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## Abstract

The results of a series of model fire experiments performed under an international cooperative program are reported.

## 1. Introduction

Following the original suggestion by the British Joint Fire Research Organization (J.F.R.O.) in 1959, for a systematic investigation of the growth of fires in rooms using small-scale modeis [17, a preliminary series of tests under the sponsorship of the Working Party on Fire Research of the Conseil International du Batiment (C.I.B.) was undertaken by eight laboratories in six countries including the U. S. National Bureau of Standards [2]. The results from that series of eight tests were analyzed by J.F.R.O., who concluded that too great a variation existed between laboratories to permit the start of a larger program without more detailed specification of experimental techniques. More specific test procedures were subsequently suggested in both report form [3] and through a series of letters.

Ten laboratories in eight countries are participating in the current program and this report is the summary record of tests performed at N.B.S.

## 2. Experimental Procedures

### 2.1 Test Schedule

The testing scheme outlined in reference [3] provides for examining the effect of six parameters on the rate of burning, temperature and radiation in a compartment containing a wooden crib and a single window opening. The parameters, with the number of combinations in parentheses, were: Shape (5), Scale Size (3), Window Opening (3), Fire Load, or Quantity of Fuel (3), Fuel Dispersion (3) and Fuel Dimension (4). In addition, one laboratory was to examine the effect of wind speed in three directions.

The tests assigned to each laboratory were divided into two series. Series l comprised eight tests each repeated so as to provide an estimate of experimental variation and to establish a common base between laboratories. The Series 2 program assigned to NBS was considerably larger than could reasonably be handled and was deferred.

### 2.2 Test Compartment

The compartment was constructed according to detailed drawings provided by a cooperating laboratory, Brandveiligheidsinstituat T.N.O., Holland. It consisted of an angle steel framework and asbestos-cement sheets held together with screws (see Figure I). An asbestos-cement board partition was used for those tests requiring a compartment only one-half the overall length of 2 meters. The width and height were 2 meters and 1 meter, respectively. A removable window assembly was constructed as a single member rather than in two halves.

The prescribed properties of the asbestos sheets were as follows:

| Thickness: | $0.95 \mathrm{~cm}(3 / 8 \mathrm{in})$. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Density: | $1.5 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cc}$ |
| Thermal <br> Conductivity: | $0.00085 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |

Although an asbestos-cement board of these properties was obtained and used in the initial program in 1959, it was found to be no longer available on this continent. Therefore, and because of the severe fire exposure to which the compartment walls were to be subjected, it was considered necessary to purchase and use the currently available "Superbestos," rated by its manufacturer, Atlas Asbestos Co. Itd., Montreal, to possess a higher degree of thermal stability during fire exposure. It had the following properties:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Thickness: } & 0.95 \mathrm{~cm} \\
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\text { ThermaI } \\
\text { Conductivity: }
\end{array} & 0.00029 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{sec} \mathrm{~cm} \mathrm{oo}
\end{array}
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Severe cracking was experienced nonetheless during the first preliminary test, so that a means of patching was required. The method which proved most satisfactory and was used several times during the program, involved a light spray application of a fire-resistant gypsum plaster with perlite aggregate (avg. applied density $0.43 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ec}$ g thermal conductivity $\left..00028 \mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}.\right)$ The same plaster was also applied by trowel to fill in large cracks.

Test were conducted only after preheating and drying of the compartment to remove moisture absorbed by the asbestos-cement sheets and the plaster. This was done by burning a minimum of 40 kg of scrap wood at the start of each day's testing and. where possible, by consecutive testing. AIl tests were conducted in the prescribed sequence during the period October 18 to November 4. 1963.

After the first few tests, a noticeable distortion of the window opening was observed and which remained fairly constant throughout the series. Whereas the original design opening was 48 cm , the opening becare barrel-shaped and varied from approximately 4.8 .0 cm at the top and bottom to approximately 49.5 cm near the center.

### 2.3 Wood Cribs

The fuel consisted of wood sticks of nominally square section arranged in cribs with a lattice-type construction. The type of wood prescribed was spruce with a density of $0.39 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{ce} \pm 10$ pereent when oven dry. The wood used wat seleat, grade Engelmann spruce (Picea engelmannit) which was smooth-sawed to size and preassembled into cribs using a thermosetting urea resin adhesive and a small quantity of nails. Details of the construction, composition and average density of each crib are given in Table $1 . C r i b s$ were conditioned to constant weight in an atmosphere controlled at $73 \pm 2 \mathrm{~F}$ and $50 \pm 5$ percent rh. Prior to test, each crib was adjusted to its prescribed weight by the addition or removal of wood. The average molsture content of each crib at the time of test is also IIsted in Table I. In each cases the crib weight comprised the spruce crib, the gIue and the fiberboard wicks, but excluded the weight of nails and kerosene.

### 2.4. Weight Measurements

The tests were performed with one side of the compartment approximately 1.5 meters from the wall of a very large and essentially draft-free room. The compartment was suspended in a steel cradle so that its floor was approximately $I$ meter above the building floor. The entire cradle and compartment was suspended and weighed by means of a commercial load cell of the strain gage type. In order to prevent load cell erros due to thermal effects, a cooling water jacket was placed around it. The temperature of the load cell case was monitored in all tests and never exceeded $46^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the permissible temperature limit for complete conformance to specifications. The load cell output was adjusted to $0.0662 \mathrm{mv} / \mathrm{kg}$ ( $0.0300 \mathrm{mv} / \mathrm{Ib}$ ) and checked out perfectiy before and after the test program using known weights. The millivolt output signal was digitally recorded at one minute intervals.

The compartment was levelled prior to each test and required slight relevelling (by means of sliding weights) during a few tests. No account was taken of the buoyancy effect, the magnitude of which might possibly be 4 kg for the scale 1, shape 221 compartment with 160 kg lead.

It was found in a typical test that the weight of the compartment and crib would decrease to a minimum value, corresponding to approximately 1 to 10 kg negative, and regain approximately 5 kg upon cooling to room temperature. The weight of ashes was usually between 0.2 and 0.7 kg 。

### 2.5 Temperature Measurements

Thermocouples for indicating "ceiling" and "floor" temperatures were of 0.0508 cm ( 0.020 in。) diameter ( $\mathrm{B} \& \mathrm{~S} 24$ gauge) chromel and alumel wires with asbestos and glass, silicone impregnated insulation. The beads were bare and unshielded. The thermocouples were inserted through a small hole in the top of the compartment and new thermocouples were used for each test. Temperatures were recorded directly and automatically Indigital form at one minute intervals.

### 2.6 Radiation Measurements

Window (opening) radiation was monitored by Radiometer "H/I4" for all tests and the calibration provided by J.F.R.O. (and checked at NBS) was used for conversion of millivolt output readings to intensity values in cal/sec $\mathrm{cm}^{2}$. This radiometer was mounted on an outrigger frame attached to the compartment and at a distance of 2 meters from the compartment face for all tests. Except for the first test (NBS No.I, C.I.B. No. 1), all succeeding tests were conducted using a sheet metal screen immediately in front of the radiometer so as to minimize the contribution of radiation from flames above the window opening [4].

Flame radiation was monitored by a similar radiometer placed centrally 10 cm above the top of the compartment and in the plane of the opening. It was fabricated at NBS according to the published description [5], and its cone was blackened to reduce reflections [4]. Radiometer "R I" was used for all tests with the exception of Test Nos. 7, 15 and 16 (NBS chronological designation), where Radiometer " $R 2$ " was used.

Calibration curves for the three radiometers used are shown in Figure 2.

### 2.7 Data Recording

Data were automatically recorded in digital form by means of a scanning and recording system [6] programmed to provide a complete set of readings at one minute intervals. since the measuring potentiometer contained two balancing slidewires, it was possible to obtain both direct temperature readings (with the use of chromel-alumel thermocouples) in the range 0 to $1400^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(4^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ accuracy) and millivolt readings in the range 0 to 14.00 mv ( $\pm 0.04 \mathrm{mv}$ accuracy). For those cases in which the output from the flame radiometer exceeded 14 mV , a 10 mv bucking signal was used to extend the range of the potentiometer to 24 my .

For the scanning sequence used, the actual measuring times for each one minute cycle were as follows:

| Time |  |  |  |  |
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| min:sec |  |  |  |  |
| Laclosure Weight, mv | 0 | $\begin{gathered} 0: 00 \text { (and each succeeding } \\ \text { minute) } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| Vindow Radiation, mv | 31 | 0:08 | " |  |
| Plame Radiation, mv | 32 | 0:09 | " |  |
| Veiling Temperature, oc |  | $0: 10$ | " |  |
| Soor Temperature, oc | 34 | $0: 11$ | " |  |

In the listins and analysis of data, however, it was assumed that all readings were made at the time corresponding to the weinht reading.
3. Results

Tine results of the sixteen tests performed in the prescribed sequence are listed in the standard form at the end of this report. Statistical averages were computed as requested for the time periods corresponding to 80 and 55 percent of the initial weight ( $80 / 55$ ) and to 55 and 30 percent of the initial weight (55/30). The radiation and temperature averages were based upon the appropriate measured values at oneminute intervals, with no attempt at curveIfting or interpolation. However, the rate of weight loss averages were based upon the interpolated 30, 55 and 80 percent times from a smooth curve drawn through the oneminute readings. Table 2 presents a summary list of all average values for the test series.
4. Observations

The following additional observations were visually noted during the test series:

The entire crib was not fuvolved in flaming simultaneously, out rather burnins proceeded from the front third, where the kerosene-soaked wicks were icaited, toward the rear. After ourning had involved the front face of the crib, the increasingly taller flames were bent backwards by the inrush of air.

The normal pattern of air inflow at and near the floor level, then up and around at the rear of the compartment, and the exhaust of hot gases and flames at the ceiling level was then always obvious. However, for those tests with only 1/4. window opening, strong fire whirls were observed in the front corners of the compartment near the start of the test. These flaming vortices, which rose directly toward the ceiling and were drawn out of the window opening, lasted only until the burning had increased sufficiently to establish the normal pattern.

It was observed that with the $1 / 4$ window opening the exiting flames and gases filled a larger portion (up to two-thirds) of the window opening than with the full open window (up to one-third). In addition, the flames extended to a greater height outside the compartment (up to 3 meters) in those tests with the $1 / 4$ window opening.

During the major portion of those tests with the full window opening, a definite pattern of flame pulsations with accompanying "swoosh" sounds was noticed. These pulsations occurred with a frequency of approximately one per second. In both instances of a test with a $1 / 4$ window opening (C.I.B. 3), a single rapid burst or mild explosion followed by momentarily increased flaming was observed.

The crib retained its lattice structure until almost the entire weight loss had occurred and then gradually crumbled, this again proceeding from front to rear as the charcoal glowing took place. The weight of the remaining ashes never amounted to more than one percent of the initial crib weight.

Dark, dense smoke was common to all tests, and for those tests with 80 and 160 kg eribs, the entire building of over $3000 \mathrm{fin}^{3 \prime}$ became completely smoke-logged with visibility at eye level reduced to as little as 25 cm .

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| NBS No. | CIB No. | Designation | Crib No. | $\frac{\text { Stick }}{\text { Height }}$ | $\frac{\text { Size }}{\text { Width }}$ | Packing Density | Weight Nails | $\begin{gathered} \text { Weight } \\ \text { Glue } \\ \text { (wet) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Test } \\ \text { Weighte } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mean D } \\ & \text { As } \\ & \text { Condi. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { ensity } \\ \text { Dry } \\ \text { Basis } \end{gathered}$ | Moisture Content ${ }^{\text {c }}$ Dry Basis $\qquad$ |
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| 3 | 4. | 221-40-1/4 | 16 | 1.98 | 2.09 | 0.91 | 0.53 | 1.64. | 160.0 | .395 | .366 | 7.8 |
| 4. | 0 | 221-4.0-1 | 7 | 1.99 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 0.38 | 1.67 | 160.0 | .409 | .377 | 8.4 |
| 5 | 6 | 211-4.0-1/4. | 14. | 1.98 | 2.09 | 0.91 | 0.18 | 1.16 | 80.0 | .402 | .369 | 8.9 |
| 6 | 3 | 211-20-1/4. | 15 | 1.98 | 2.09 | 0.91 | 0.12 | 0.36 | 4.0 .0 | .4 .08 | .385 | 6.0 |
| 7 | Y | 211-4.0-1 | 11 | 1.99 | 2.13 | 0.88 | 0.16 | 0.81 | 80.0 | .407 | .367 | 10.9 |
| 8 | 9 | 211-20-1 | 12 | 1.99 | 2.13 | 0.88 | 0.12 | 0.4 .1 | 4.0 .0 | .4 .05 | .373 | 8.5 |
| 9 | $Y$ | 211-40-1 | 9 | 1.99 | 2.13 | 0.88 | 0.14 | 0.90 | 80.0 | .398 | .367 | 8.4 |
| 10 | 1 | 221-20-1/4. | 1 | 1.98 | 1.93 | 1.07 | 0.29 | 0.96 | 80.0 | .4 .08 | .376 | 8.5 |
| 11 | 0 | 221-40-1 | 4 | 1.99 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 0.87 | 1.4 .4 | 160.0 | .4 .06 | .374 | 8.5 |
| 12 | 9 | 211-20-1 | 10 | 1.99 | 2.13 | 0.88 | 0.07 | 0.32 | 4.0 .0 | .434 | .396 | 9.6 |
| 13 | 6 | 211-40-1/4 | 5 | 1.99 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 0.19 | - | 80.0 | .407 | .371 | 9.7 |
| 14. | 3 | 211-20-1/4 | 6 | 1.99 | 2.00 | 1.00 | 0.08 | 0.31 | 4.0 .0 | .4 .65 | .4 .22 | 10.1 |
| 15 | 7 | 221-20-1 | 2 | 1.98 | 1.93 | 1.07 | 0.10 | 1.01 | 80.0 | .4 .14 | - 378 | 9.6 |
| 16 | 4 | 221-4.0-1/4 | 13 | 1.99 | 2.13 | 0.88 | 0.4 .9 | 1.68 | 160.0 | .391 | .358 | 9.3 |





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$\mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}^{2}$

## STATISTICS

| Rate Wt. | Ss $\frac{\mathrm{kg}}{\mathrm{min}}$ | Ceiling | Temp. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Floor | emp - ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | Window Rad. $\frac{\mathrm{cal}}{\mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}^{2}}$ |  | Flame Rad. $\frac{\mathrm{cal}}{\mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}^{2}}$ |  | Time to $80 \%$ orig. wt.min |
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C.I.B. Test Designation 1 (NBS 10)
Shape: 221
 cal/sec cm

## Time, min

Weight, kg
Temp. Ceiling, ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
iemp. Floor, ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$
Window Rediation.
$\mathrm{cal} / \mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}^{2}$
Flame Radiation,
cal/sec $\mathrm{cm}^{2}$
STATISTICS

| Rate Wt. | $s \mathrm{~s} \frac{\mathrm{~kg}}{\mathrm{~min}}$ | Ceiling Temp. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | Floor Temp. ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  | Window Rad. $\frac{\mathrm{cal}}{\mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}^{2}}$ |  | Flame Rad. $\frac{\mathrm{cal}}{\mathrm{sec} \mathrm{cm}}$ |  | Time to 80\% orig. wt.min |
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D. S. National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.
C.I.B. Test Desigmation 9 (NBS 12) Dispersion of Fuel: 1 spacing


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EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

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Flame Radiation,
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