

Notes

The result of fire tests may be used to directly assess fire Hazard, but it should be recognized that a single test Method will not provide a full assessment of fire hazard Under all fire conditions.

This report details methods of construction, the test Conditions and the results obtained when the specific Element of construction described herein was tested Following the procedure outlined in as 5113.

Any significant variation with respect to size, Constructional details, edge or end conditions, other than Those allowed under the field of direct application in the relevant test method, is not covered by this report. Because of the difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of Measurement, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of

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4 STEEL PROTECTION

4.1 Introduction

The following details the use and compliance of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render when applied to steel elements to enhance their Fire Resistance Levels.

4.2 BCA DtS Compliance Requirement

The BCA details that in accordance with Schedule 5 Clause 3 that the FRL of a building can be determined by calculation based on a tested prototype. The following evaluation considers the structural adequacy of steel elements where the limiting temperature is set to 545°C. The steel members FRL as calculated below determines the Structural Adequacy of the element. The following details the relevant BCA DtS Clause.

A5.4 Fire-resistance of building elements

Where a Deemed-to-Satisfy Provision requires a building element to have an FRL, it must be determined in accordance with Schedule 5.

4.3 BCA Performance Requirement

CP1 Structural stability during a fire

A building must have elements which will, to the degree necessary, maintain structural stability during a fire appropriate to-

- (a) the function or use of the building; and
- (b) the fire load; and
- (c) the potential fire intensity; and
- (d) the fire hazard; and
- (e) the height of the building; and
- (f) its proximity to other property; and
- (g) any active fire safety systems installed in the building; and
- (h) the size of any fire compartment; and
- (i) fire brigade intervention; and
- (j) other elements they support; and
- (k) the evacuation time.

4.4 Steel Protection

4.4.1 Introduction

The properties of steel can change when it is subjected to heat. This is considered to be particularly important when steel is used to provide structural support for buildings and their features.

Therefore, it is imperative that the temperature of the steel is known so that adequate measures may be implemented, to the degree necessary, to ensure structural failure doesn't occur and/or affect life safety.

4.4.2 Assumptions

The calculations assume the following:

- Lumped-mass method.
- For the unprotected steel case, the heat entering the steel over the exposed surface area in a time step is equal to the heat required to raise the temperature of the steel by *ΔT* i.e. heat entering = heat to raise steel temperature.



- Density of steel remains constant and is not temperature dependent.
- Steel specific heat is temperature dependent.
- External surface of the insulation is the same temperature as the fire / fire gases.
- Internal surface of the insulation is the same temperature as the steel.
- Time delay due to moisture within the insulation is not taken into account.
- The density of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render is 600 kg/m³
- The insulation conductivity is 0.13 W/m.K
- The insulation Specific Heat is 1200 J/kg.K

4.4.3 Fire Type

The rate at which the steel member heats up to reach its limiting temperature is dependent on the temperature of the fire. Therefore, the spreadsheet permits the user to use the standard ISO 834 time-temperature curve or a specific time-temperature curve. This is selected from the 'Fire Curve' worksheet on the spreadsheet.

4.4.4 Insulation Material

The presence of insulation causes steel to heat up more slowly than when steel is unprotected. A number of insulation materials have been included within the spreadsheet, which are selected from a dropdown box and are automatically incorporated into the calculations once selected.

Should a material with different insulation properties be required to be analysed, the user may select 'Custom' from the Insulation Material dropdown box. They are then required to enter in the required Density, Thermal Conductivity and Specific Heat values for the insulation material within the relevant spreadsheet cells (highlighted in yellow).

The thickness of the insulation may be selected by entering the appropriate values into the spreadsheet. The user may also enter an insulation range by entering the maximum and minimum thickness values into the Insulation Thickness (A) and (B) spreadsheet cells.

4.4.5 Method of Calculating the Specific Heat (C_p) of Steel

The specific heat of the steel member can be calculated using the following equations:

$$c_{p} = 425 + 0.773T - 1.69 \times 10^{-3}T^{2} + 2.22 \times 10^{-6}T^{3}$$

$$c_{p} = 666 + \frac{13002}{(738 - T)}$$

$$c_{p} = 545 + \frac{17820}{(T - 731)}$$

$$735^{\circ}C \le T \le 900^{\circ}C$$

 $c_{P} = 650$

Where T is the temperature of the steel (°C).

4.4.6 Method of Calculating the Temperature of Unprotected Steel

The temperature of unprotected steel can be calculated using the following time based equation (modified from Buchanan):

$$T_{s}^{j} + \Delta T_{s}^{j+1} = \frac{F}{V} \frac{1}{\rho_{s}c_{s}} \left\{ h_{c} \left(T_{f}^{j+1} - T_{s}^{j+1} \right) + \sigma \varepsilon \left(\left[T_{f}^{j+1} + 273 \right]^{4} - \left[T_{s}^{j+1} + 273 \right]^{4} \right) \right\} \Delta t$$

Where:

900°C≤7≤1200°C



T_s^{J}		Temperature of steel at time step <i>j</i> (°C)
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- s		remperature of steel at time step (of

 ΔT_s^{j+1} = Change of temperature of steel between time step j and j+1 (°C)

F = Surface area of steel per unit length (m³)

V = Volume of steel per unit length (m²)

 ρ_s = Density of steel (kg/m³)

 c_s = Specific heat of steel (J/kg.K)

 h_c = Convective heat transfer coefficient (W/m².K)

- T_f^{j+1} = Temperature of the fire (K) at time step *j*+1 (°C)
- T_s^{j+1} = Temperature of steel (K) at time step *j*+1 (°C)
- σ = Stefan-Boltzmann constant (5.67×10⁻⁸W/m²K⁴)
- ε = Emissivity factor (dimensionless) recommended default 0.5

 Δt = Time step (seconds)

4.4.7 Method of Calculating the Temperature of Protected Steel

The temperature of protected steel can be calculated using the following time based equation (modified from Buchanan):

$$T_{s}^{j} + \Delta T_{s}^{j+1} = \frac{F}{V} \left(\frac{k_{i}}{d_{i}\rho_{s}c_{s}} \right) \left\{ \frac{\rho_{s}c_{s}}{\rho_{s}c_{s} + \left(\frac{F}{V}\right)\frac{d_{i}\rho_{i}c_{i}}{2}} \right\} \left(T_{f}^{j+1} - T_{s}^{j+1} \right) \Delta t$$

Where:

 k_i = Thermal conductivity of the insulation (W/m.K)

 d_i = Thickness of the insulation (m)

 ρ_i = Density of the insulation (kg/m³)

 c_i = Specific heat of the insulation (J/kg.K)

All other variables are as per equation to calculate temperature of unprotected steel.

4.5 Application

The following tables provides the results of the above calculations and application of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render on structural members to increase their Fire Resistance Levels. The minimum thickness of render is 10mm.



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness 30 mins 60 mins		90 mins	120 mins
Welle I Deserve	30 111115	00 111115	30 11115	120 11113
Welded Beams	10	10		
1000WB215	10	10	20	30
1000WB258	10	10	20	30
1000WB296	10	10	20	30
1000WB322	10	10	20	30
1200WB249	10	10	20	30
1200WB278	10	10	20	30
1200WB317	10	10	20	30
1200WB342	10	10	20	30
1200WB392	10	10	20	30
1200WB423	10	10	20	30
1200WB455	10	10	20	30
700WB115	10	15	30	40
700WB130	10	15	30	40
700WB150	10	15	30	40
700WB173	10	15	30	40
800WB122	10	20	30	40
800WB146	10	20	30	40
800WB168	10	20	30	40
800WB192	10	20	30	40
900WB175	10	20	30	40
900WB218	10	20	30	40
900WB257	10	20	30	40
900WB282	10	20	30	40
Welded Columns				
500WC440	10	10	20	30
500WC414	10	10	20	30
500WC383	10	10	20	30
500WC340	10	10	20	30
500WC290	10	10	20	30
500WC267	10	10	20	30
500WC228	10	10	20	30
400WC361	10	10	20	30
400WC328	10	10	20	30
	10	10	20	30
400WC303	10	10	20	30
400WC270				
400WC212	10	10	20	30
400WC181	10	10	20	30
400WC144	10	10	20	30
350WC280	10	10	20	30
350WC258	10	10	20	30
350WC230	10	10	20	30
350WC230 350WC197	10	10	20	30



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness of Steel Protection (m				
	30 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins	
Universal Beams					
610UB125	10	20	30	40	
610UB113	10	20	30	40	
610UB101	10	20	30	40	
530UB92.4	10	20	30	40	
530UB82.0	10	20	30	40	
460UB82.1	10	20	30	40	
460UB74.6	10	20	30	40	
460UB67.1	10	20	30	40	
410UB59.7	10	20	30	40	
410UB53.7	10	20	30	40	
360UB56.7	10	20	30	40	
360UB50.7	10	20	30	40	
360UB44.7	10	20	30	40	
310UB46.2	10	20	30	40	
310UB40.4	10	20	30	40	
310UB32.0	10	20	30	40	
250UB37.3	15	25	35	45	
250UB31.4	15	25	35	45	
250UB25.7	15	25	35	45	
200UB29.8	20	30	40	50	
200UB25.4	20	30	40	50	
200UB22.3	20	30	40	50	
200UB18.2	20	30	40	50	
180UB22.2	20	30	40	50	
180UB18.1	20	30	40	50	
180UB16.1	20	30	40	50	
150UB18.0	20	30	40	50	
150UB14.0	20	30	40	50	
Jniversal Columns					
310UC96.8	10	15	20	30	
310UC158	10	15	20	30	
310UC137	10	15	20	30	
310UC118	10	15	20	30	
250UC89.5	10	20	30	40	
250UC72.9	10	20	30	40	
200UC59.3	10	20	30	40	
200UC52.2	10	20	30	40	
200UC46.2	10	20	30	40	
150UC37.2	20	30	40	50	
150UC30.0	20	30	40	50	
150UC23.4	20	30	40	50	
100UC14.8	20	30	40	50	



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness of Steel Protection (mm)			
	30 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Parallel Flange Channel				
380*100PFC	10	20	30	40
300*90PFC	10	20	30	40
250*90PFC	10	20	30	40
230*75PFC	15	25	40	60
200*75PFC	20	30	40	60
180*75PFC	20	30	40	60
150*75PFC	20	30	40	60
125*65PFC	20	40	50	65
100*50PFC	20	40	60	70
75*40PFC	20	40	60	70
Taper Flange Beams				
125*65TFB	20	40	50	70
100*45TFB	20	40	50	70
Equal Angles				
200EA26	10	10	20	30
200EA20	10	10	20	30
200EA18	10	10	20	30
200EA16	10	10	20	30
200EA13	10	10	20	30
150EA19	10	20	30	40
150EA16	10	20	30	40
150EA12	10	20	30	40
150EA10	10	20	30	40
125EA16	10	20	30	40
125EA12	10	20	30	40
125EA10	10	20	30	40
125EA8	10	20	30	40
100EA12	15	25	40	55
100EA12	15	25	40	55
100EA8	15	25	40	55
	15	25	40	55
100EA6	15	30		60
90EA10			50	
90EA8	15	30	50	60
90EA6	15	30	50	60
75EA10	15	40	50	70
75EA8	15	40	50	70
75EA6	15	40	50	70
75EA5	15	40	50	70
65EA10	30	45	60	70
65EA8	30	45	60	70
65EA6	30	45	60	70
65EA5	30	45	60	70
55EA6	30	45	60	75
55EA5	30	45	60	75



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness of Steel Protectio			
	30 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Equal Angles				
50EA8	30	50	65	70
50EA6	30	50	65	70
50EA5	30	50	65	70
50EA3	30	50	65	70
45EA6	30	50	65	70
45EA5	30	50	65	80
45EA3	30	50	65	80
40EA6	30	50	65	75
40EA5	30	50	65	75
40EA3	30	50	65	75
30EA6	30	50	65	80
30EA5	30	50	65	80
30EA3	30	50	70	80
25EA6	30	60	70	80
25EA5	40	60	70	80
25EA3	40	60	70	80
Unequal Angles				
150*100UA12	10	20	40	60
150*100UA10	10	30	40	60
150*90UA16	10	20	40	50
150*90UA12	10	20	40	50
150*90UA10	10	20	40	50
150*90UA8	10	30	50	60
125*75UA12	10	30	40	60
125*75UA10	15	30	50	60
125*75UA8	15	35	50	65
125*75UA10	20	40	60	70
100*75UA10	20	40	60	70
100*75UA8	20	40	60	70
100*75UA6	20	40	60	70
75*50UA8	20	40	60	70
75*50UA6	25	45	60	75
75*50UA5	25	45	60	75
65*50UA8	20	40	60	70
65*50UA6	20	40	60	75
65850UA5	25	45	65	75
Rectangular Hollow				
Sections				
250*150*9	10	20	30	40
250*150*6	10	20	35	50
250*150*5	15	25	40	50
200*100*9	10	20	30	40
200*100*6	10	25	35	45
200*100*5	15	25	40	55
200*100*4	20	30	45	60



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness of Steel Protection (mi30 mins60 mins90 mins120 mir			
Rectangular Hollow	30 mins	ou mins	90 mins	120 mins
Sections				
150*100*6	10	25	40	50
150*100*5	15	30	45	60
150*100*4	15	35	50	60
150*50*5	15	30	50	60
150*50*4	15	35	50	65
150*50*3	20	40	55	70
125*75*6	15	25	40	60
125*75*5	15	30	45	60
125*75*4	20	35	50	70
125*75*3	20	40	55	70
100*50*6	15	30	45	60
100*50*5	15	30	50	70
100*50*4	20	35	55	70
100*50*3.5	20	40	55	70
100*50*3	25	40	60	70
75*50*6	15	30	45	60
75*50*5	15	35	50	65
75*50*4	20	40	55	70
75*50*3	20	45	60	75
Square Hollow	20	45	00	15
Sections				
250*250*9	10	15	25	35
250*250*6	10	20	35	45
200*200*9	10	15	25	35
200*200*6	10	25	35	45
200*200*5	15	25	40	50
150*150*9	10	15	25	35
150*150*6	15	25	35	50
150*150*5	15	25	45	55
125*125*9	10	15	25	40
125*125*6	10	25	40	50
125*125*5	15	30	45	55
125*125*4	15	35	50	60
100*100*9	10	20	30	40
100*100*6	15	25	40	55
100*100*5	15	30	45	60
100*100*4	15	35	50	65
100*100*3	20	40	55	70
89*89*6	15	25	40	55
89*89*5	15	30	45	60
89*89*3.5	20	40	50	70
75*75*6	15	30	45	60
75*75*5	15	30	50	65
75*75*4	20	35	55	65
75*75*3.5	20	40	55	70



	U-STUCCO™ FRX Thickness of Steel Protection (mm)			
	30 mins	60 mins	90 mins	120 mins
Square Hollow Sections				
75*75*3	20	40	60	70
65*65*6	15	30	45	60
65*65*5	15	35	50	65
65*65*4	20	40	55	70
65*65*3	25	45	60	75
50*50*5	15	35	55	70
50*50*4	20	40	60	70
50*50*3	25	45	60	75
40*40*4	25	45	60	75
40*40*3	25	45	65	75
35*35*3	30	50	65	75
25*25*3	30	50	65	80



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5 BUSHFIRE APPLICATION

5.1 Introduction

The following details the use and compliance of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render when applied in a bushfire prone area.

5.2 BCA DtS Compliance Requirement

The National Construction Code under Volume One for Class 2-9 buildings and Volume Two for Class 1 and 10 buildings sets requirements for Class 1, 2, 3 or Class 10a building or deck located in a designated bushfire prone area to comply with the requirements of AS 3959:2018.

Clause A4.4 of BCA Volume One and Two, respectively, details that the NCC overrules in any difference arising between it and any Standard, Rule, Specification or provision in a document listed in Schedule 4. AS 3959 is listed within Schedule 4. With respect to the term non-combustible, the definition and application of non-combustible under Schedule 5 of BCA Volume One 2019 and Two are deemed to apply where AS 3959 references non-combustible.

5.3 AS 3959:2018 Construction in Bushfire Prone Areas

AS 3959 is primarily concerned with improving the ability of buildings in designated bushfire-prone areas to better withstand attack from bushfire thus giving a measure of protection to the building occupants (until the fire front passes) as well as to the building itself.

Improving the design and construction of buildings to minimise damage from the effects of bushfire is but one of several measures available to property owners and occupiers to address damage during bushfire. Property owners should be aware that AS 3959 is part of a process that aims to lessen the risk of damage to buildings occurring in the event of the onslaught of bushfire. Other measures of mitigating damage from bushfire fall within the areas of planning, subdivision, siting, landscaping and maintenance.

It should be borne in mind that the measures contained in AS 3959 as well as this advisory note cannot guarantee that a building will survive a bushfire event on every occasion. This is substantially due to the degree of vegetation management, the unpredictable nature and behaviour of fire, and extreme weather conditions.

AS 3959 is limited to sites where the Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) has been determined as BAL—LOW, BAL—12.5, BAL—19, BAL—29, BAL—40 or BAL—FZ. BAL means of measuring the severity of a building's potential exposure to ember attack, radiant heat and direct flame contact, using increments of radiant heat expressed in kilowatts per metre squared, and the basis for establishing the requirements for construction to improve protection of building elements from attack by bushfire.

5.4 External Wall AS 3959 Compliance

AS 3959-2018 Clause 5.4, 6.4, 7.4, 8.4 and 9.4 for BAL 12.5, BAL 19, BAL 29, BAL 40 and BAL FZ respectively details the requirements for external walls. The exposed components of an external wall that are less than 400mm from the ground or less than 400mm above decks, carport roofs, awnings and similar elements or fittings having an angle less than 18 degrees to the horizontal and extending more than 110mm in width from the wall requires specific requirements for compliance in accordance with AS 3959 for BAL 12.5 to BAL 19. This requirement is that the material must be tested in accordance with AS 1530.8.1 or be non-combustible. Within this location the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render can be used. Outside of this location the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render can be used.



provide construction requirements for the exposed components of an external wall that are 400mm or more from the ground or 400mm or more above decks carport roofs, awnings and similar elements or fittings having an angle less than 18 degrees to the horizontal and extending more than 110mm in width from the wall in BAL 12.5 to BAL 19.

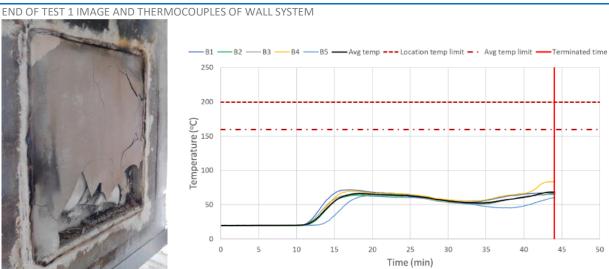
Exposed parts of an external walls of BAL 29 or 40 under Clause 8.4 of AS 3959 requires that material must be tested in accordance with AS 1530.8.1, be non-combustible or a combination of the requirements. This applies to the entire wall.

Exposed parts of an external walls of BAL FZ under Clause 9.4 of AS 3959 requires that materials must be tested in accordance with AS 1530.8.2 from the outside, be non-combustible, a system with a Fire Resistance Level (FRL) of 30/30/30 or a combination of the requirements.

The U-STUCCO[™] FRX render is non-combustible. When applied to a wall that has a thickness of at least 90mm, compliance to a BAL 19.

Ignis Labs undertook testing of two wall systems in accordance with AS 1530.4. Test 1 included a standard wall system comprising of 10mm standard grade plasterboard over a timber frame, glasswool insulation, 6mm fibre cement sheet rendered with 10mm of U-STUCCO[™] FRX render. This was recorded in Ignis Labs test report IGNL-3264-04-05R I01R00 dated 21.10.2020. The wall system achieved a 36 minute fire duration resulting in an FRL of at least -/30/30. The following images details an image of the end of the test as well as the thermocouples on the back of the wall. The inclusion of the U-STUCCO[™] FRX render has improved the wall system to achieve an FRL of at least -/30/30.

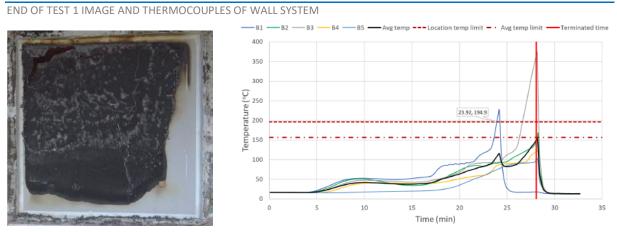
FIGURE 7:



Ignis Labs undertook baseline testing of a standard wall system identical the Test 1 with the exception that the wall was not rendered with U-STUCCO[™] FRX. Test 2 reference is IGNL-3264-06R I01 R00 dated 21.10.2020. The following figure details the results.



FIGURE 8:



The standard wall did not achieve an FRL of at least -/30/30. The wall failed at 23 minutes. Based on the above, the inclusion of a 10mm thick layer of U-STUCCO[™] FRX improves the wall system such that it can be used in bushfire prone areas where a BAL-FZ.