



Regulatory information report

Critical radiant flux (CRF) of solid timber (minimum thickness 12 mm) and plywood (minimum thickness 15 mm) when tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003(R2016)

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Executive summary

This report contains the minimum information required for regulatory compliance and refers to the assessment report 21419 R6.0.

The analysis conducted in the referenced assessment report documents the findings of the assessment undertaken to determine the expected fire hazard properties of solid timber and plywood specimens of various thicknesses and species to be used as floorings if tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).

The analysis in section 5 of the referenced report found that the proposed systems together with the described variations are expected to achieve a Critical Radiant Flux (CRF) and Smoke Development Rate as shown in Table 1 to Table 6, if tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).

The variations and outcome of the referenced assessment report are subject to the limitations and requirements described in sections 2, 3 and 6 of this report.

Table 1 Timber flooring 12 mm or thicker (No substrate)

Flooring species	Thickness	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%-Mins)
Ash, Alpine - Eucalyptus delegatensis	12 mm or	Greater than or	<750
Ash, Mountain – Eucalyptus regnans	greater	equal to 1.2 and less than 4.5	
Gum, Blue, Sydney - Eucalyptus saligna			
Gum, Rose – Eucalyptus grandis			
Stringy Bark, Yellow - Eucalyptus muellerana			
Pine, Celerytop - Phyllocladus asplenifolius			

Table 2 Plywood flooring options (No substrate) – CRF 1.2 and less than 2.2 kW/m²

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Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	15 mm or	Greater than or	<750
Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii	greater	equal to 1.2 and less than 2.2	
Pine, Hoop - Araucaria cunninghamii			
Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	17 mm or		
Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii	greater		

Table 3 Plywood flooring options (No substrate) – CRF 2.2 and less than 4.5 kW/m²

Species of plywood flooring	Thickness (mm)	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%- Mins)
Pine, Hoop - Araucaria cunninghamii	15 mm or greater	Greater than or equal to 2.2 and less than 4.5	<750
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Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii	greater		

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Table 4 Timber flooring options with proposed substrate

Flooring species	Thickness	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%-Mins)
Ash, Alpine - Eucalyptus delegatensis	12 mm or	Greater than or	<750
Ash, Mountain – Eucalyptus regnans	greater	equal to 1.2 and less than 4.5	
Ash, Silvertop - Eucalyptus sieberi			
Beech Myrtle - Northofagus cunnighamii			
Blackbutt - Eucalyptus pilularis			
Blackbutt, New England - Eucalyptus andrewsii			
Bloodwood Red - Eucalyptus gummifera			
Box, Brush - Lopehostman confertus			
Box, Grey – Eucalyptus microcarpa			
Brownbarrel - Eucalyptus fastigata			
Gum, Blue, Southern (TAS) - Eucalyptus globulus			
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Gum, Blue, Sydney - Eucalyptus saligna			
Gum, Manna - Eucalyptus viminalis			
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Gum, Sugar - Eucalyptus cladocalyx			
Gum, Yellow - Eucalyptus leucoxylon			
Ironbark, Grey – Eucalyptus drepanophylla			
Ironbark, Red - Eucalyptus sideroxylon			
Jarrah - Eucalyptus marginata			
Karri - Eucalyptus diversicolor			
Mahogany, Red - <i>Eucalyptus resinifera</i>			
Merbau - <i>Instia bijuga</i>			
Messmate - Eucalyptus obliqua			
Pine, White Cypress - Callitris glaucophylla			
Stringy Bark, Yellow - Eucalyptus muellerana			
Tallowwood - Eucalyptus microcorys			
Turpentine – Syncarpa glomulifera			

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Table 5 Plywood flooring options (With proposed substrate) – CRF 1.2 and less than 2.2 kW/m²

Species of plywood flooring	Thickness (mm)	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%- Mins)
Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	15 mm or greater	Greater than or	<750
Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii		equal to 1.2 and less than 2.2	
Pine, Hoop - Araucaria cunninghamii			
Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	17 mm or greater		
Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii			

Table 6 Plywood flooring options (With proposed substrate) – CRF 2.2 and less than 4.5 kW/m²

Species of plywood flooring	Thickness (mm)	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%- Mins)
Pine, Hoop - Araucaria cunninghamii	15 mm or greater	Greater than or equal to 2.2 and less than 4.5	<750
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Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii	greater		

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1. Introduction

This report contains the minimum information sufficient for regulatory compliance and refers to the assessment report 21419 R6.0.

The analysis conducted in the referenced assessment report documents the findings of the assessment undertaken to determine the expected fire hazard properties of solid timber and plywood specimens of various thicknesses and species to be used as floorings if tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).

The referenced assessment was carried out at the request of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited.

The sponsor details are included in Table 7.

Table 7 Sponsor details

Sponsor	Address
Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited	Level 11 10-16 Queen Street
	Melbourne
	VIC 3000
	Australia

2. Framework for the assessment

2.1 Assessment approach

An assessment is an opinion about the likely performance of a component or element of structure if it was subject to a fire test.

No specific framework, methodology, standard or guidance documents exists in Australia for doing these assessments. We have therefore followed the 'Guide to undertaking technical assessments of the fire performance of construction products based on fire test evidence' prepared by the Passive Fire Protection Forum (PFPF) in the UK in 2019¹.

This guide provides a framework for undertaking assessments in the absence of specific fire test results. Some areas where assessments may be offered are:

- Where a modification is made to a construction which has already been tested
- The interpolation or extrapolation of results of a series of fire resistance tests, or utilisation of a series of fire test results to evaluate a range of variables in a construction design or a product
- Where, for various reasons eg size or configuration it is not possible to subject a construction or a product to a fire test.

Assessments will vary from relatively simple judgements on small changes to a product or construction through to detailed and often complex engineering assessments of large or sophisticated constructions.

The referenced assessment uses established empirical methods and our experience of fire testing similar products to extend the scope of application by determining the limits for the design based on the tested constructions and performances obtained. The assessment is an evaluation of the potential fire hazard properties if the elements were to be tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).

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Passive Fire Protection Forum (PFPF), 2019, Guide to undertaking technical assessments of the fire performance of construction products based on fire test evidence, Passive Fire Protection Forum (PFPF), UK.



The referenced assessment has been written using appropriate test evidence generated at accredited laboratories to the relevant test standard. The supporting test evidence has been deemed appropriate to support the manufacturer's stated design.

2.2 Compliance with the National Construction Code

The referenced assessment report has been prepared to meet the evidence of suitability requirements of the National Construction Code Volumes One and Two – Building Code of Australia (NCC) 2019 including Amendments² under A5.2 (1) (d).

The referenced assessment has been written in accordance with the general principles outlined in EN 15725:2010³ for extended application reports on the fire performance of construction products and building elements. It also references test evidence for meeting a performance requirement or deemed to satisfy (DTS) provisions of the NCC under, A5.5 for reaction to fire as applicable to the assessed systems.

The referenced assessment report may also be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for evidence of suitability under NCC 2016 including Amendments⁴.

2.3 Declaration

The 'Guide to undertaking technical assessments of the fire performance of construction products based on fire test evidence' prepared by the PFPF in the UK requires a declaration from the client. By accepting our fee proposal on 18 March 2021, Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited confirmed that:

- To their knowledge the component or element of structure, which is the subject of the referenced assessment, has not been subjected to a fire test to the standard against which the referenced assessment is being made.
- They agree to withdraw the referenced assessment from circulation if the component or element of structure is the subject of a fire test by a test authority in accordance with the standard against which the referenced assessment is being made and the results are not in agreement with the referenced assessment.
- They are not aware of any information that could adversely affect the conclusions of the referenced assessment and – if they subsequently become aware of any such information – they agree to ask the assessing authority to withdraw the assessment.

3. Limitations of the referenced assessment

- The scope of the referenced assessment report is limited to an assessment of the variations to the tested systems described in section 4.3.
- The referenced assessment report details the methods of construction, test conditions and assessed results that are expected if the systems were tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).
- The referenced assessment report is only valid for the assessed systems and must not be
 used for any other purpose. Any changes with respect to size, construction details, loads,
 stresses, edge or end conditions other than those identified in the referenced assessment
 report may invalidate the findings of the referenced assessment. If there are changes to the
 system, a reassessment will need to be done by an Accredited Testing Laboratory (ATL).
- The referenced assessment report has been prepared based on information provided by others. Warringtonfire has not verified the accuracy and/or completeness of that information

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National Construction Code Volumes One and Two - Building Code of Australia 2019 including Amendments, Australian Building Codes Board, Australia

³ European Committee for Standardization, 2010, Extended application reports on the fire performance of construction products and building elements, EN 15725:2010, European Committee for Standardization, Brussels, Belgium.

⁴ National Construction Code Volumes One and Two - Building Code of Australia 2016 including Amendments, Australian Building Codes Board. Australia



- and will not be responsible for any errors or omissions that may be incorporated into the referenced assessment report as a result.
- The referenced assessment is based on the proposed systems being constructed under comprehensive quality control practices and following appropriate industry regulations and Australian Standards on quality of materials, design of structures, guidance on workmanship and the expert handling, placing and finishing of the products on site. These variables are beyond the control and consideration of the referenced assessment report.

4. Description of the specimen and variations

4.1 System description

The proposed systems include timber and plywood specimens of various thicknesses and species for use as flooring applications. Additionally, it is proposed to assess timber and plywood specimens adhered to various substrates with PVA or other water-based adhesives. The tested timber and plywood specimens consisted of a single section nominally 1050 mm \times 230 mm of various thicknesses and species.

4.2 Referenced test data

The referenced assessment of the variation to the tested system and the determination of the expected performance is based on the results of the fire tests documented in the reports summarised in Table 8. Further details of the tested system are included in Appendix A in the referenced report.

Table 8 Referenced test data

Report number	Test sponsor	Testing authority
WFRA 41117.1	Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited	AWTA laboratories under the technical control of Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd
WFRA 499241A-L	Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited	AWTA laboratories under the technical control of Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd
WFRA 2141900 A-D	Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited	AWTA laboratories under the technical control of Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd
WFRA 2200000 A-B	Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited	AWTA laboratories under the technical control of Warrington Fire Research (Aust) Pty Ltd

4.3 Variations to the tested systems

An identical system has not been subject to a standard fire test. We have therefore assessed the systems using baseline test information for similar systems. The variations to the tested systems – together with the referenced standard fire tests – are described in Table 9.

Table 9 Variations to tested systems

Item number	Reference test	Description	Variations
1	WFRA 41117.1 WFRA 499241 WFRA 2141900 WFRA 2200000	 The referenced tests included, 12 mm and 19 mm thick timber species 15 mm and 17 mm thick plywood species 	The proposed variations are to assess the CRF and smoke development rate of Timber species as tested in the referenced test reports, to be minimum 12 mm thick or thicker and

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Item number	Reference test	Description	Variations
		12 mm thick timber adhered to 19 mm thick particleboard with PVA adhesive.	 fixed to structural framing (e.g. floor joists). Timber plywood species as tested in the referenced test reports, to be 15 mm thick or thicker fixed to structural framing (e.g. floor joists). Timber species as tested in the referenced test reports, to be 12 mm thick or thicker fixed to any substrate shown in Table 10 with PVA, or other water-based adhesives and no air gap between flooring and substrate. Timber plywood species as tested in the referenced test reports, to be 15 mm thick or thicker fixed to any substrate shown in Table 10 with PVA, or other water-based adhesives and no air gap between flooring.

Table 10 Proposed flooring substrates

Substrate	Thickness (mm)
Particleboard 716 kg/m ³	19 mm or greater
Fibre cement	15 mm or greater
Normal Weight Concrete floor	75 mm or greater
Light weight concrete floor	75 mm or greater

4.4 Purpose of the test

Specification C1.10 of the National Construction Code 2019 Volume One, Building Code of Australia, requires testing of flooring to AS ISO 9239.1– "Reaction to Fire Tests for Floorings Part 1: Determination of the burning behaviour using a radiant heat source". The main outcome from these tests is a material's Critical Radiant Heat Flux (CRF). The test measures the radiant energy required to just sustain burning. The test involves the specimen being held horizontally under the influence of a radiant heat source at one end. When ignited the flame spreads along the specimen away from the radiant source until it ceases. The radiant heat flux at the point at which burning ceases is the Critical Radiant Heat Flux (CRF). The amount of smoke evolved is also determined using a light extinction smoke meter mounted in the flue, not that dissimilar to the existing unit on the AS/NZS 1530.3 apparatus.

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5. Conclusion

Details of the assessment and discussion are only available in the referenced main assessment report. The proposed variations described in section 4.3 are expected to achieve performances as shown in Table 11 to Table 16, if they were tested in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016).

Table 11 Timber flooring 12 mm or thicker (No substrate)

Flooring species	Thickness	CRF (kW/m²)	Smoke Development Rate (%- Mins)
Ash, Alpine - Eucalyptus delegatensis	12 mm or greater	Greater than or equal to 1.2 and less than 4.5	<750
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Table 12 Plywood flooring options (No substrate) – CRF 1.2 and less than 2.2 kW/m²

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Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	17 mm or greater		
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Table 13 Plywood flooring options (No substrate) – CRF 2.2 and less than 4.5 kW/m²

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Table 14 Timber flooring options with proposed substrate

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Ash, Silvertop - Eucalyptus sieberi			
Beech Myrtle - Northofagus cunnighamii			
Blackbutt - Eucalyptus pilularis			
Blackbutt, New England - Eucalyptus andrewsii			
Bloodwood Red - Eucalyptus gummifera			

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Flooring species	Thickness	CRF (kW
Box, Brush - Lopehostman confertus		
Box, Grey – Eucalyptus microcarpa		
Brownbarrel - Eucalyptus fastigata		
Gum, Blue, Southern (TAS) - Eucalyptus globulus		
Gum, Blue, Southern (VIC) - Eucalyptus globulus		
Gum, Blue, Sydney - Eucalyptus saligna		
Gum, Manna - Eucalyptus viminalis		
Gum, Red, River - Eucalyptus camaldulensis		
Gum, Rose – Eucalyptus grandis		
Gum, Shining – Eucalyptus nitens		
Gum, Spotted - Corymbia maculata	-	
Gum, Sugar - Eucalyptus cladocalyx		
Gum, Yellow - Eucalyptus leucoxylon		
Ironbark, Grey – Eucalyptus drepanophylla		
Ironbark, Red - Eucalyptus sideroxylon		
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Tallowwood - Eucalyptus microcorys		
Turpentine – Syncarpa glomulifera		

Table 15 Plywood flooring options (With proposed substrate) – CRF 1.2 and less than 2.2 kW/m²

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Pine, Radiata – Pinus radiata	15 mm or	Greater than or	<750
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Table 16 Plywood flooring options (With proposed substrate) – CRF 2.2 and less than 4.5 kW/m²

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Pine, Slash – Pinus elliottii			

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6. Validity

Warringtonfire Australia does not endorse the tested or assessed product in any way. The conclusions of the referenced 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 hazard under all conditions.

Due to the nature of fire testing and the consequent difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of measurement, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy. The inherent variability in test procedures, materials and methods of construction, and installation may lead to variations in performance between elements of similar construction.

The referenced 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 subject to constant review and improvement. It is therefore recommended that the referenced assessment report be reviewed on, or before, the stated expiry date.

The referenced assessment represents our opinion about the performance expected to be demonstrated in a test in accordance with AS ISO 9239.1:2003 (Reconfirmed 2016), based on the evidence referred to in the referenced assessment report.

The referenced assessment is provided to Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited for their own specific purposes. Building certifiers and other third parties are responsible for deciding if systems listed within the referenced assessment are accepted for a particular installation.

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