

# VESCOM AMERICA INC. FIRE TEST REPORT

**SCOPE OF WORK**

ASTM E84 TESTING ON BV-WC-15-LC-18

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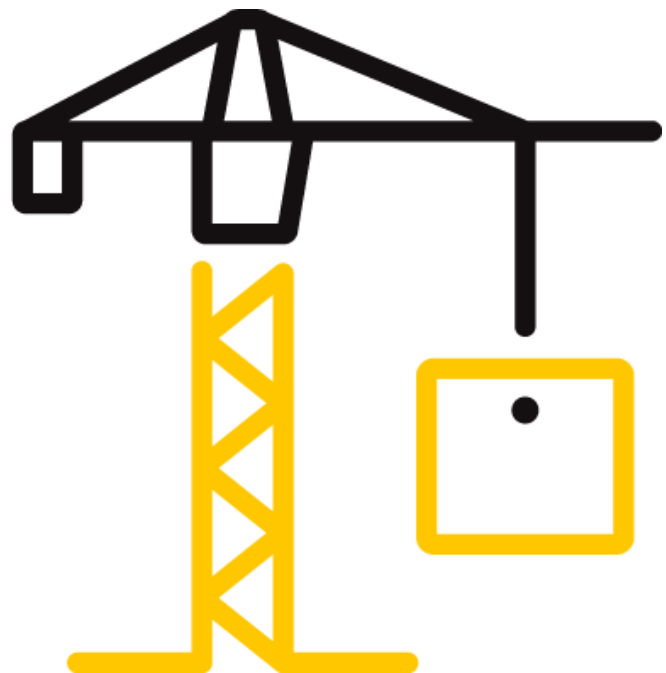
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### REPORT ISSUED TO

**Vescom America Inc.**

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### SECTION 1

#### SCOPE

Intertek Building & Construction (B&C) was contracted by Vescom America Inc., 2289 Ross Mill Road, Henderson, NC 27536, to evaluate the flame spread and smoke developed properties of BV-WC-15-LC-18. Testing was conducted at the Intertek B&C test facility in Elmendorf, Texas. Results obtained are tested values and were secured by using the designated test method(s). A summary of test results and the complete graphical test data is reported herein.

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### SECTION 2

#### SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

**Specimen I.D.:** BV-WC-15-LC-18

#### ASTM E84 Test Results

| FLAME SPREAD INDEX | SMOKE DEVELOPED INDEX |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 0                  | 15                    |

\*See Section 8 for additional information and commentary

For INTERTEK B&C:

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| <b>SIGNATURE:</b>    |  | <b>SIGNATURE:</b>   |  |
| <b>DATE:</b>         | 9/18/18   | <b>DATE:</b>        | 9/25/18   |

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#### TEST METHOD

The specimen was evaluated in accordance with the following:

**ASTM E84-18a**, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*

### SECTION 4

#### MATERIAL SOURCE/INSTALLATION

The test specimen was submitted to Intertek directly from the client. Samples were not independently selected for testing. Intertek has not verified the composition, manufacturing techniques or quality assurance procedures. The specimen, identified as BV-WC-15-LC-18, was received in good order at the Evaluation Center on 9/12/18 and given identification number SAT1809121308-001.

### SECTION 5

#### LIST OF OBSERVERS

| NAME             | COMPANY      |
|------------------|--------------|
| Joseph Martinez  | Intertek B&C |
| Darrell Gonzales | Intertek B&C |

### SECTION 6

#### TEST PROCEDURE

This report describes the results of testing conducted in accordance with ASTM E84-18a; Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials. The test method is for comparative surface burning behavior of building materials by determining a flame spread index (FSI) and a smoke developed index (SDI). This test is generally applicable to exposed surfaces, such as finish materials for ceilings or walls, provided that the material or assembly of materials, by its own structural quality or the manner in which it is tested and intended for use, is capable of supporting itself in position or being supported during the test period.

*“The use of supporting materials on the underside of the test specimen may lower the flame spread index from that which might be obtained if the specimen could be tested without such support. This method may not be appropriate for obtaining comparative surface burning behavior of some cellular plastic materials. Testing of materials that melt, drip, or delaminate to such a degree that the continuity of the flame front is destroyed, results in low flame spread*

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*indices that do not relate directly to indices obtained by testing materials that remain in place.” – ASTM E84-18a Section 1.3*

The purpose of the method is to determine the relative burning behaviour of the material by observing the flame spread along the specimen. Flame spread and smoke density developed are reported, however, there is not necessarily a relationship between these two measurements.

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#### TEST PROCEDURE

It is the expressed intent of the test method to provide only comparative measurements of surface flame spread and smoke density of the tested material against measurements for select grade red oak flooring and fiber-cement board when tested under specific fire exposure conditions. The test method exposes a nominal 24-ft (7.32-m) long by 20-in. (508-mm) wide test specimen to a controlled air flow and flaming fire exposure adjusted to produce a specific flame spread distance vs time calibration using select grade red oak flooring.

The test method does not provide information regarding heat transmission through the tested surface, the effect of aggravated flame spread behavior resulting from the proximity of combustible walls and ceilings, or the classification or definition of materials as noncombustible using flame spread index alone.

***This standard should be used to measure and describe the properties of materials, products, or assemblies in response to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard of a particular end use.***

There were no deviations from the requirements prescribed in ASTM E84.

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**TEST SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>MANUFACTURER*</b>          | Vescom America Inc.   |
| <b>SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION*</b>  | Kilby 171213  |
| <b>CONDITIONING TIME</b>      | 3 days (Prepared on 9/14/18)  |
| <b>SPECIMEN LENGTH</b>        | 24 ft. (Three 8 ft. long sections of wall covering material)                |
| <b>SPECIMEN WIDTH</b>         | 24 in.  |
| <b>THICKNESS</b>              | 0.015 in. (wall covering)   |
| <b>TOTAL WEIGHT</b>           | 4.6 lbs. (wall covering); 93 lbs. (wall covering & substrate)               |
| <b>COLOR</b>                  | White   |
| <b>ADHESIVE/COVERAGE RATE</b> | Roman Eco-788 applied @ 200 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal using a 3/8 in. nap roller |
| <b>SIDE TO FLAME*</b>         | Finished Side   |
| <b>SUPPORT USED*</b>          | Self  |
| <b>MOUNTING METHOD</b>        | Standard  |
| <b>SUBSTRATE USED*</b>        | 1/4 in. thick cement board  |
| <b>CEMENT BOARD</b>           | 1/4 in. thick fiber cement board was placed on top of the sample.           |

\*From the client's material description and/or instructions

**Note:** Specimens were conditioned as per the requirements of Section 6.4 of ASTM E84.

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**SECTION 8**

**TEST RESULTS**

| <b>TEST RESULTS</b>           |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Test Date                     | 9/17/18         |
| Test Operator                 | Joseph Martinez |
| Flame Spread Index (FSI)      | 0               |
| Smoke Developed Index (SDI)   | 15              |
| Red Oak Calibration (% * Min) | 73.2            |

| <b>TEST DATA</b>              |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| FSI (unrounded)               | 0.0   |
| SDI (unrounded)               | 14.07 |
| FS * Time Area (Ft * Min)     | 0.0   |
| Smoke Area (% * Min)          | 10.3  |
| Total Fuel Burned (Cubic Ft.) | 45.71 |
| Max Flame Front Advance (Ft.) | 0.0   |
| Time to Max Flame Front (sec) | 0     |
| Max Temp At Exposed T/C (°F)  | 563   |
| Time To Max Temp (sec)        | 571   |

| <b>TEST OBSERVATIONS</b>     |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Blistering Observed          | 0:12  |
| Transient Ignition Time      | 0:20  |
| Ignition Time                | 0:37  |
| Observations After the Test: |   |
| 0 – 4 ft.                    | The wall covering was consumed.   |
| 4 – 6 ft.                    | The wall covering was mostly consumed, heavily charred, and cracked.      |
| 6 – 10 ft.                   | The wall covering was lightly charred, heavily discolored, and blistered. |
| 10 – 24 ft.                  | The wall covering was discolored and blistered.                           |

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**SECTION 8 (Continued)****TEST RESULTS****COMMENTARY ON CLASSIFICATION**

Neither ASTM E84 nor UL 723 include classification criteria for the results obtained from testing. The International Building Code® (IBC), NFPA 101: Life Safety Code® (NFPA 101), and NFPA 5000: Building Construction and Safety Code® (NFPA 5000) all describe a set of classification criteria required for interior wall and ceiling finish materials based on Flame Spread Index and Smoke Developed Index when tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723. The classification criteria for all three model codes is the same:

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Flame Spread Index</b> | <b>Smoke Developed Index</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| A            | 0-25                      | 0-450                        |
| B            | 26-75                     | 0-450                        |
| C            | 76-200                    | 0-450                        |

Note that classification under this scheme for interior wall and ceiling finishes does not strictly apply to all products or materials tested in accordance with ASTM E84 or UL 723 because not all products or materials are recommended or suitable for use as interior wall or ceiling finish materials in buildings, regardless of the surface burning characteristics. Consult with the product manufacturer and the local authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) regarding specific applications of a given product or material.

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### SECTION 9 PHOTOGRAPHS



**Photo No. 1**  
**Exposed Surface of the Test Specimen (Pre-test)**



**Photo No. 2**  
**Unexposed Surface of the Test Specimen (Pre-test)**



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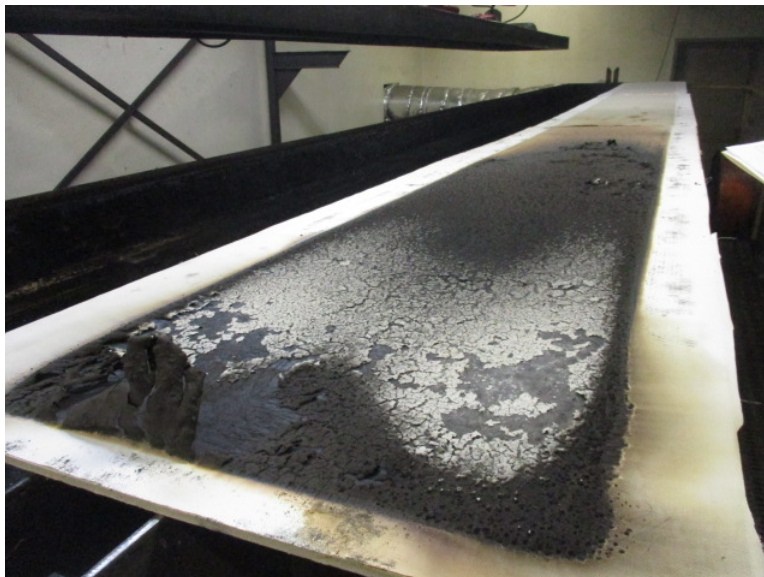
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**Photo No. 3**  
**Unexposed Surface of the Test Specimen (Post-test)**



**Photo No. 4**  
**Exposed Surface of the Test Specimen (Post-test)**

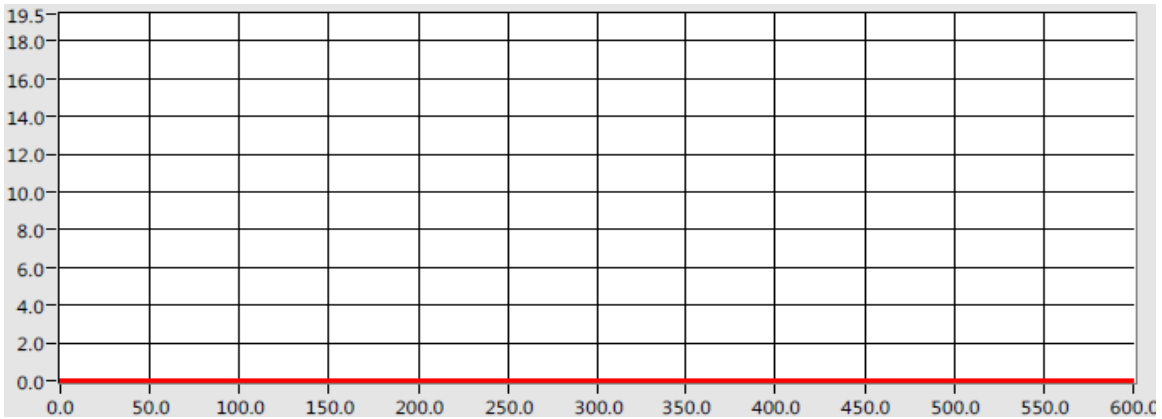
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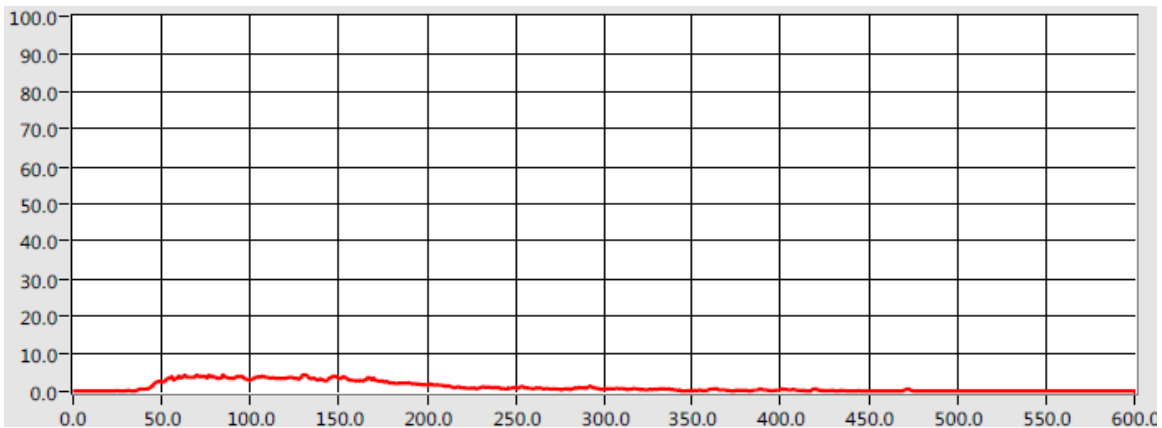
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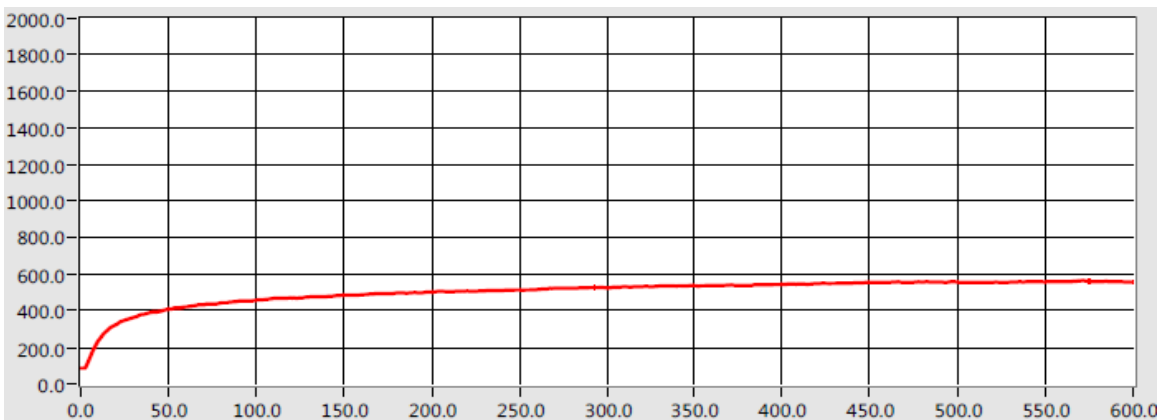
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Graph No. 1 - Flame Spread Distance Versus Time



Graph No. 2 - Light Obscuration Versus Time



Graph No. 3 - Tunnel Air Temperature Versus Time



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