

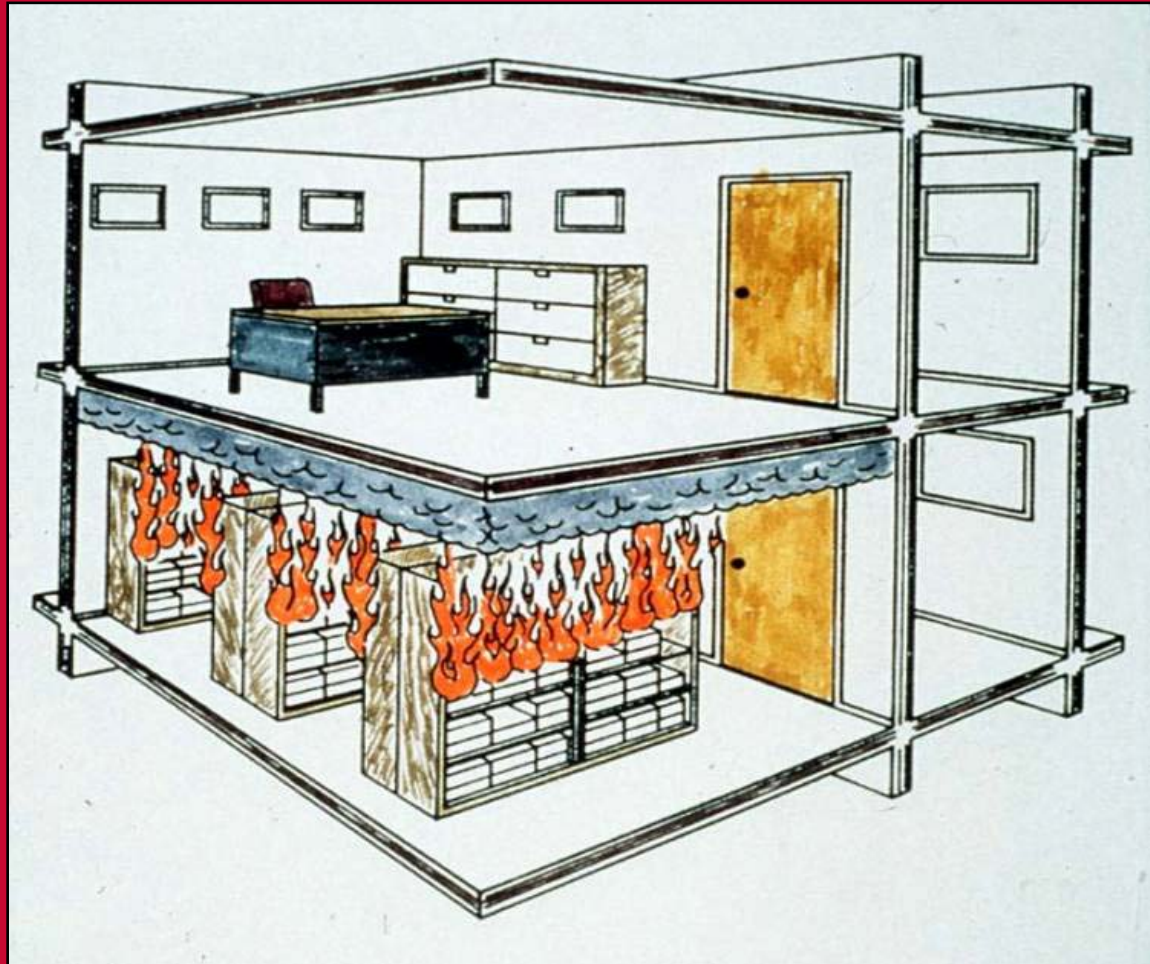
Testing of Fire Resistance and Smoke Resistant Assemblies



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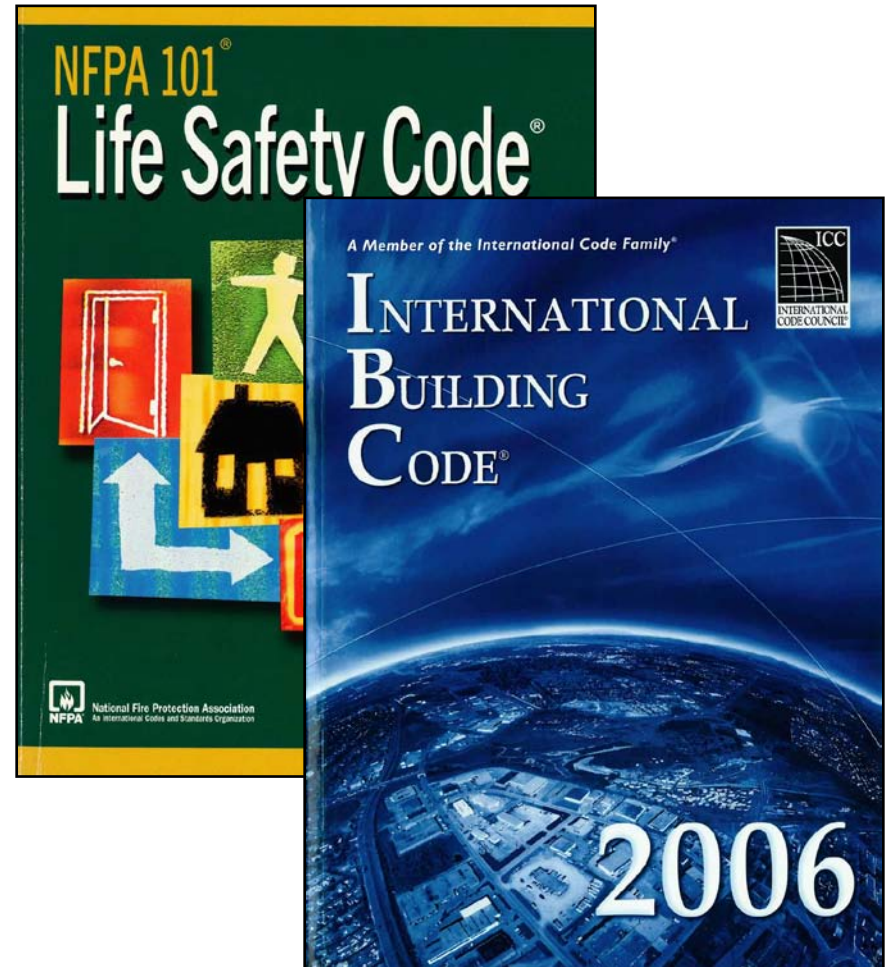
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Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction



Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

Code
Requirements
for
Fire-Resistance-
Rated
Construction



Code Requirements

- IBC Section 703.2 – Fire-resistance ratings shall be determined in accordance with ANSI/UL 263 or ASTM E119
- LSC 8.2.3.1 – The fire resistance of structural elements and building assemblies shall be determined in accordance with test procedures set forth in NFPA 251 (i.e. ANSI/UL 263 or ASTM E119)



Fire Resistance

- Expressed as an Hourly Time Period
- Ratings range from 1/2 to 4 hours
- Containment of Fire to Room or Floor of Origin



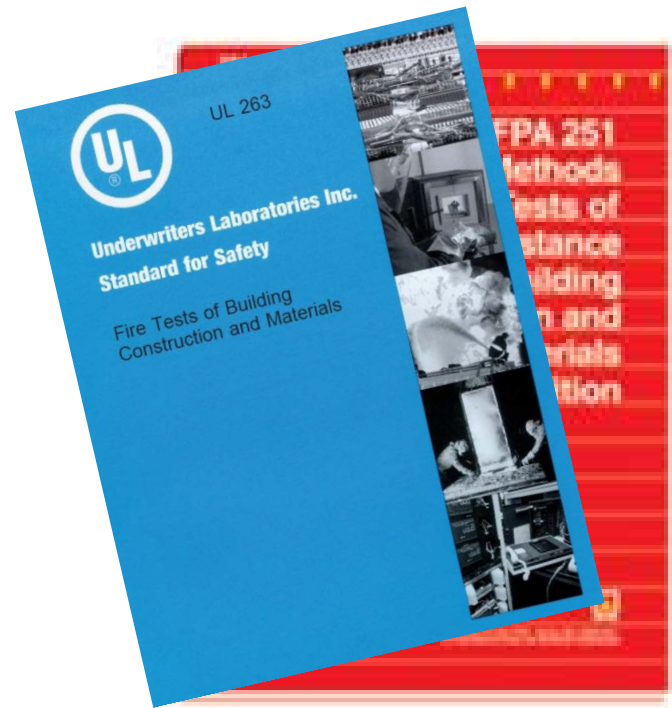
Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

Establishing
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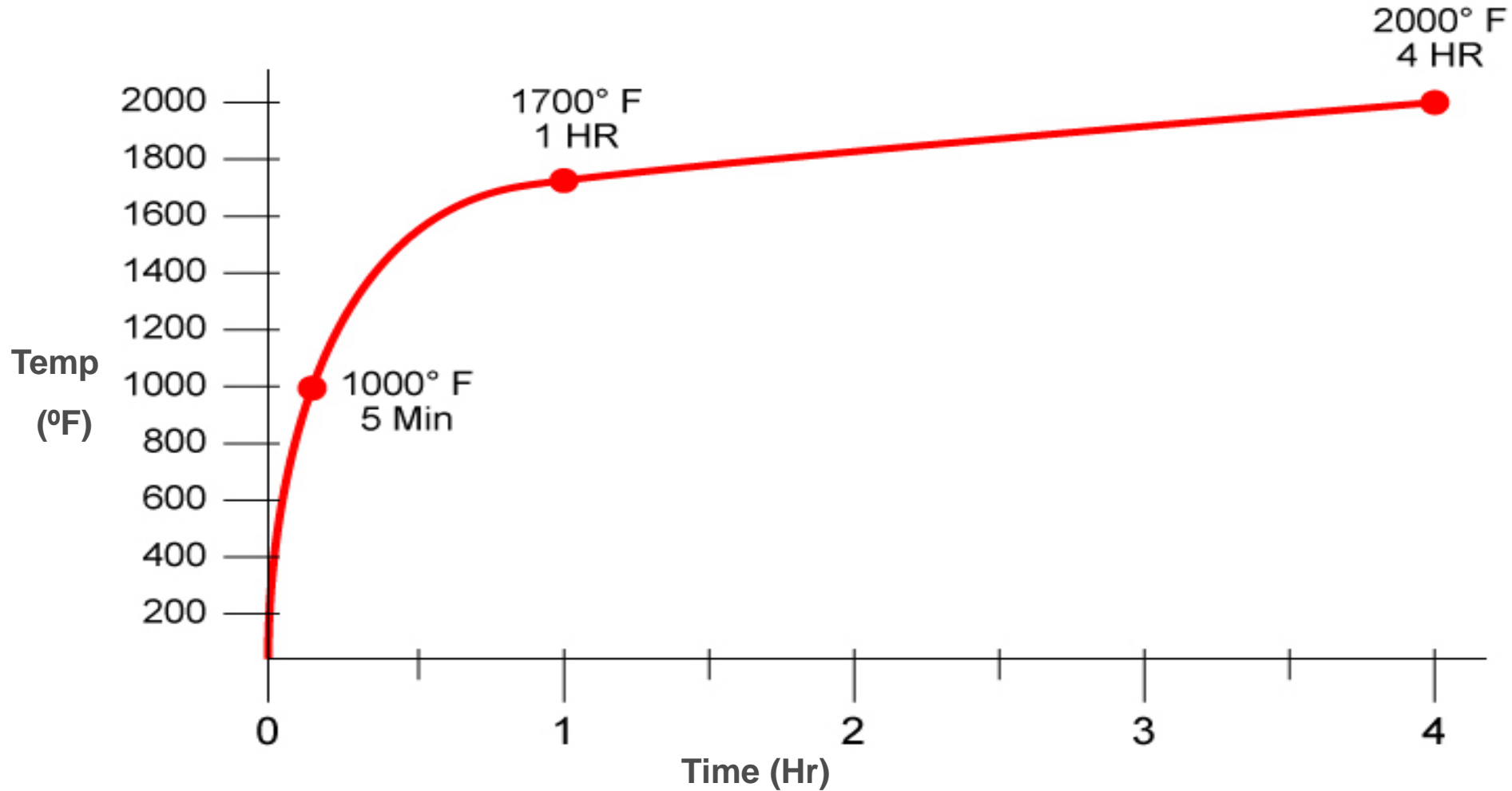
- ANSI/UL 263
- ASTM E119
- NFPA 251 (Withdrawn)



Building Components

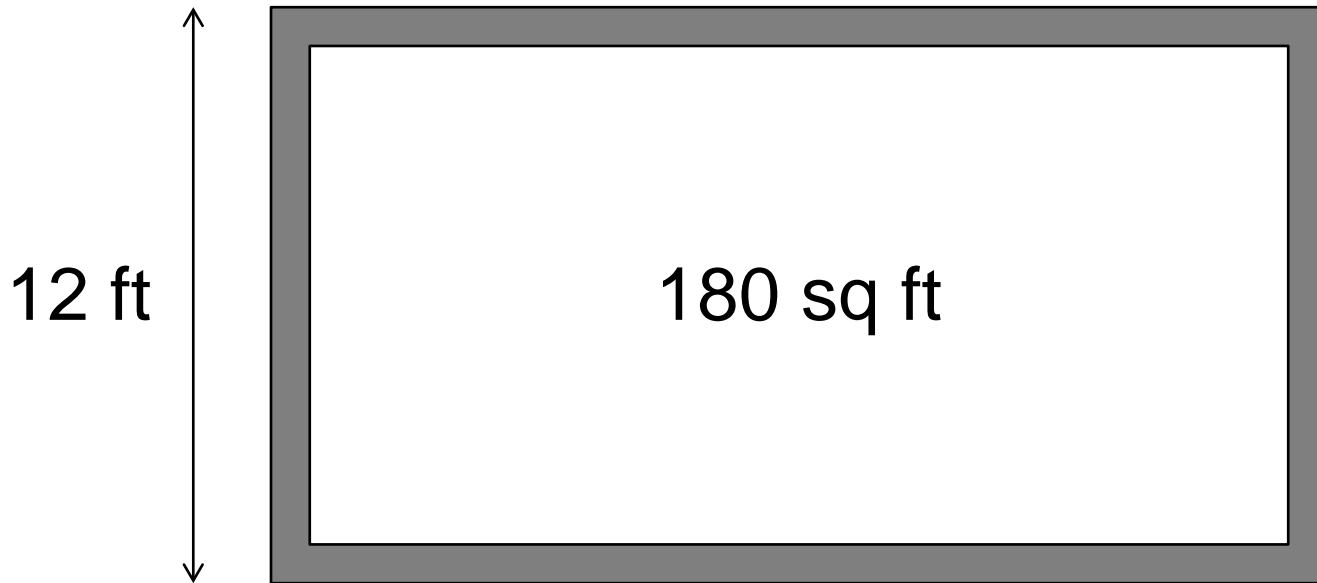
- Columns
- Beams
- Floor/Ceilings or Roof/Ceilings
- Walls

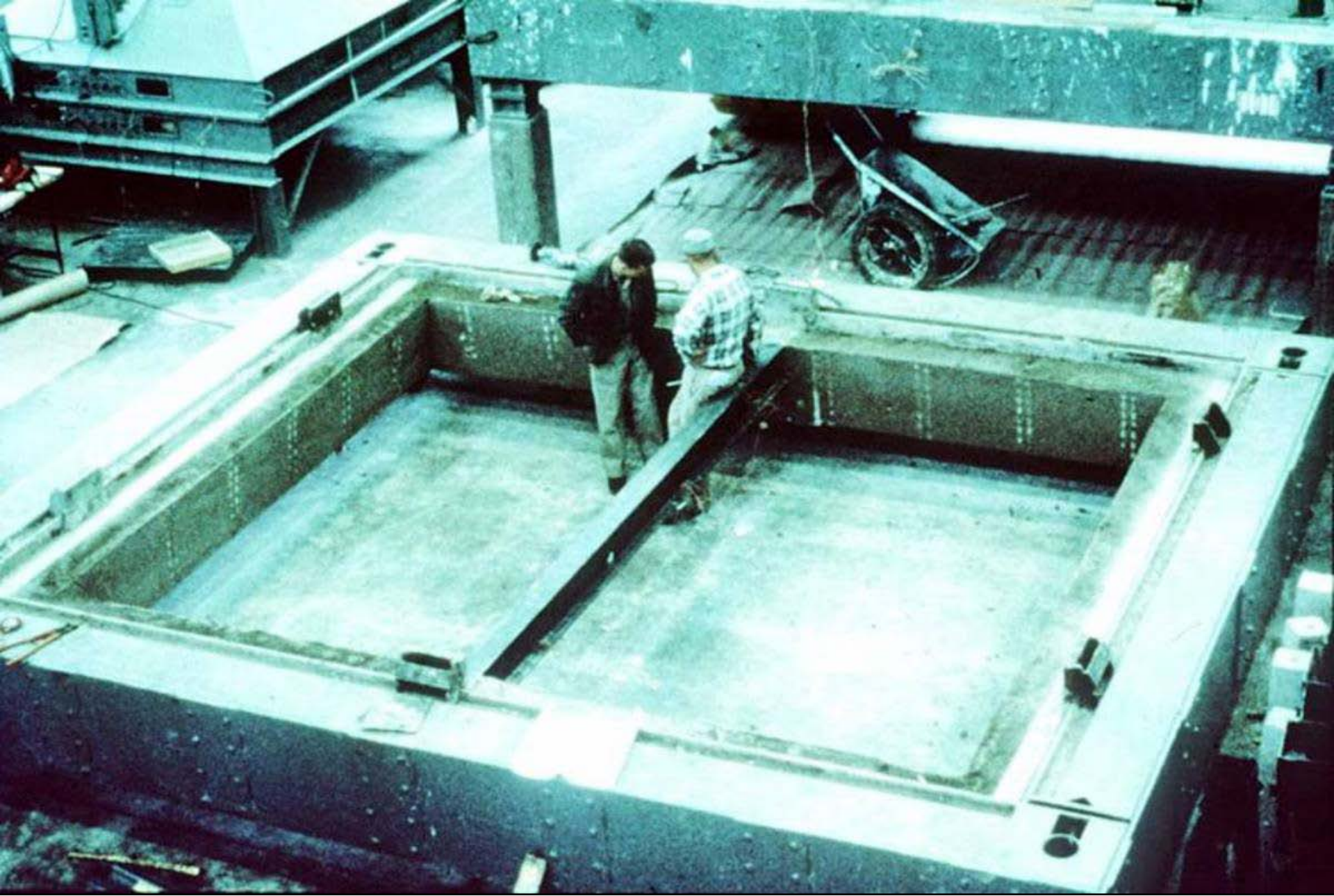
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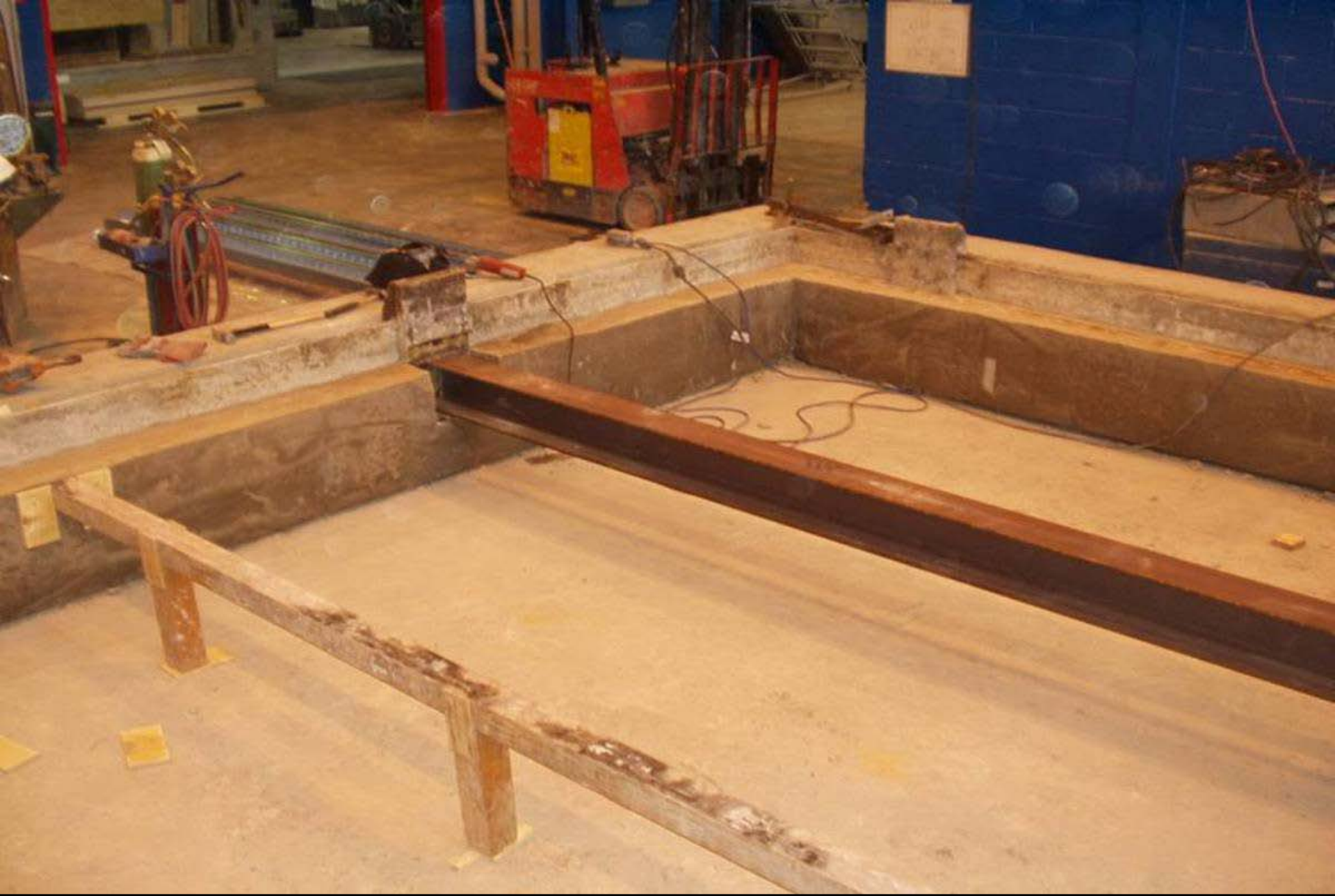


Floor/Ceiling or Roof/Ceilings

- Sample size – 180 sq ft / 12 ft
- Load applied – Per design

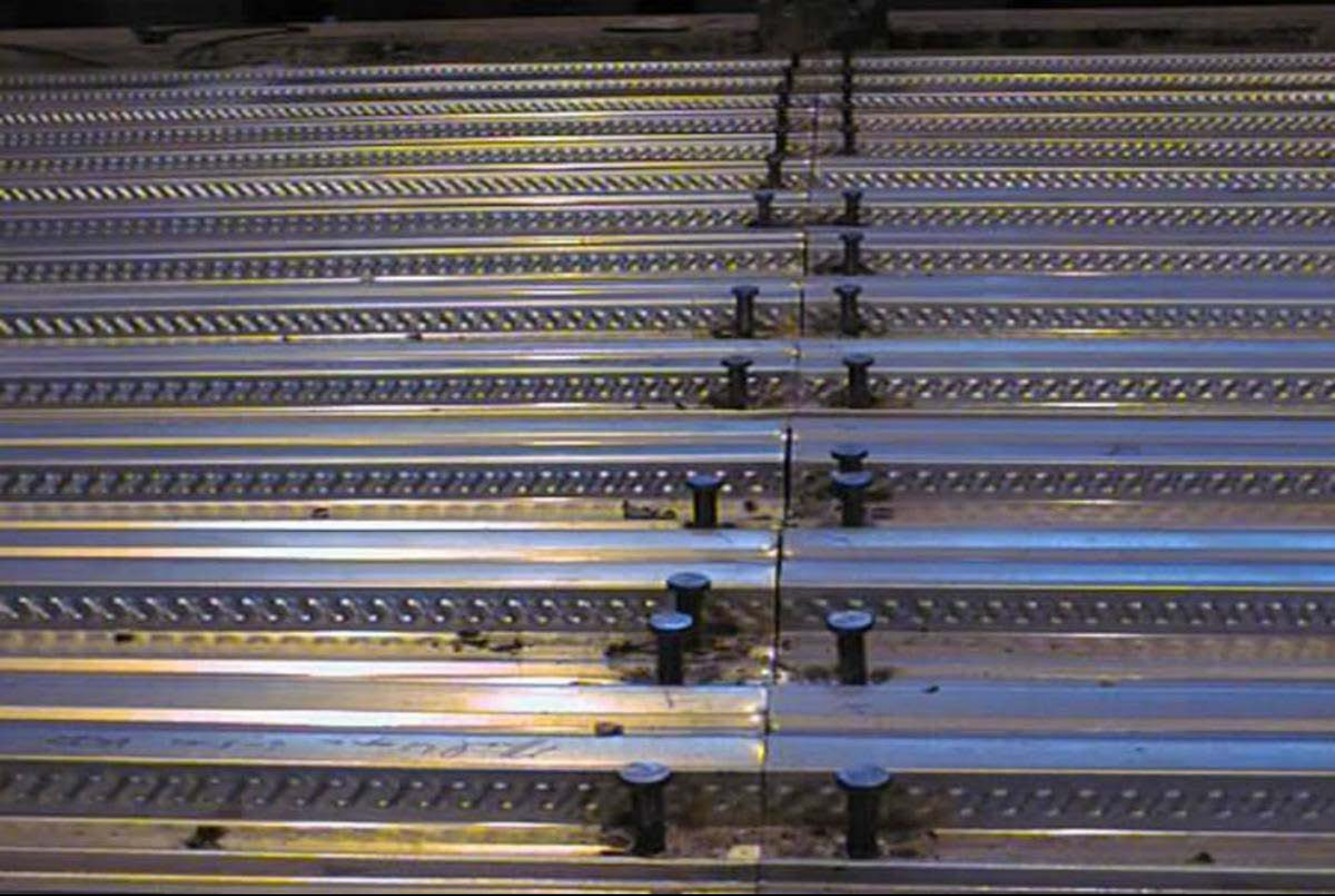
























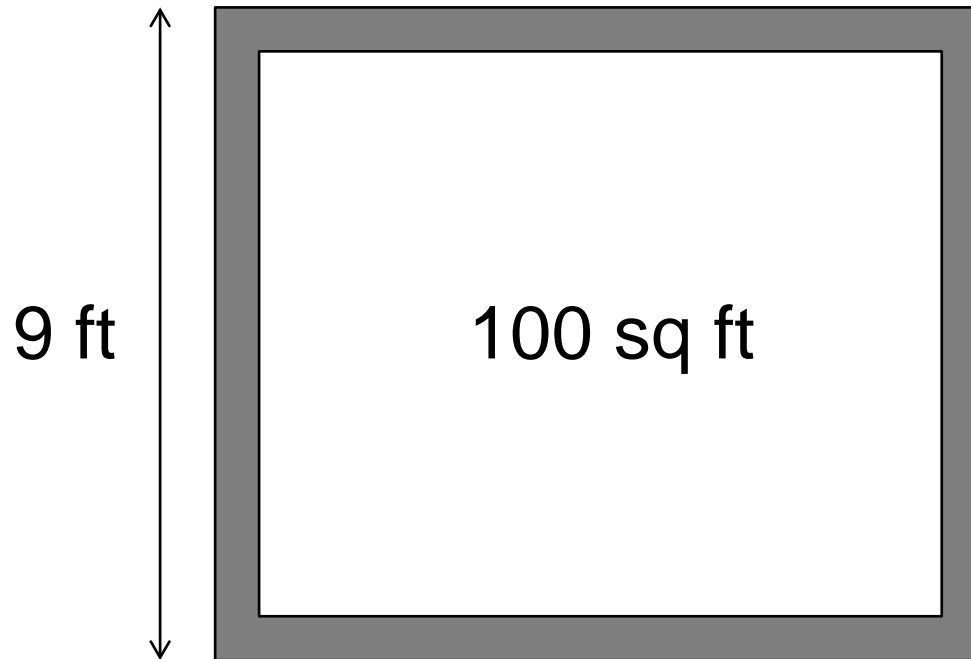
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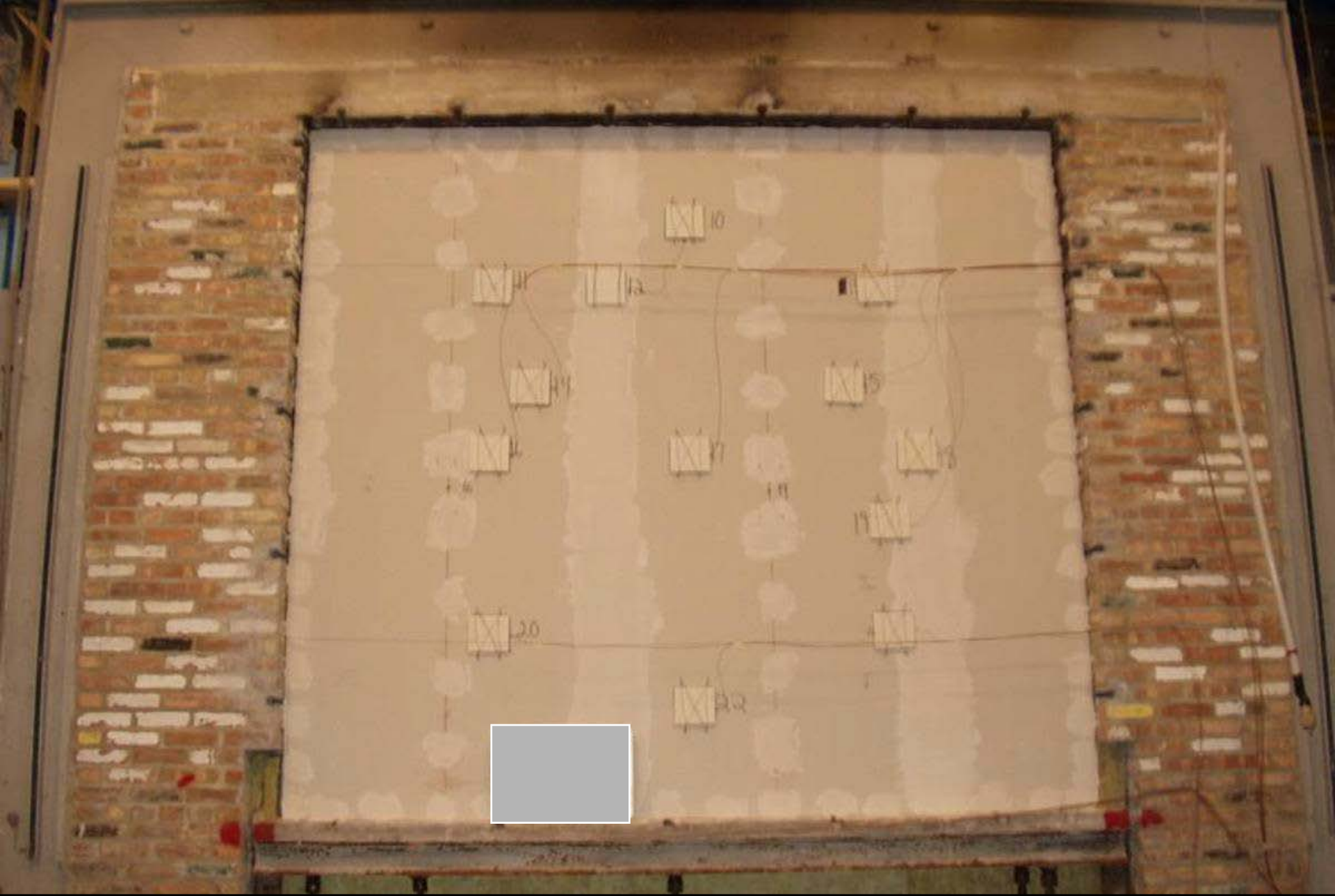
- Support load
- Flame passage
- 250°F / 325°F
- Support temperatures



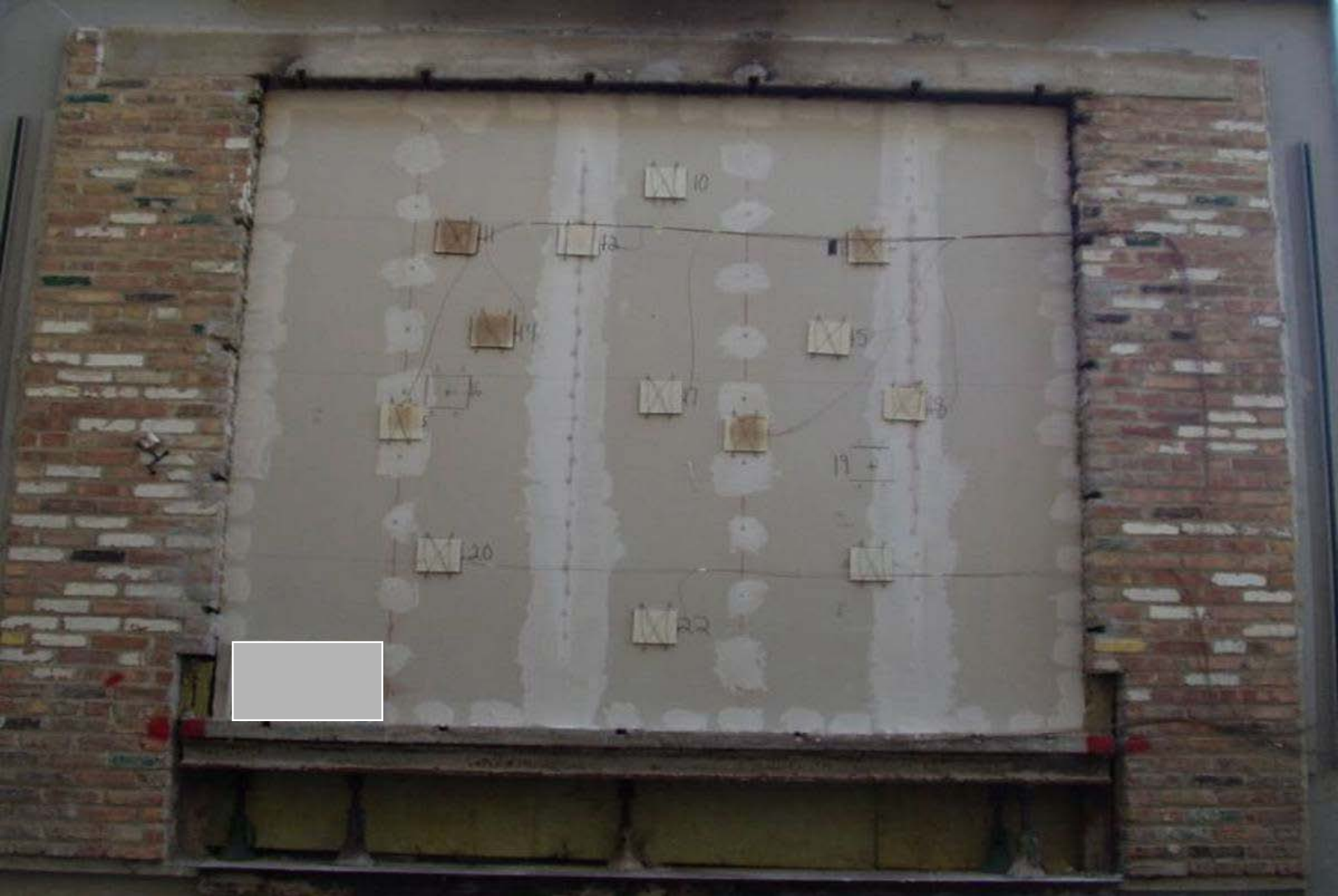
Walls

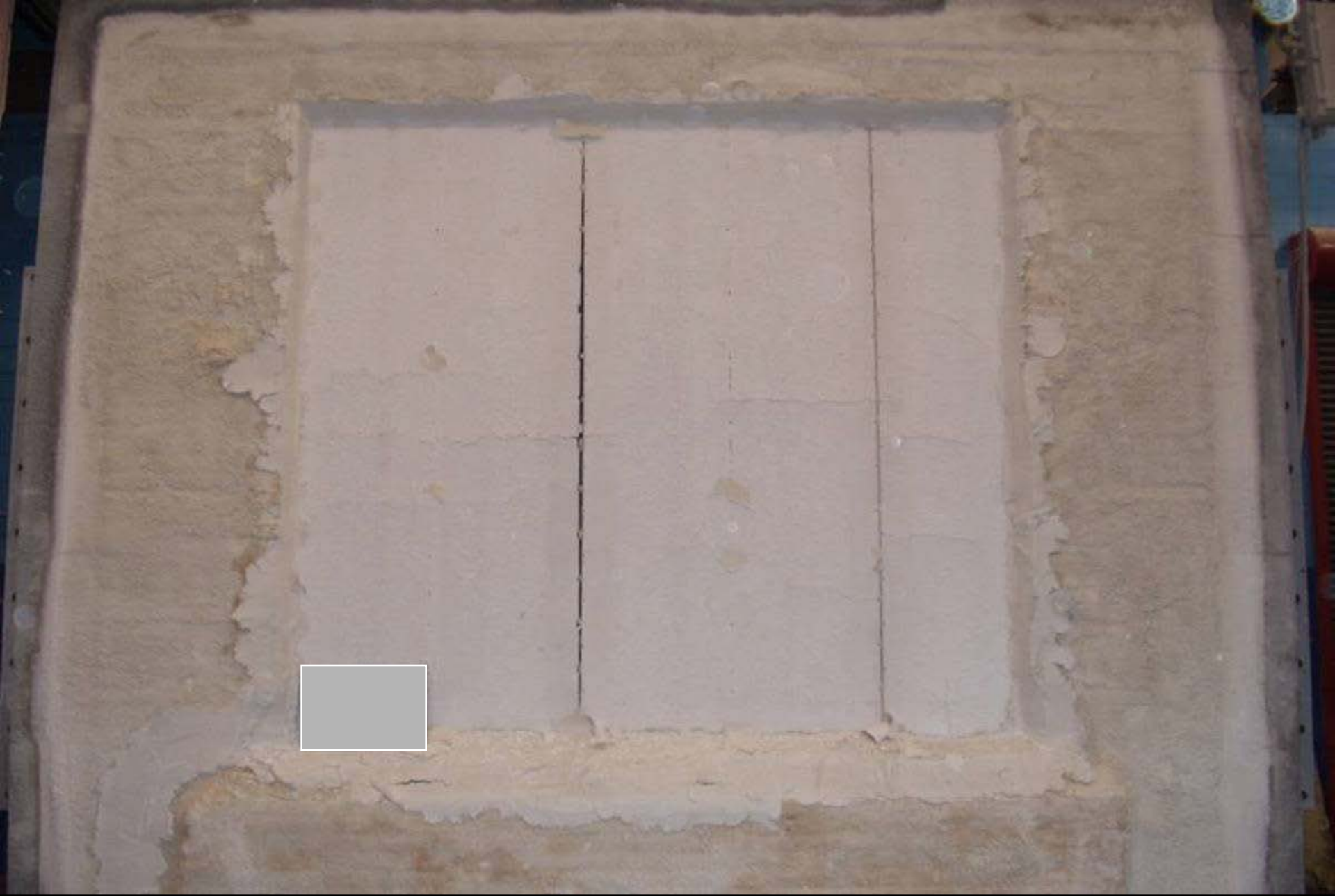
- Sample size - 100 sq ft / 9 ft
- Load applied - Per design

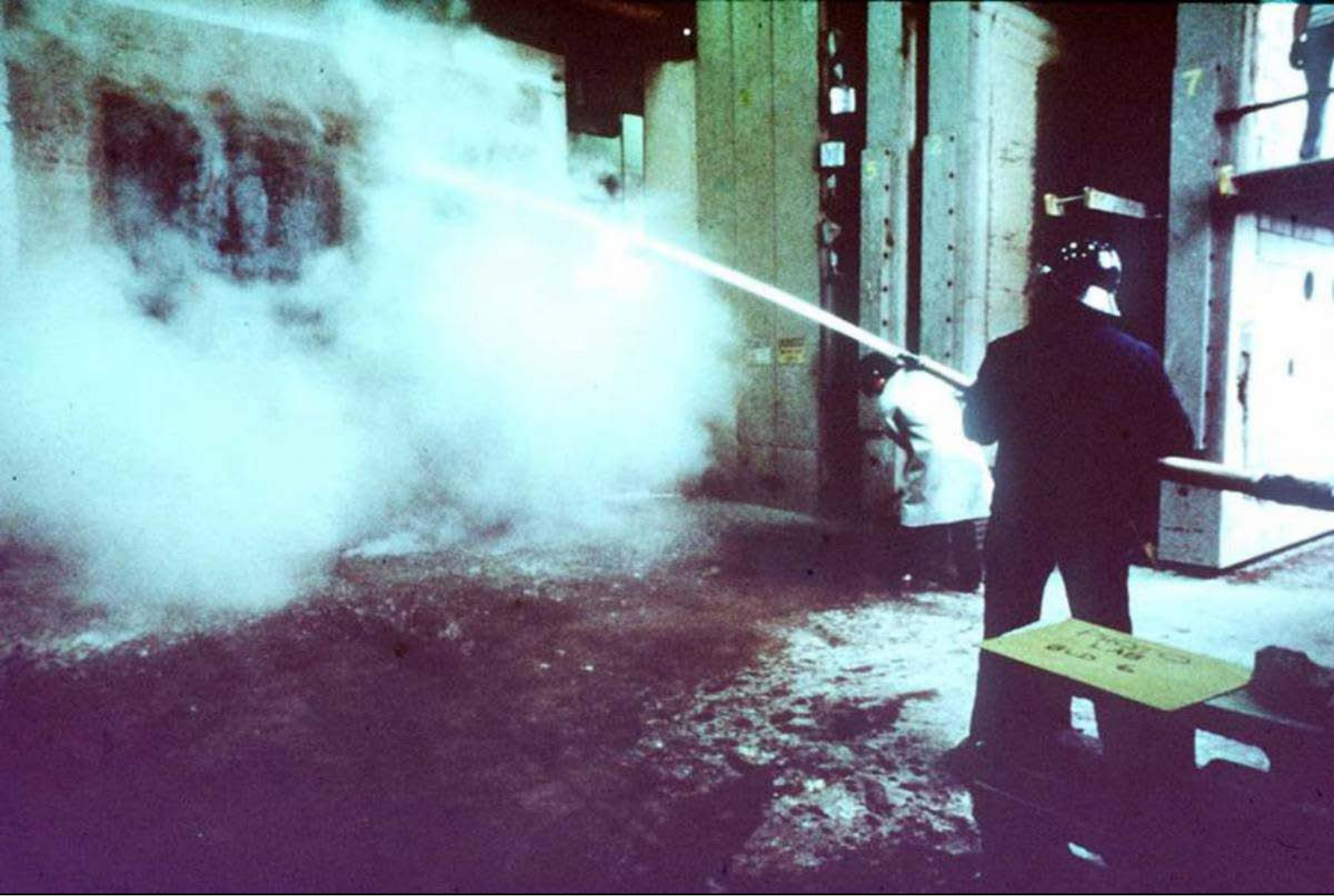














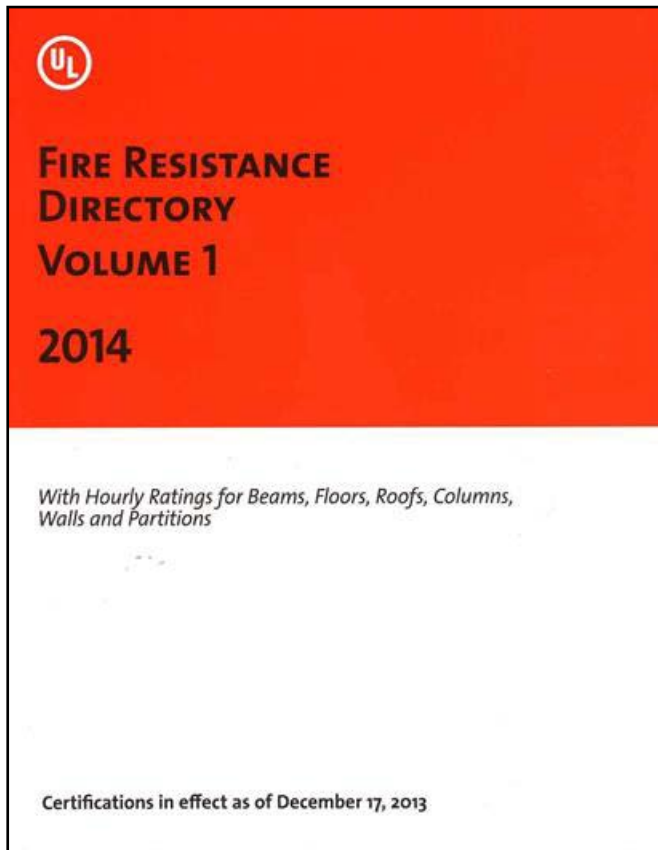
Conditions of Acceptance – Walls

- Flame passage
- 250°F / 325°F
- Support load
- Hose stream



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Breaches in Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

- Penetrations
- Joint Systems
- Opening Protectives
- Ducts and Air Transfer Openings

Breaches in Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction Cont.

Do breaches really impact the performance of a fire-resistance-rated assembly?

Absolutely!!!



MGM Grand Las Vegas, NV – 1980

- Fire confined to 1st floor
- 679 injured, 85 fatalities
- Most fatalities on upper floors due to smoke inhalation



Hilton Hotel

Las Vegas, NV – 1981

- Fire spread from 8th to 23rd floor in 25 minutes at exterior of building
- 8 fatalities



First Interstate Bank Los Angeles, CA – 1988

- Fire spread from 12th to 16th floor through improperly protected penetrations and through unprotected perimeter joint
- Lunch bags were used to protect penetrations
- One fatality



One Meridian Plaza Philadelphia, PA – 1991

- Fire spread from 22nd to 30th floor through improperly protected penetrations and through perimeter joint
- Three fire fighter fatalities, 24 FF injuries



Code Requirements

- IBC – Breaches shall be protected
 - Section 712 – Penetrations
 - Section 713 – Fire-Resistant Joint Systems
 - Section 715 – Opening Protectives
 - Section 716 – Ducts and Air Transfer Openings
- Each type of breach has a unique fire test standard associated with it which compliments ANSI/UL 263 and ASTM E119



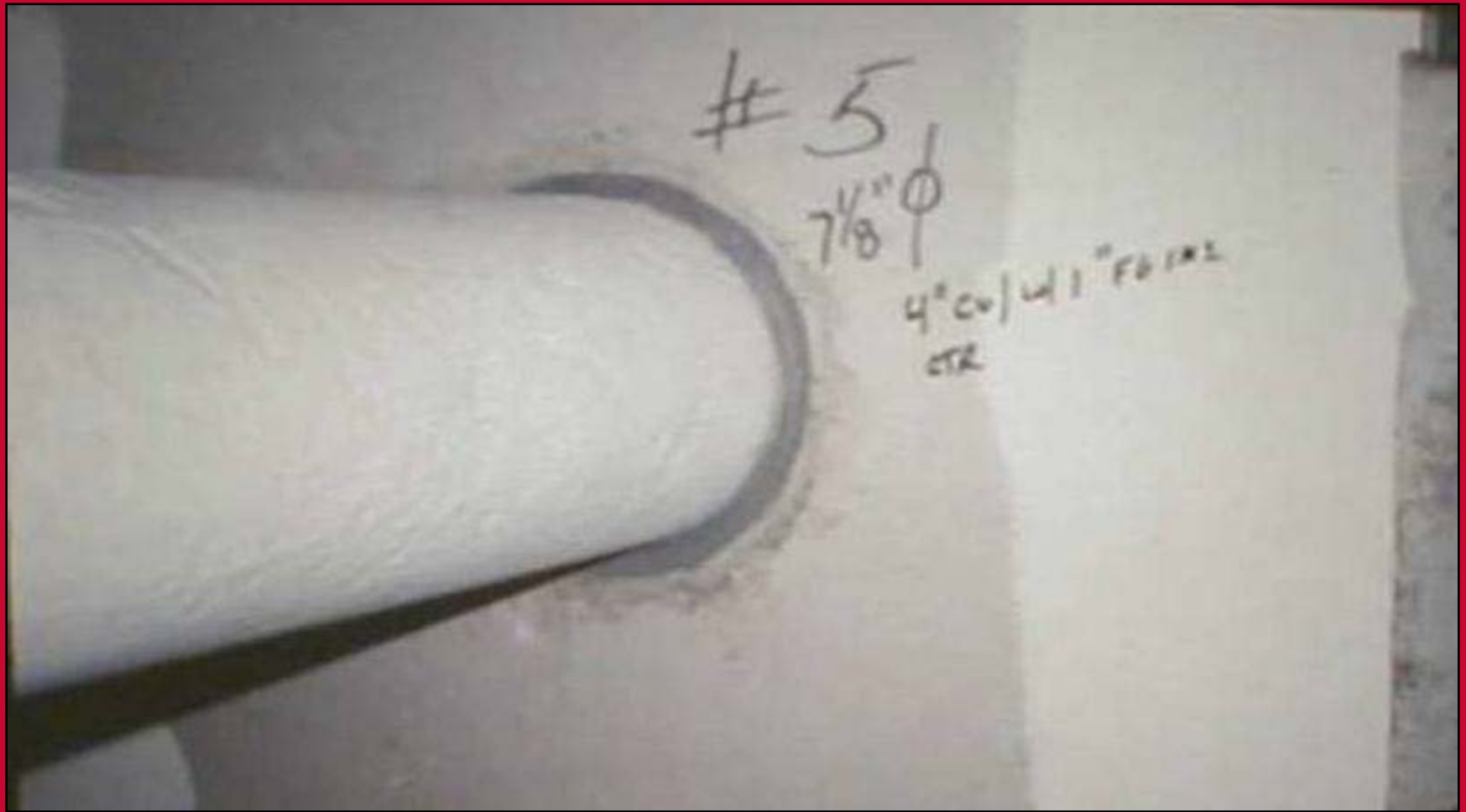
Code Requirements Cont.

- LSC – Breaches shall be protected
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 - Opening Protectives
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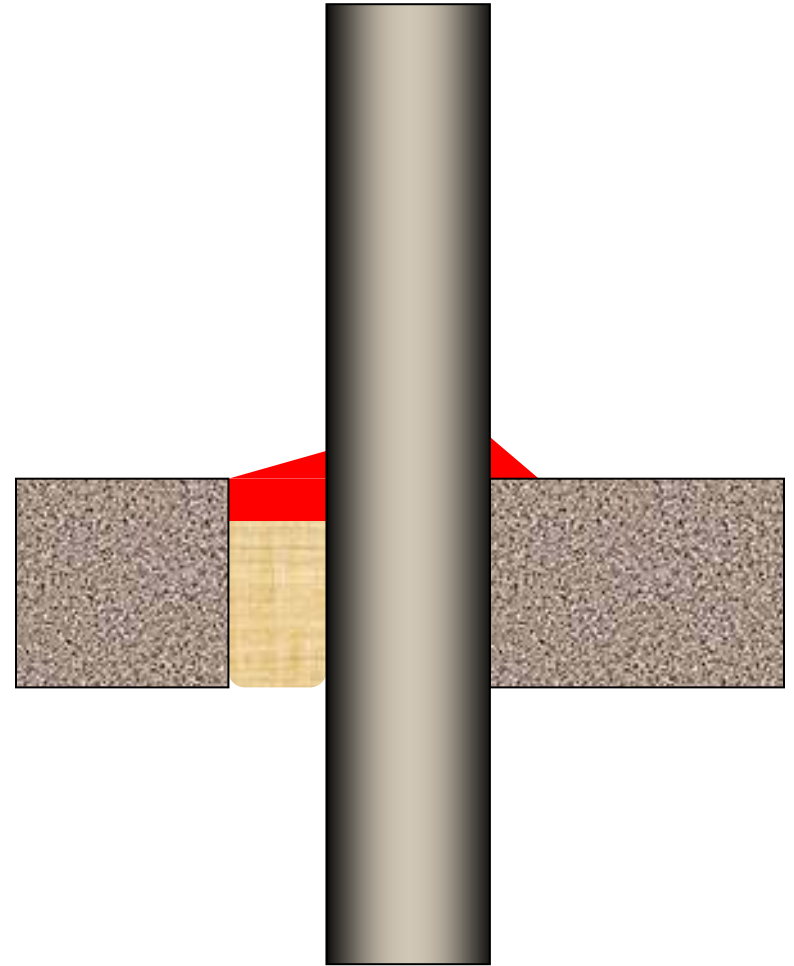


Through- and Membrane-Penetration Firestop Systems



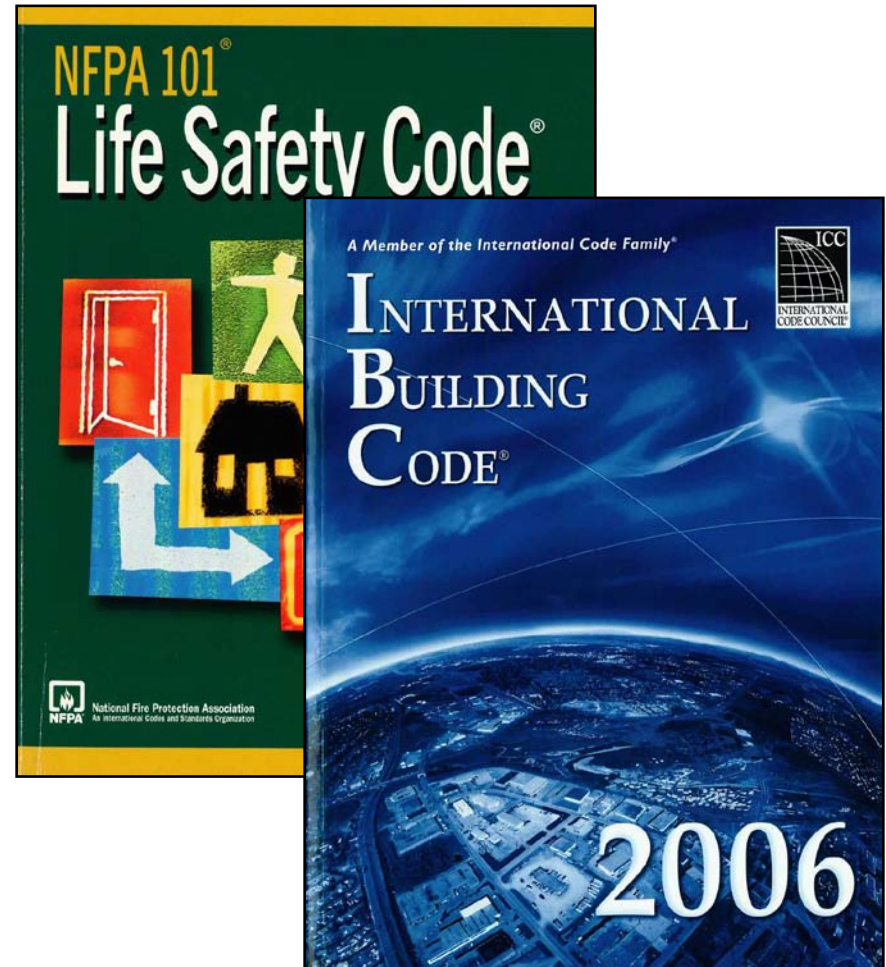
Three Elements of a Firestop System

- Floor or Wall Assembly
- Penetrating Item
- Firestopping Products



Penetrations

Code Requirements for Penetrations



Code Requirements

- IBC Section 712 – Firestop systems shall be protected by an approved penetration firestop system installed as tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479
- LSC – Firestop systems or devices shall be tested in accordance with ASTM E814 or UL 1479

Ratings - ANSI/UL 1479

- **F - Flame Occurrence**
- **T - Heat Transmission**
- **L - Leakage (Optional)**
- **W - Water Leakage (Optional)**



Fire-Resistance-Rated Construction

Establishing
an L Rating



L (Air Leakage) Ratings

- L Rating methodology added to ANSI/UL 1479 in 1993
- Leakage determined at 0.3 in. WC
- Tested at Ambient and 400°F
- Results published in either CFM or CFM per sq ft

L (Air Leakage) Ratings



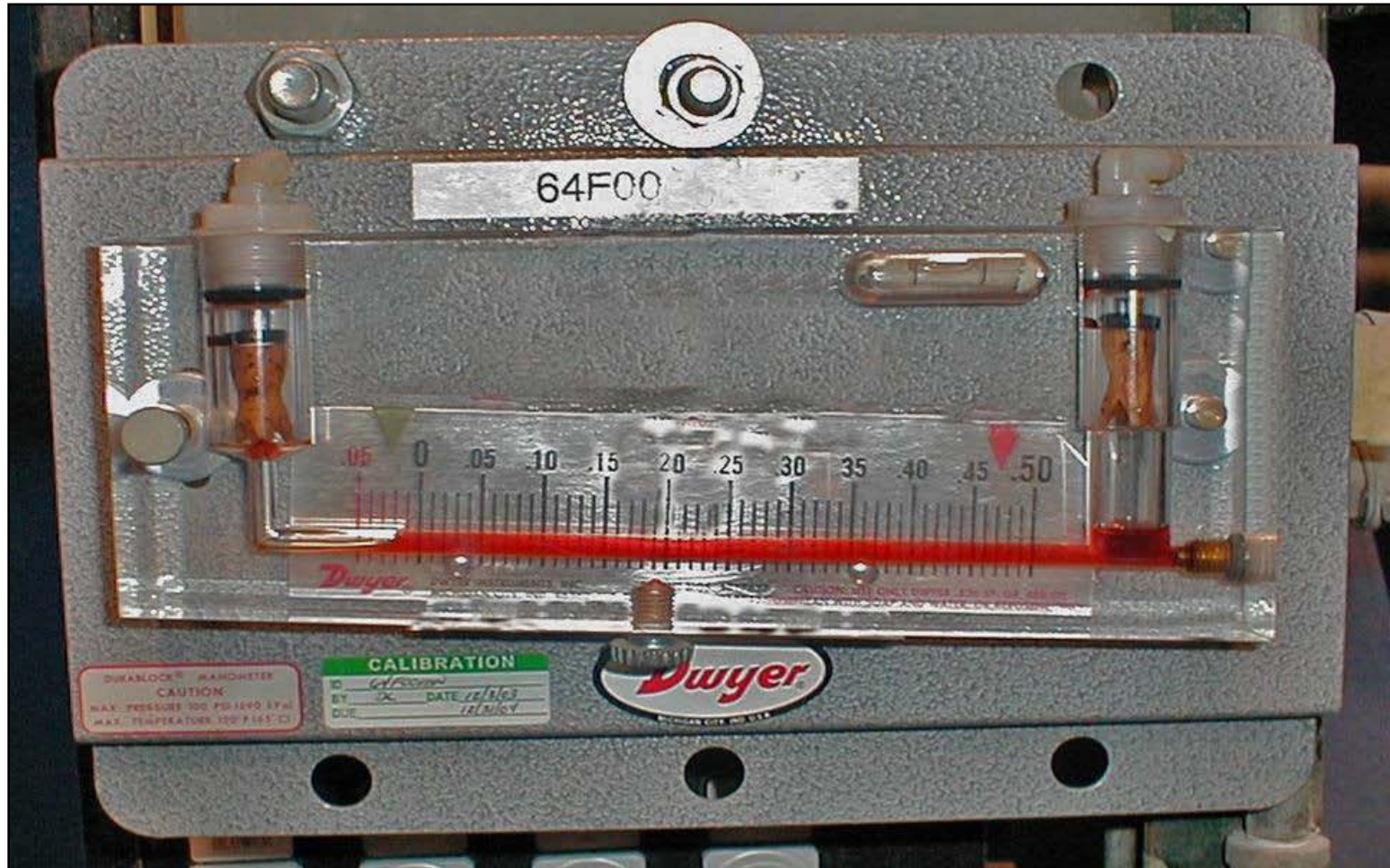
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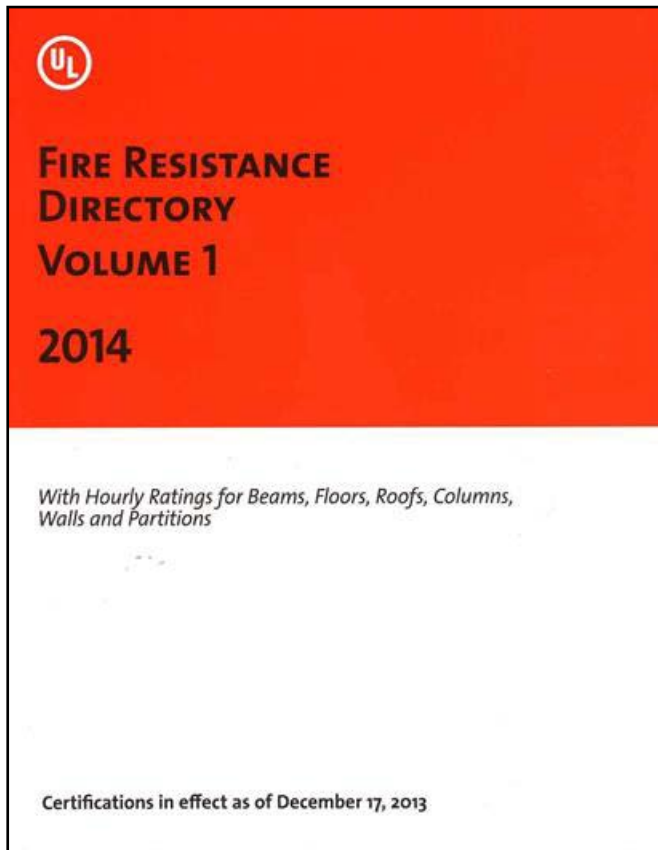
- Incidental chamber leakage determined using blank slab
- Air leakage of test sample determined at ambient temperature
- Air leakage of test sample determine at 400°F
- Incidental chamber leakage rechecked after cooling

Test Procedure Cont.

- Firestop system assigned L Rating at ambient and 400°F, by subtracting incidental chamber leakage from test sample leakage
- L Ratings of firestop systems published in UL Fire Resistance Directory along with F and T Ratings

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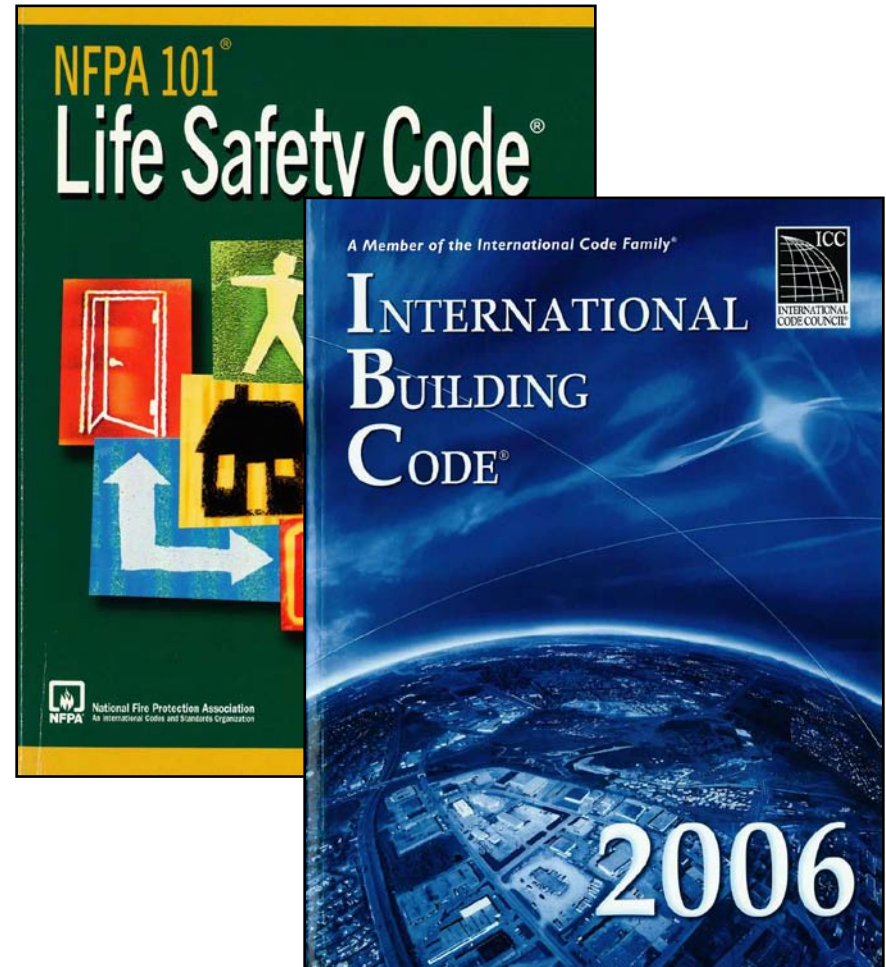
Opening Protectives

- Fire Door Assemblies
- Fire Window Assemblies



Opening Protective

Code Requirements for Fire Door Assemblies



Code Requirements

- Section 715 of the IBC
 - 715.4.1 – Side-hinged or pivoted swinging doors shall be tested to ANSI/UL 10C or NFPA 252
 - 715.4.2 – Other types of doors shall be tested to ANSI/UL 10B or NFPA 252

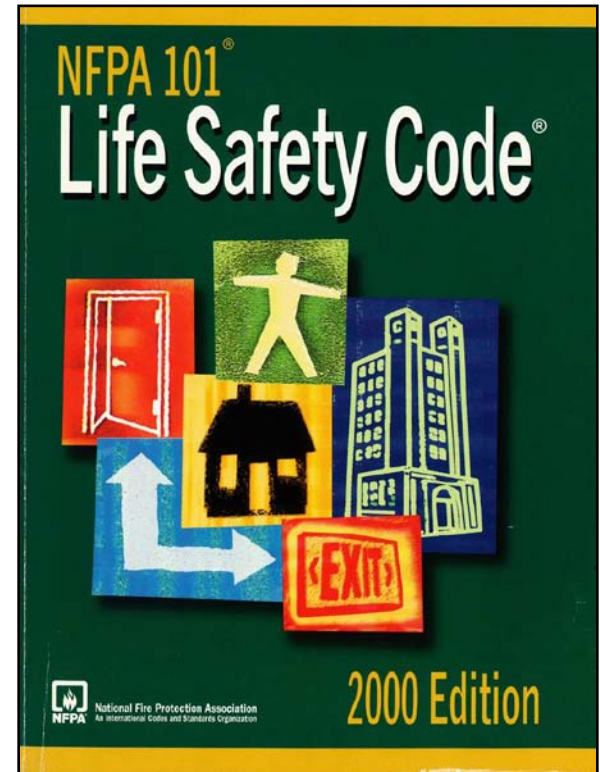


Code Requirements Cont.

- 715.4.3.1 – Doors in corridors and smoke barriers required to have leakage rating of 3 cfm per sq ft of door opening when tested to UL 1784
- 715.4.4 – Doors in exit enclosures and exit passageways shall have maximum transmitted temperature end point of not more than 450°F for 30 minutes

Code Requirements Cont.

- LSC
 - Fire protection ratings shall be determined in accordance with NFPA 252 (UL 10B or UL 10C)



Opening Protectives

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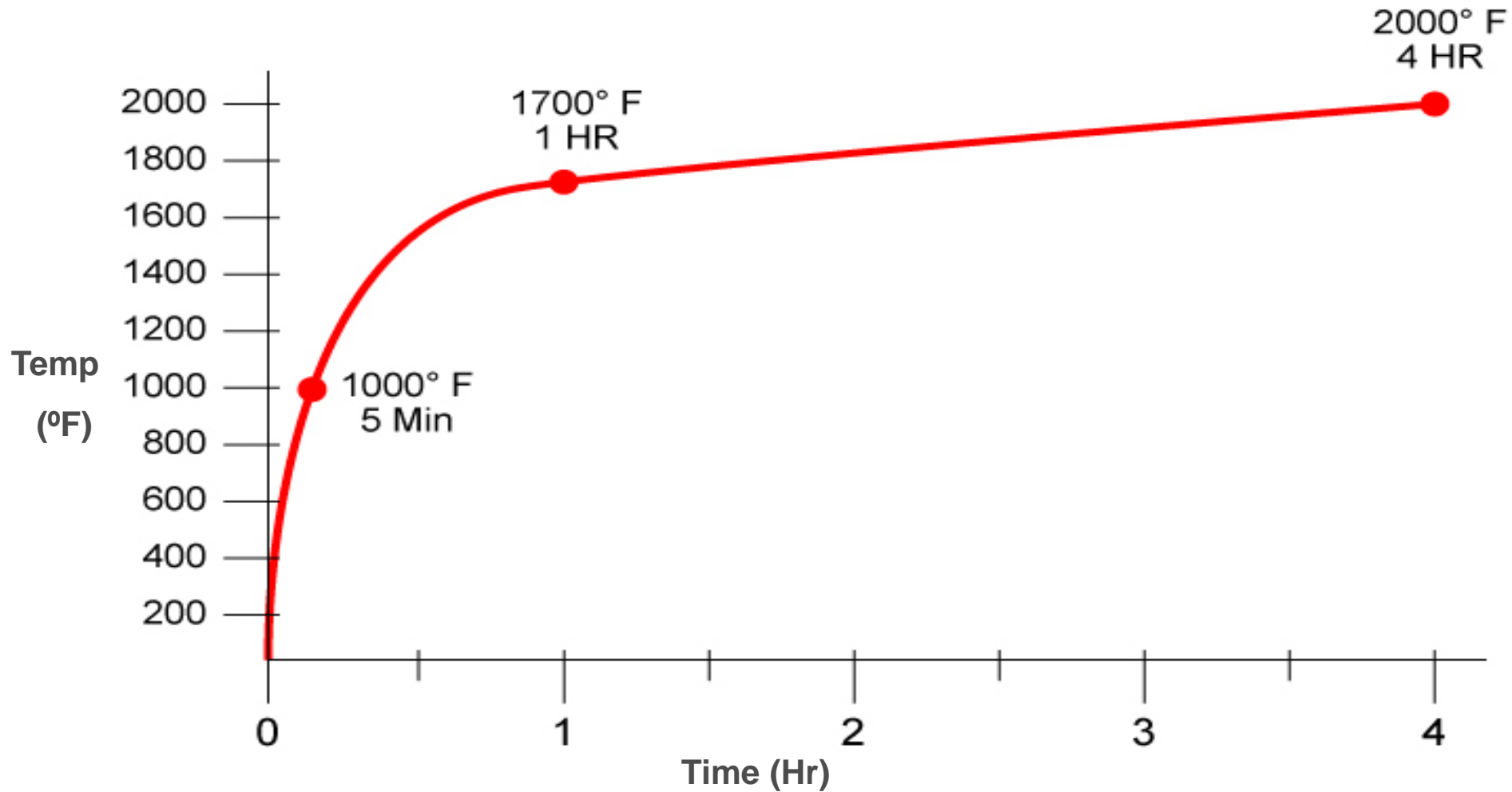


Standards

- ANSI / UL 10B
- ANSI / UL 10C
- NFPA 252



Time - Temperature Curve









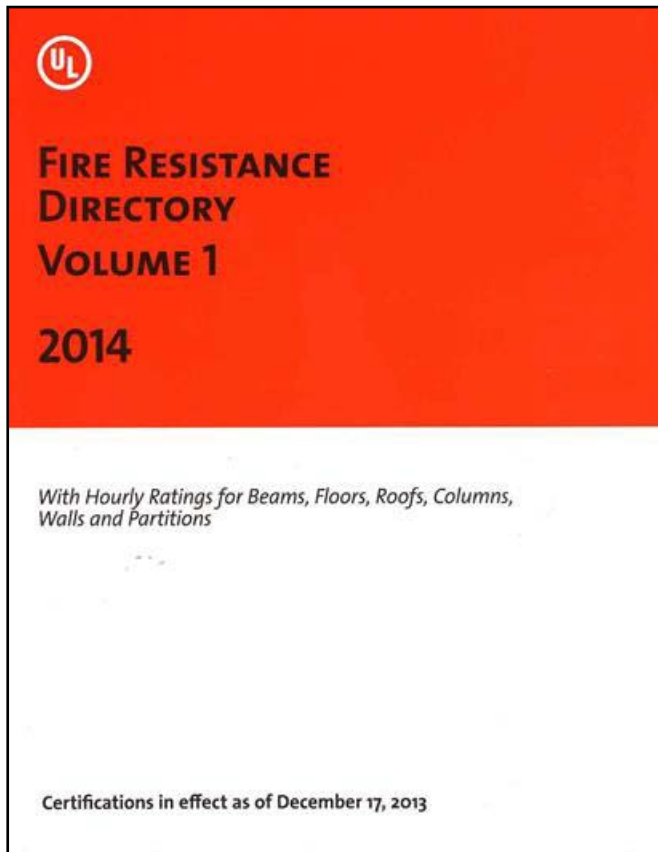
Conditions of Acceptance Fire Door Assemblies

- Flame Passage
- Hose Stream After Full Duration Fire Exposure



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