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1 Subject

Glazed curtain wall, type Forster Thermfix Vario EI 60, EW 60, E 60 manufactured by Forster Rohr & Profiltechnik AG.

2 Investigation

Determination of the fire resistance of a glazed curtain wall according to EN 1364-3: 2006.

3 Sponsor

AGC Flat Glass Europe sa 166 , Chaussée de la Hulpe B - 1170 - Brussels Belgium

4 Place and data regarding the investigation

The investigation took place at the laboratory of Efectis Nederland BV in Rijswijk, The Netherlands.

Installation of the specimen : September, 24th up to 28th 2007

Fire test : October, 2nd, 2007

5 Investigated construction

5.1 General

The fire test was performed on a glazed curtain wall designed to reach an EI 60 fire resistance according to EN 1364-3 2006.

The tested element was made of:

- Steel frame modular elements.
- Glazed panes.
- A horizontal seal.
- A vertical seal.

Overall dimensions of the element: 4625 x 3836 mm (w x h)

See Figure 11.1 up to Figure 11.14 for more details on the construction.

5.2 Curtain wall frame

The steel frame is made with studs and cross members.

Both types of elements are made with:

- A steel hollow rectangular section [1, 2, 3]¹, 45 x 90 t = 1.8 mm, 45 x 110 t = 1.8 mm and 60 x 110 t = 1.8 mm, see Figure 11.5.
- A stainless steel clamp profile, U shaped [4, 5, 6], 42 x 17 t = 1.25 mm and 57 x 17 t = 1.25 mm, see Figure 11.8.
- an aluminium external covering profile, U shaped [7, 8, 9] 45.5 x 19 t = 1.5, 45.5 x 23 t = 1.5 and 60.5 x 19 t = 1.5 mm, see Figure 11.9.

These elements are connected together by means of hollow rectangular steel elements [25, 26, 27] 70 x 40 t = 2.5 or 90 x 40 t = 2.5 elements welded on the sides of the studs, inserted in cross members and secured with M5 x 12 screws.

Each cross member (transom) is equipped with 2 profiled steel parts 90 x 40 t = 2.5 mm screwed in the groove folded in hollow rectangular sections 110×45 mm, see Figure 11.12.

5.3 Connection with supporting floors

Frame studs are connected on both supporting floors by means of steel angles [28], 78 x 300 thickness = 2.5 mm on which steel sheet of 63×53 and 115×63 thickness = 3 are welded.

The steel angles are fixed on the top of both floors by screws [40] HUS 7.5 x 120 mm (HILTI) + \emptyset 28 mm washers, at 318/340 mm centres around.

The bottoms of the studs are inserted in U parts and are secured by 1 screw M8 x 65. The tops of the studs are inserted in U parts and are secured by 2 screws M8 x 65. More details can be found in Figure 11.11.

¹ The numbers between the brackets refer to the material lists in Figure 11.13 and Figure 11.14

5.4 Glazing

The openings between frame elements are filled by:

- 10 glazed panes;
- 9 blind panels.

Glazed panes characteristics:

- Trade reference: "Pyrobel 25 EG-1GU" with composition Pyrobel 25 EG –air space 12 6 FlCl (6 mm Float Clear)
- Manufacturer: Glaverbel Czech
- Dimensions : 1308 x 411.5, 1500 x 411.5, 1116 x 411.5, 483 x 411.5, 1308 x 1455.5, 1500 x 2928, 1116 x 2928, 483 x 1455.5 (w x h).

Each glazed pane is equipped with an intumescing strip Gluske Kerafix Flexpan 200 [35] - 25.4×2.2 mm, one per rebate, before installation in the frame openings.

Two profiled rubber strips are inserted on both sides of panes between frame elements and external cramp U profiles.

One of the two panes per rebate is installed on both supporting steel parts with intermediate strip Gluske Flammi 12, 26 x 80 x 4 mm [21].

5.5 Panels

In front of lower and upper construction floors, panels [23] are installed in frame openings, instead of glazings.

The panels are made of 3 layers of Promatect-H thickness = 20 + 12 + 12 mm assembled together with Promat K84 glue [42] and 2 external aluminium sheets thickness = 1.5 mm.

Blind facade panels characteristics:

- Trade reference: thickness = 47 mm
- Manufacturer: Forster
- Dimensions: 1325 x 188, 1325 x 138, 88 x 1878 mm (w x h)

One of the two blind facade panels per rebate are equipped with an intumescing strip Gluske Kerafix Flexpan 200 [35], on its 4 sides, before installation in the frame openings.

5.6 Horizontal seal

In front of lower and upper construction floors, behind blind facade panels, a horizontal seal is installed, see Figure 11.2. It is build up of steel sheet material with a mineral wool filling.

It is limited vertically by top and bottom frame cross members and horizontally by extremity of floors and blind facade panels.

This inner volume is filled with mineral wool strips of Rockwool [36].

5.7 Vertical seal

In front of vertical supporting construction wall, 150 mm thickness, a vertical seal construction is installed, see figure 11.4.

This inner volume is filled with mineral wool strips Rockwool [36]- thickness = 50 mm.

On rear side, the sealing between both frame studs and vertical wall is made by:

- a mineral wool strip of Rockwool [36].
- a silicon mastic fillet Gluske fire protecting silicone B1, DIN 4102 [39] 20 x 5 mm (w x t) around

It is delimited vertically by 2 frame studs at 105 mm centres and horizontally by extremity of wall and blind facade panels.

Dimensions of the rear sealing: 140 x 20 mm (depth x w)

6 Production of the construction

- Curtain wall : Forster Profilsysteme
- Supporting construction : Efectis Nederland BV Rijswijk, The Netherlands.

6.1 Verification of the specimen

Efectis Nederland BV was not involved in the selection procedure of the specimen. During mounting the used materials and parts were verified against the supplied data.

6.2 Conditioning

From the moment of installation until the fire test the construction was stored in the laboratory of Efectis Nederland BV with the following conditions:

- Ambient temperature : $20 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C.
- Relative humidity $: 50 \pm 10 \%$.

6.3 Density and humidity measurements

Material	Density [kg/m ³]
Blind facade panel, Promatect H	870

6.4 Fire test

6.4.1 Test conditions

The test was performed under the conditions as specified in EN 1364-3: 2006 according to following conditions:

- standard fire curve as designed in EN 1363-1 on the internal face of the curtain wall;
- pressure conditions as designed in EN 1363-1, i.e. $+20 \pm 3$ Pa at 100 mm under the soffit of upper floor and 0 Pa at 500 mm above the top of the lower floor.

6.4.2 Measurements

During the heating period, the following data were measured and registered:

- ambient temperatures inside the furnace with 8 plate thermometers (TPL 1 to TPL 8), regularly distributed over the directly heated area referenced S2 according to EN 1364-3: 2006
- temperatures of the S2 area as referenced by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard and as the tested element is required for EI (i \rightarrow o) classification : TK 1 up to TK 25
- temperatures of the S3 area as referenced by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard and as the tested element is required for EI (i \rightarrow o) classification : TK 26 up to TK 46
- temperatures of the S4 area as referenced by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard and as the tested element is required for EI (i \rightarrow o) classification : TK 47 up to TK 52 and TK 73 and 74
- temperatures of the S5 area as referenced by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard and as the tested element is required for EI (i \rightarrow o) classification : TK 53 up to TK 66
- temperatures of the S6 area as referenced by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard and as the tested element is required for EI ($i \rightarrow o$) classification : TK 67 up to TK 71
- ambient pressures inside the furnace
- deflection at the centre and the free edge of the test specimen

See Appendix B for further information about positions of sensors.

7 Observations during heating

At the 75th minute flames were visible longer than 10 seconds at the location C. A detailed description of the observations is given in appendix A.

8 Test results

8.1 Test results

Test results are given in graphs in appendix B.

8.2 Uncertainty of measurement

Because of the nature of fire resistance testing and the consequent difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of measurement of fire resistance, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy of the result.

9 Summary

According to the EN 1364-3: 2006 a Forster curtain wall construction of the type Thermfix vario was investigated. It which was exposed tot the internal fire curve on the internal face of the curtain wall.

The most important results of the investigation are given in table 1 as required by EN 1364-3: 2006 standard.

9.1 Surface S2

Table 1: Summary of test results

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the									
	criterion was reached.									
	Time	Criterion failure or no								
		failure								
Integrity [E]										
Cotton wool pad	75 minutes	Failure								
Opening gauges	75 minutes	Failure								
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	75 minutes	Failure								
Thermal insulation [I]										
• Average temperature increase +140°C	75 minutes	Failure								
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	75 minutes	Failure								

Radiation [W]	75 minutes	Failure
• Radiative flux> 15 kW/m ²		

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.2 Surface S3

Table 2: Summary of test results

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.								
	Time	Criterion failure or no							
		failure							
Integrity [E]									
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure							
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure							
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure							
Thermal insulation [I]									
• Average temperature increase +140°C	76 minutes	No failure							
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	76 minutes	No failure							

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.3 Surface S4

Table 3: Summary of test results

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.								
	Time	Criterion failure or no							
		failure							
Integrity [E]									
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure							
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure							
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure							
Thermal insulation [I]									
• Average temperature increase +140°C	76 minutes	No failure							
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	76 minutes	No failure							

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.4 Surface S5

Table 4: Summary of test results

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.								
	Time Criterion failure								
		failure							
Integrity [E]									
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure							
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure							
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure							
Thermal insulation [I]									
• Average temperature increase +140°C	76 minutes	No failure							
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	76 minutes	No failure							

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.5 Surface S6

Table 5: Summary of test results

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.								
	Time	Criterion failure or no							
	Time	failure							
Integrity [E]									
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure							
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure							
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure							
Thermal insulation [I]									
• Average temperature increase +140°C	76 minutes	No failure							
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	76 minutes	No failure							

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.6 Horizontal seal

Table 6: Summary of test results

Table 9.1

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.									
	Time	Criterion failure or no								
		failure								
Integrity [E]										
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure								
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure								
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure								
Thermal insulation [I]										
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	76 minutes No failure									

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

9.7 Vertical seal

Table 6: Summary of test results

Table 9.2

Criterion	Time measured from the start of the test during which, conform to EN 1364-3: 2006, the criterion was reached.								
	Time	Criterion failure or no failure							
Integrity [E]									
Cotton wool pad	76 minutes	No failure							
Opening gauges	76 minutes	No failure							
• Sustained flaming (> 10 sec)	76 minutes	No failure							
Thermal insulation [I]									
• Maximum temperature increase +180°C	75 minutes	Failure							

The test was stopped after 76 minutes.

10 Field of direct application of test results

The results formulated in chapter 9 are only valid for curtain wall constructions, which are the same in detail to the investigated constructions, including materials and means of assembly used.

They are also directly applicable to constructions where one or more of the following changes are made relative to the construction tested:

- a) Decrease in the modular width and height of glazed and non-glazed areas.
- b) Decrease in distance between the mullions and transoms.
- c) Increase in mullion sizes.
- d) Increase in panel or panel thickness.
- e) Decrease in the distance in between fixing centres, vertical and horizontal.
- f) Increase in floor thickness and/or density.
- g) Increase in seal thickness, measured in the direction of the floor and/or wall thickness, and increase of the density of a seal of mineral wool.
- h) Decrease in seal width.

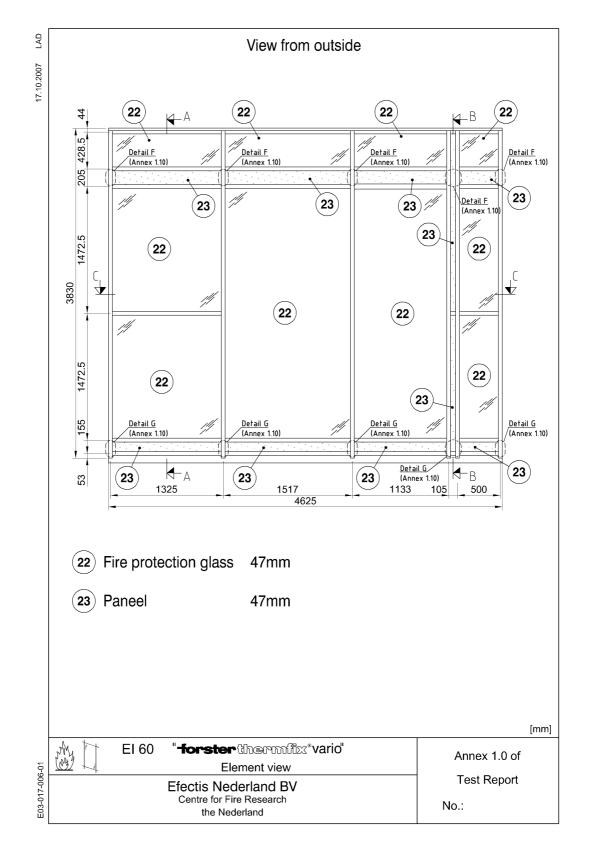
Test results are valid for curtain walling systems of increased width provided the construction details (distance of mullions etc.) are the same as the one tested. The results are valid for curtain walling systems of greater height (extending over more than one floor) provided the distance between the floors is equal to or smaller than that tested.

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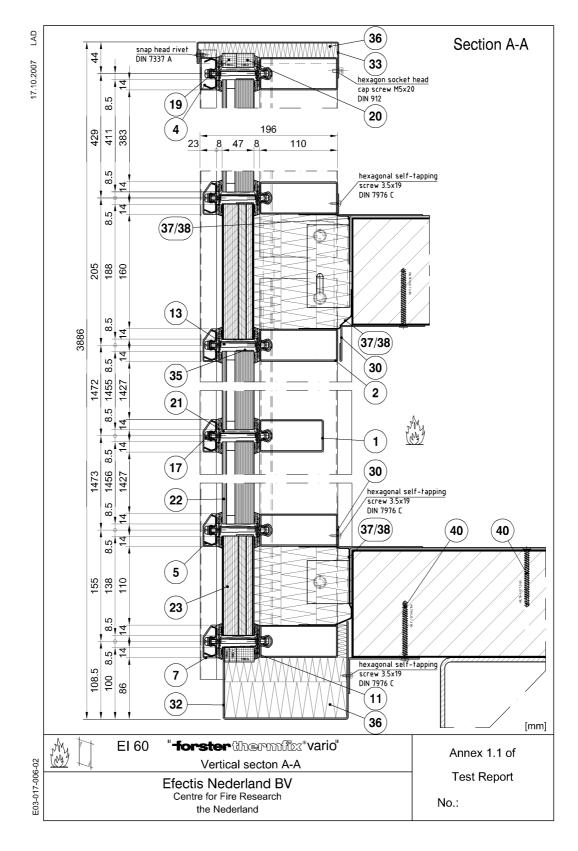
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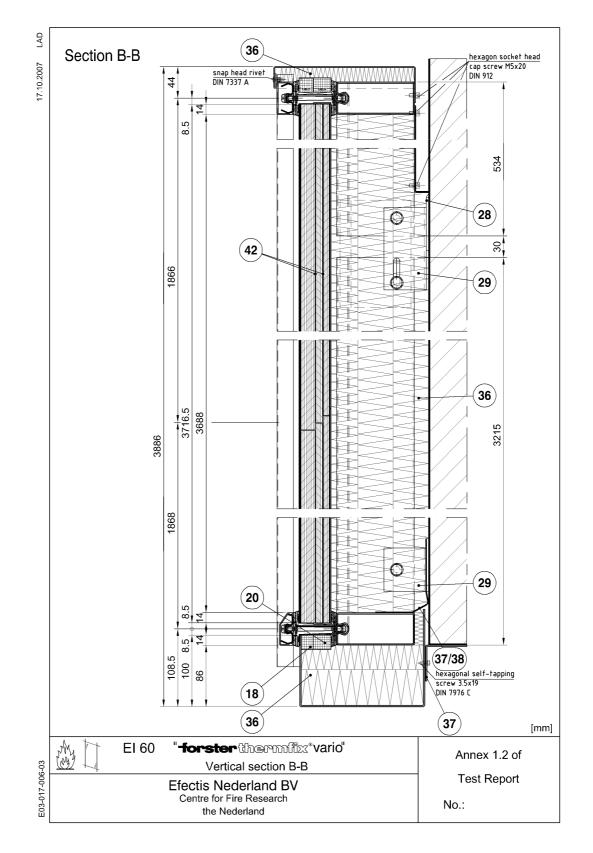
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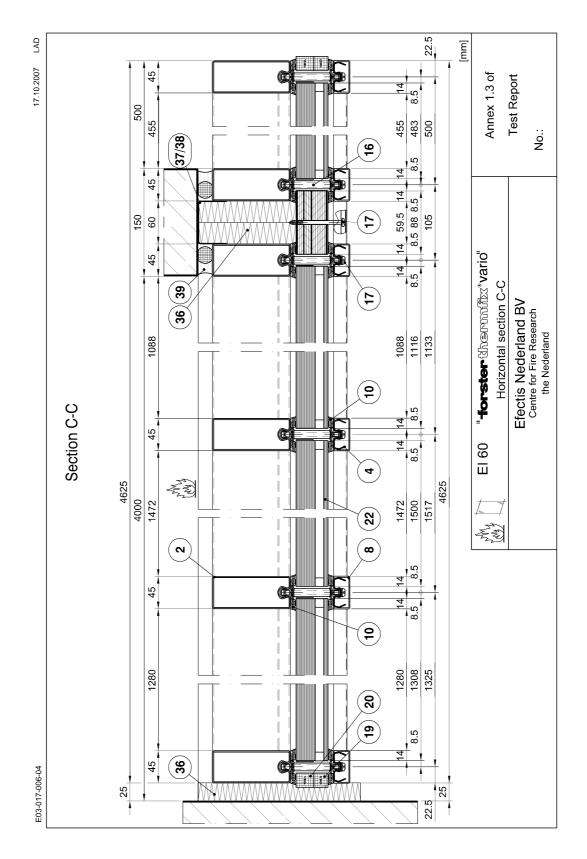
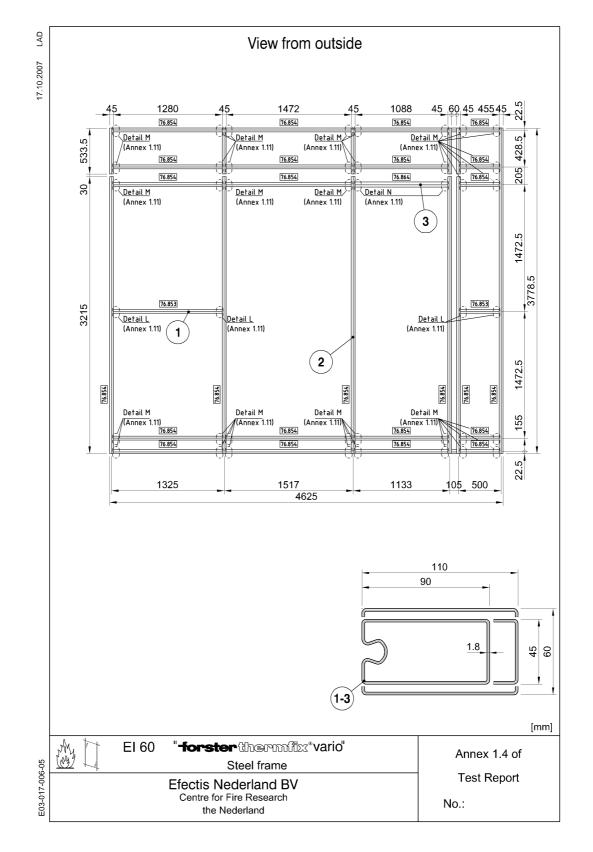
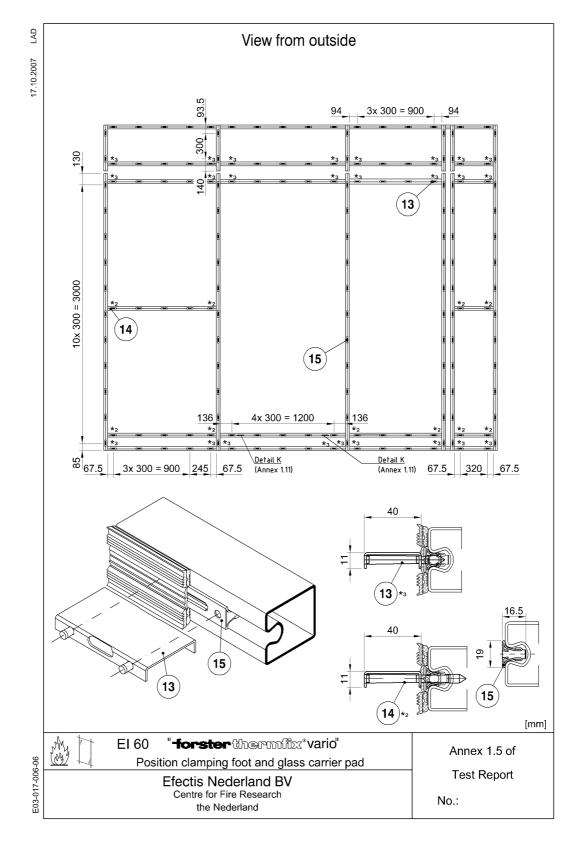


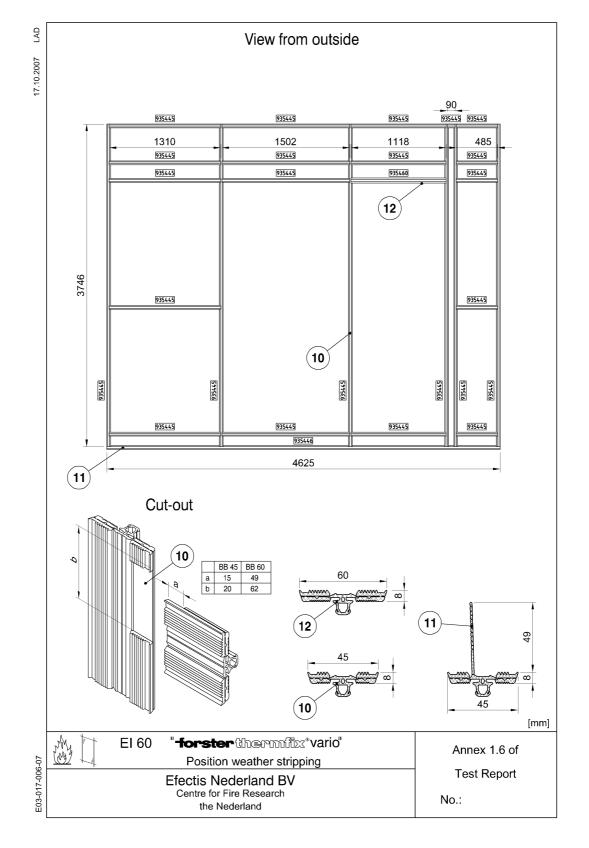
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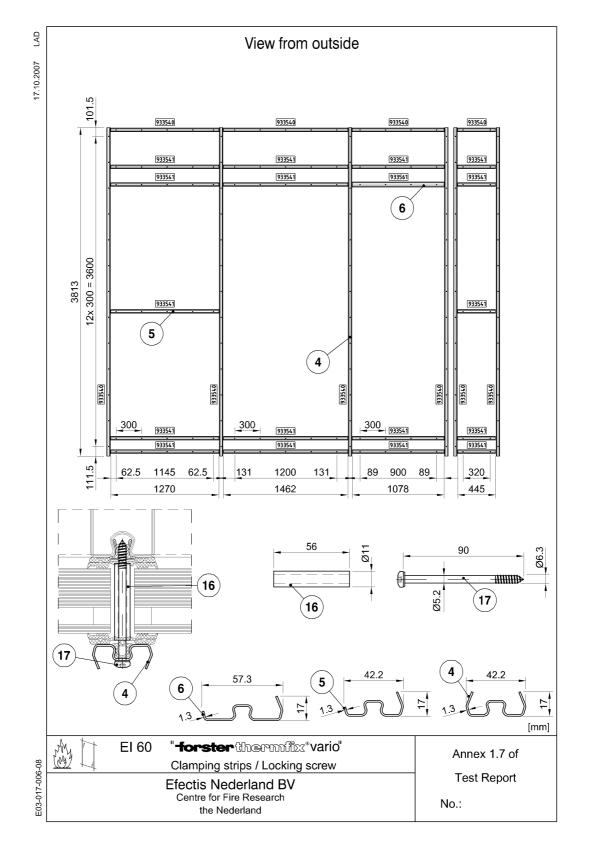




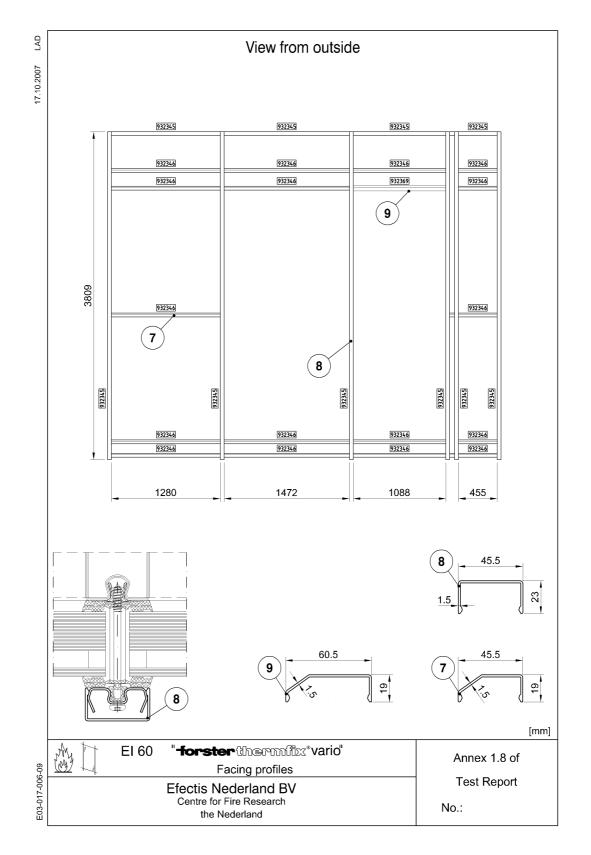




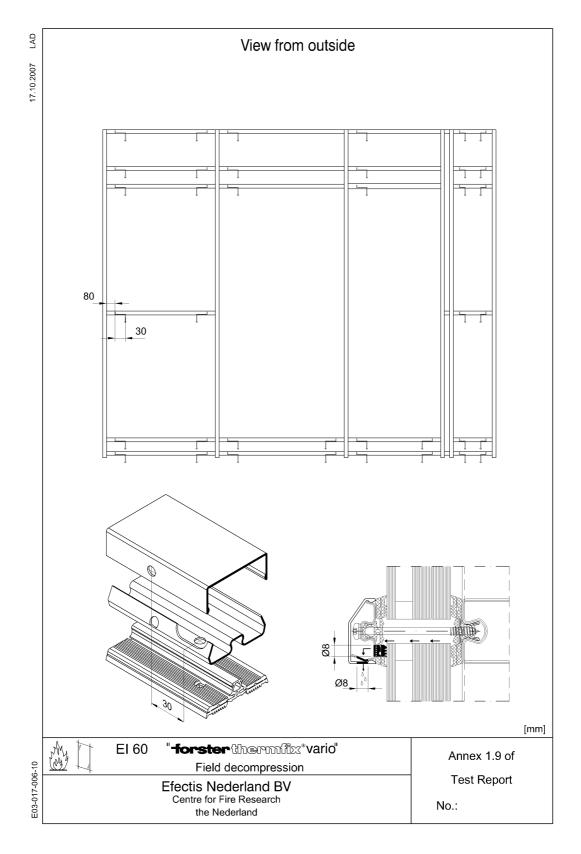


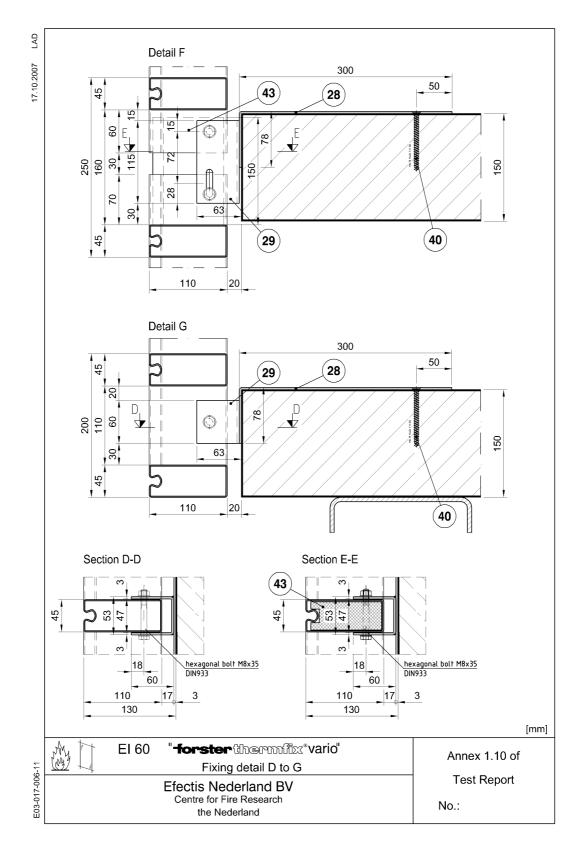






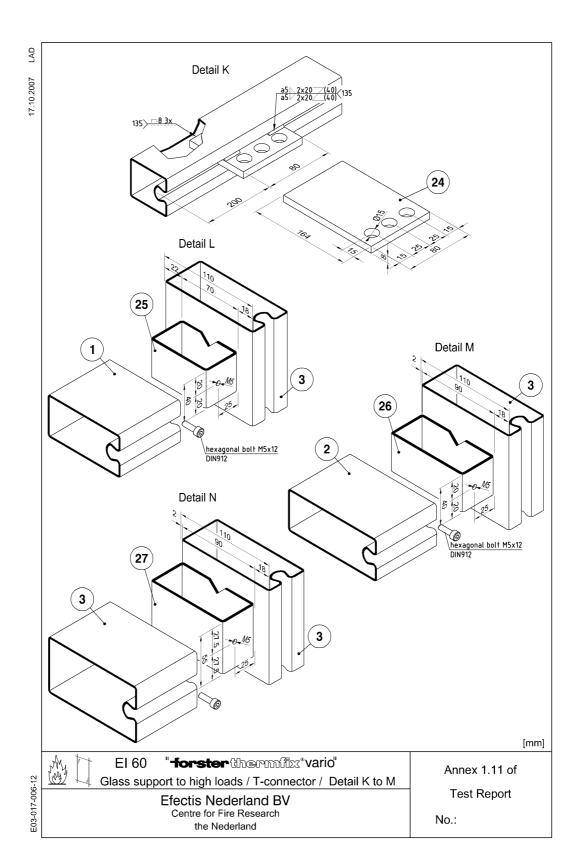








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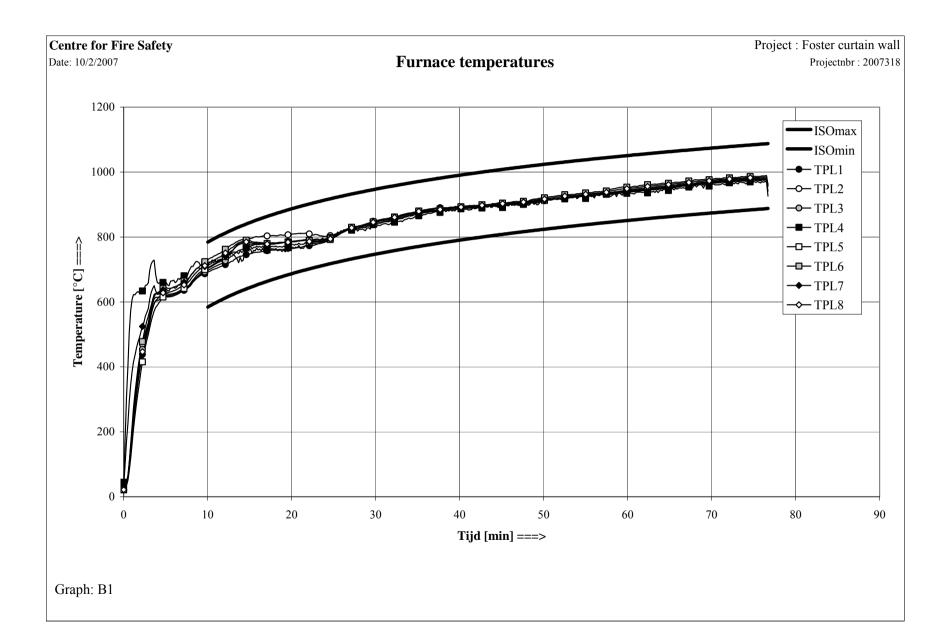
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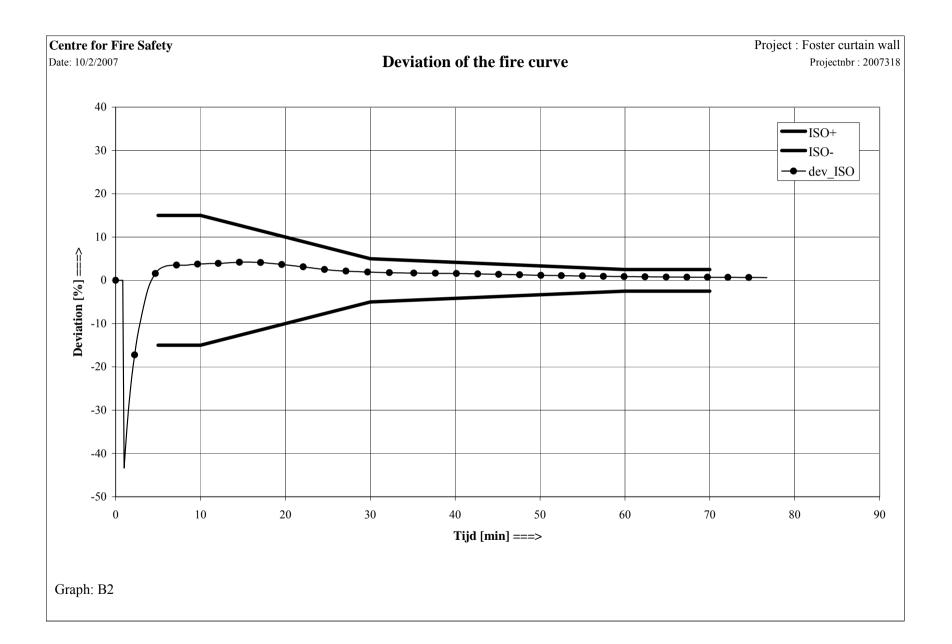
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[min-sec]								
0	Start of the fire test.							
1	Panes A and B crack							
2	Cracks appear in panes C							
3	Some smoke appears							
4	The interlayer has fully reacted							
7	Smoke appears at the top of the construction at the profiles a and b							
12	Displacement is present at the horizontal profiles d, e and f							
19	Some discolouration is present at the junction g. Some liquid is coming out of the							
	profiles d and f							
32	A bulge is present at pane C at k							
39	A part of the interlayer sags approximately 53 cm							
50	Some cracks appear in the vertical seal							
60	The interlayer of pane C changes its colour							
60	Some liquid is visible at the bottom of pane C							
69	Another cracks appears at pane A, Some pieces of glass have fallen to the cold side.							
	Thermocouple 3 is fallen of the construction							
71	The edge profile deforms at p, in the pane							
72	More smoke escapes fro the crack in pane A							
	Deformation of the edge of pane at q							
73	Pane C has cracked							
75	Flames appear longer than 10 s at the cracks in pane C. End of integrity E							
76	End of the test							

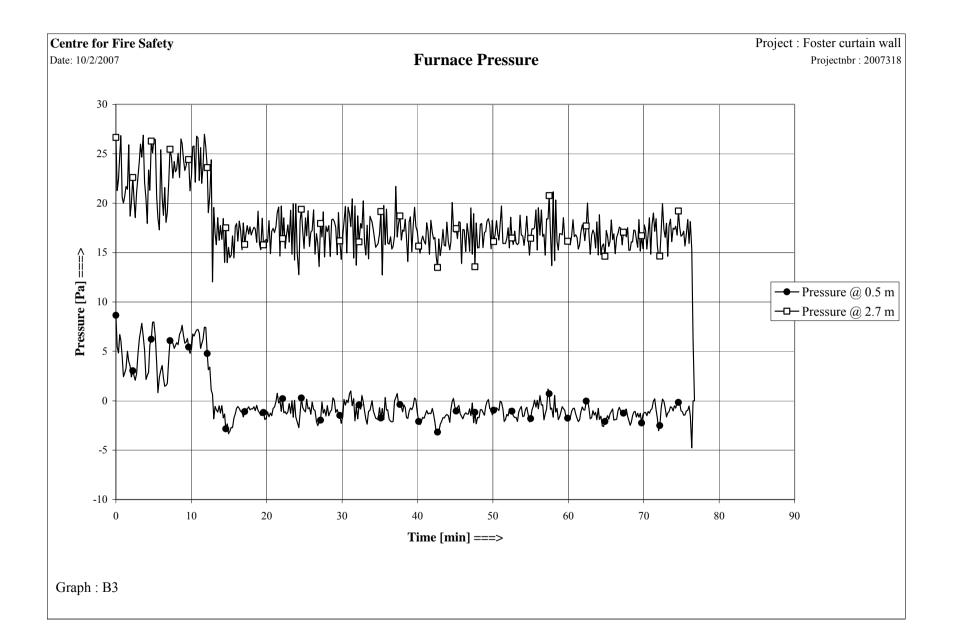
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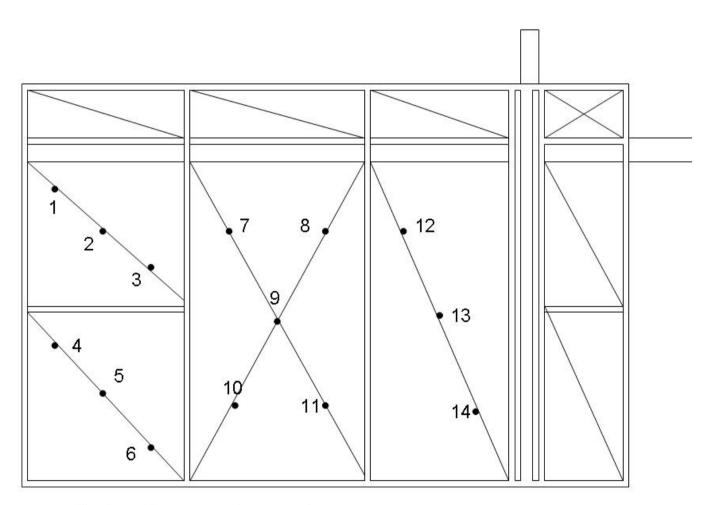
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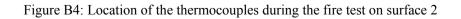


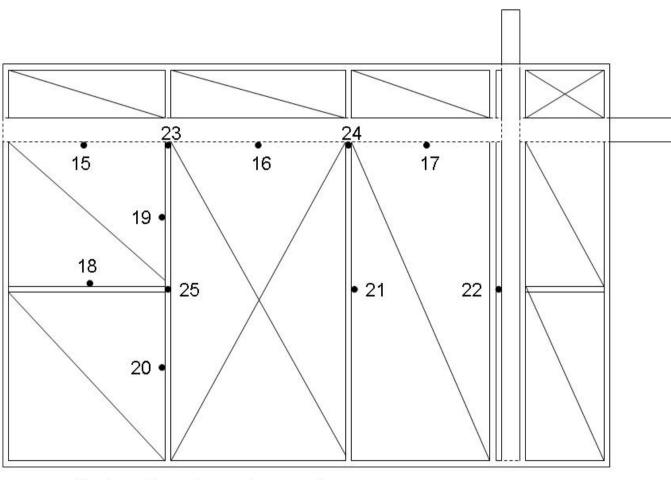




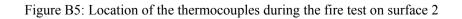


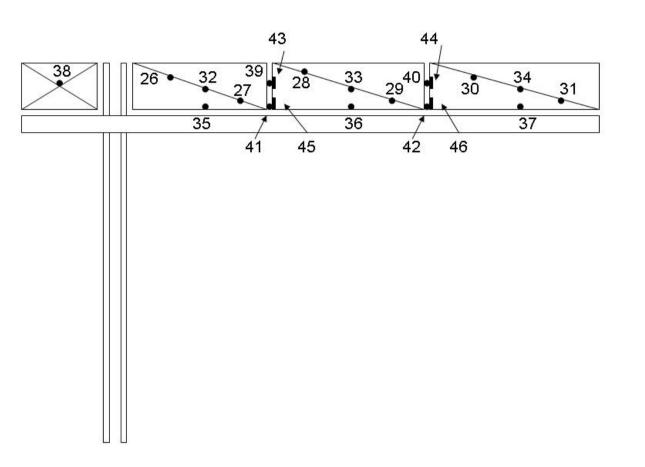
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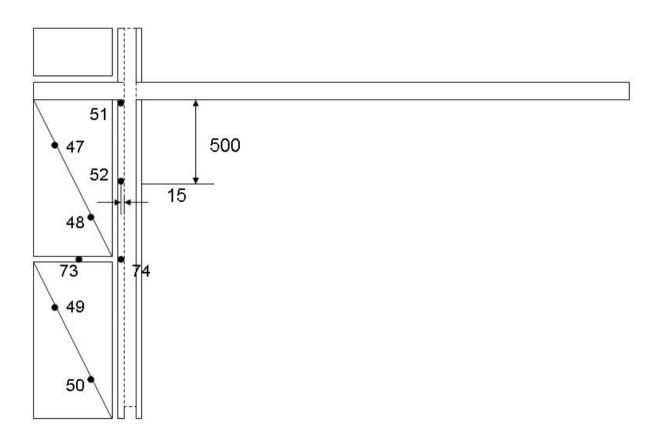
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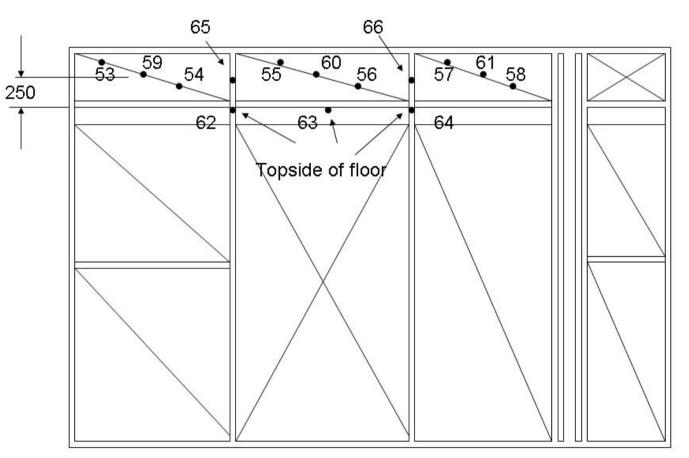
Surface 3 average and maximum temperatures

Figure B6: Location of the thermocouples during the fire test on surface 3

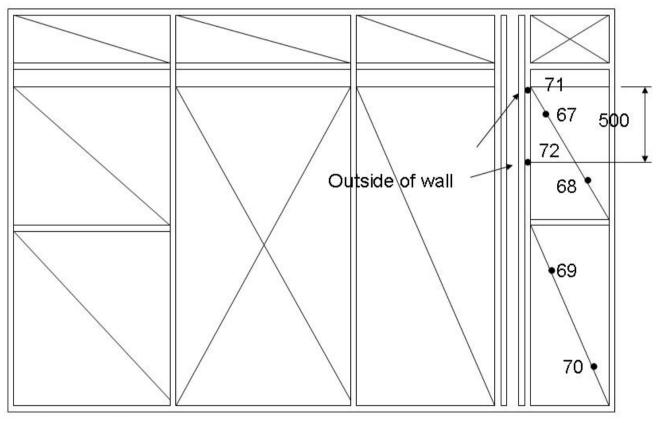


Surface 4 average and maximum temperatures

Figure B7: Location of the thermocouples during the fire test on surface 4



Surface 5 average and maximum temperatures



Surface 6 average and maximum temperatures

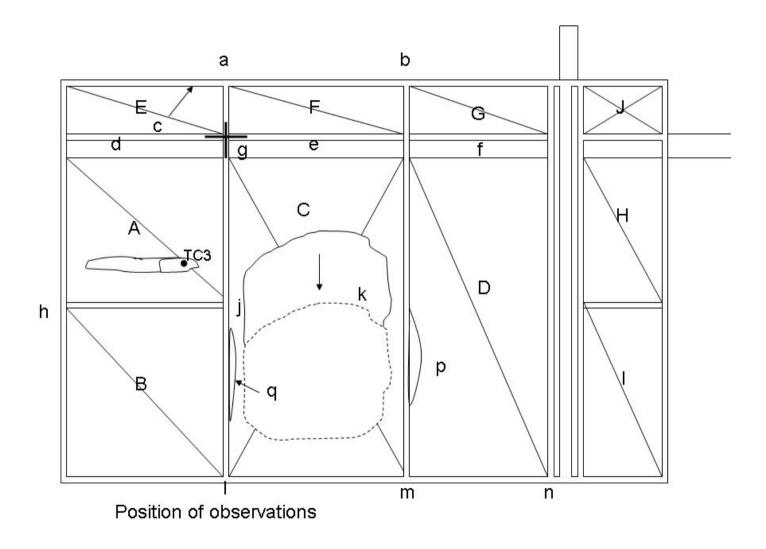
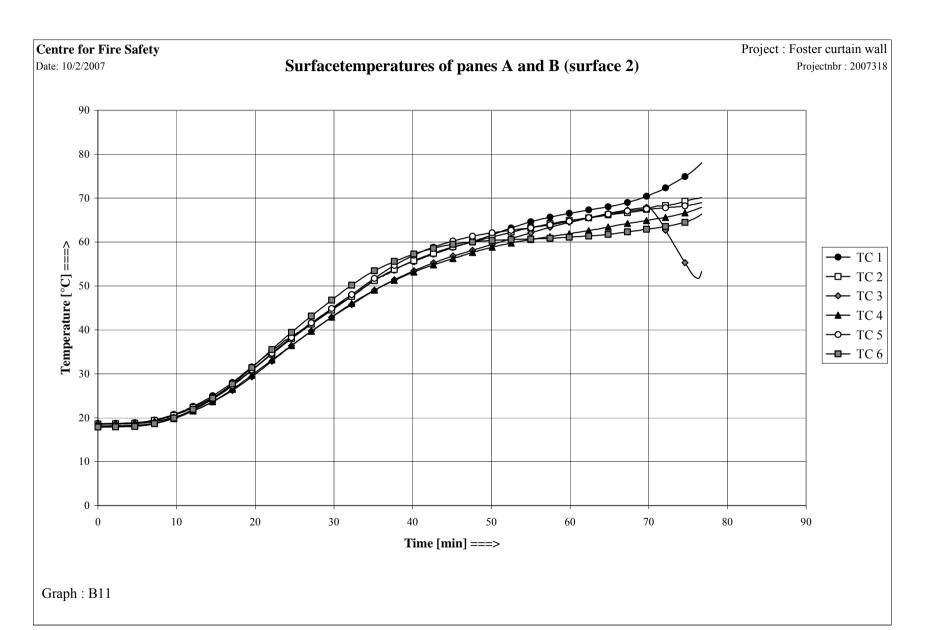
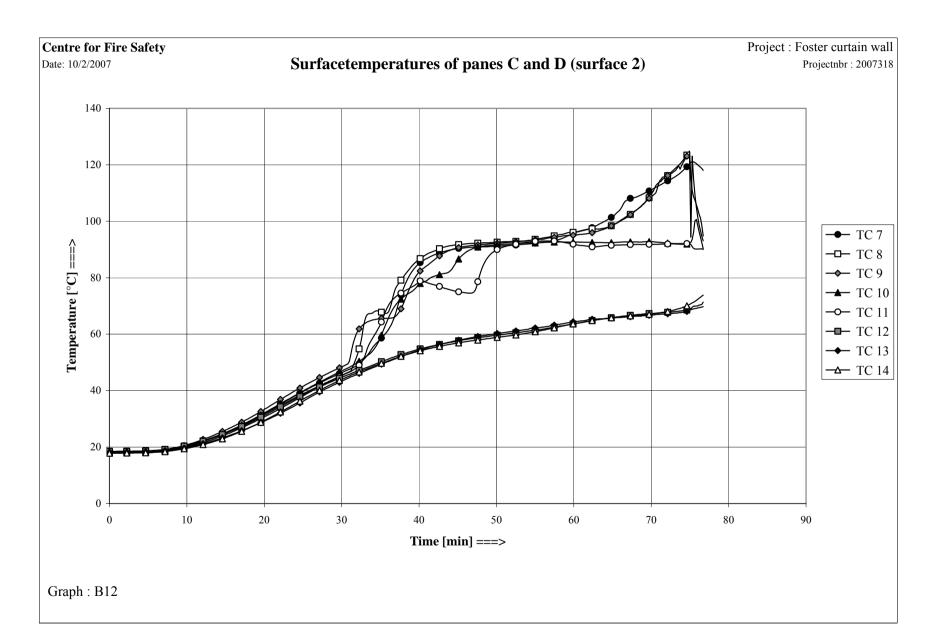
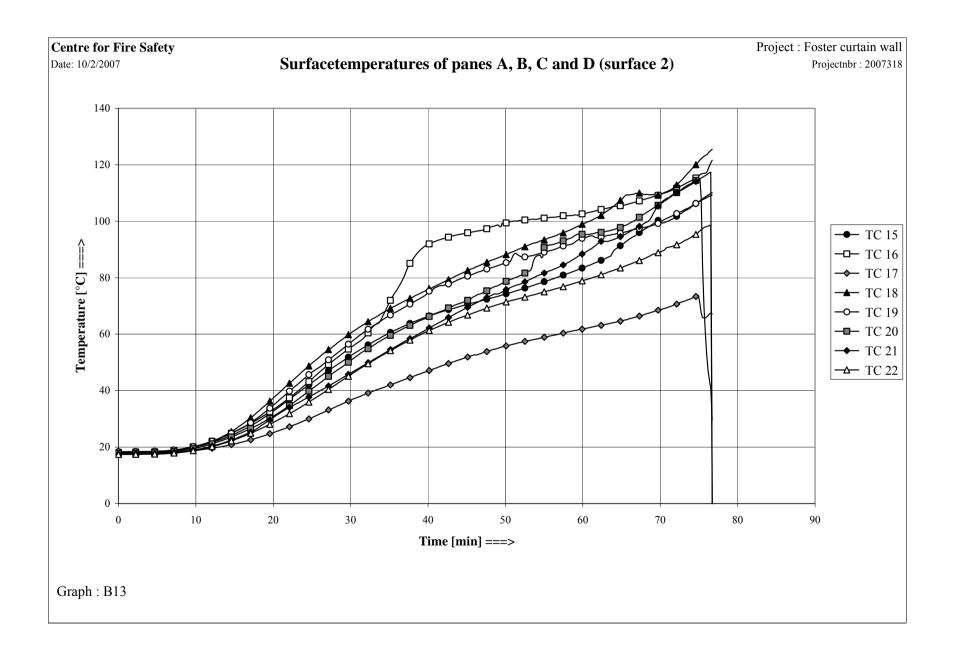
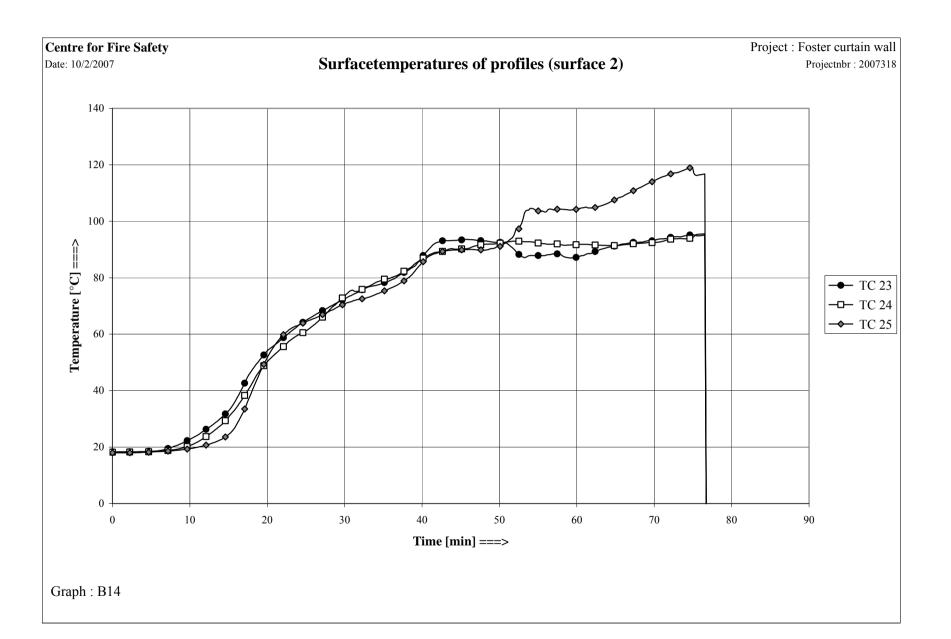


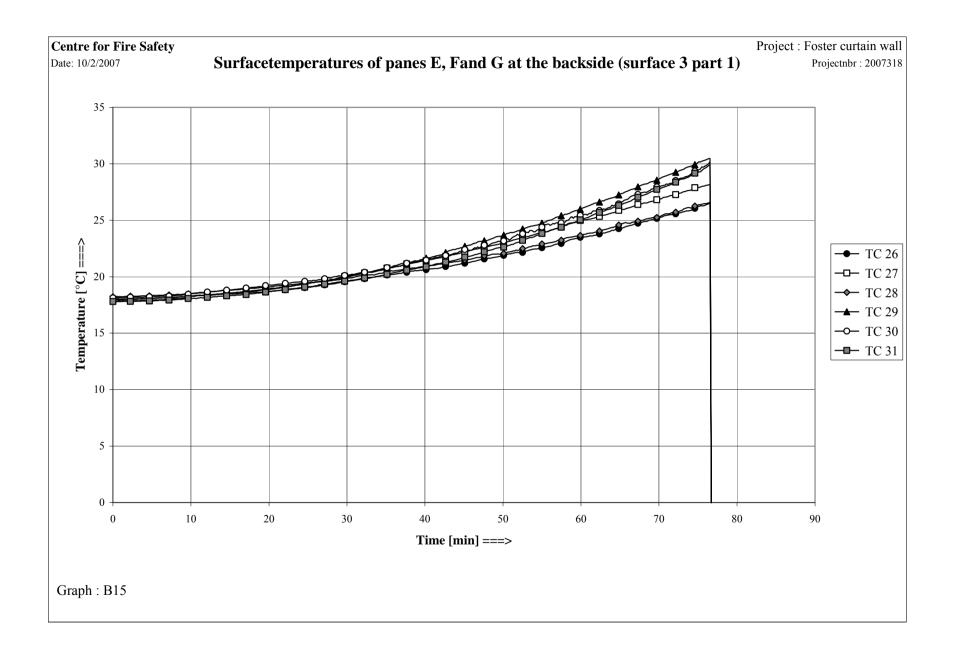
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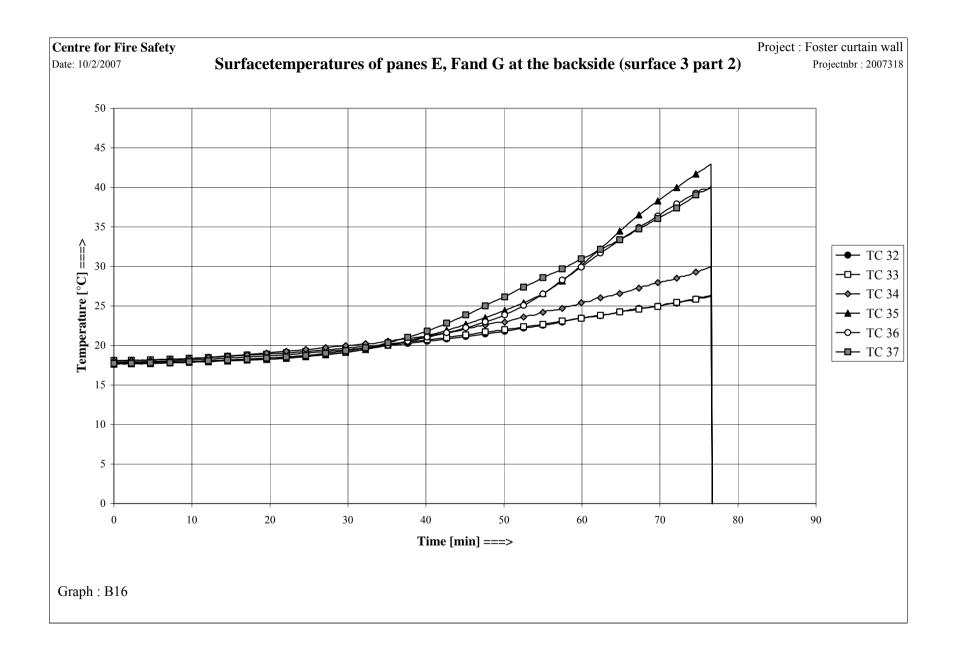


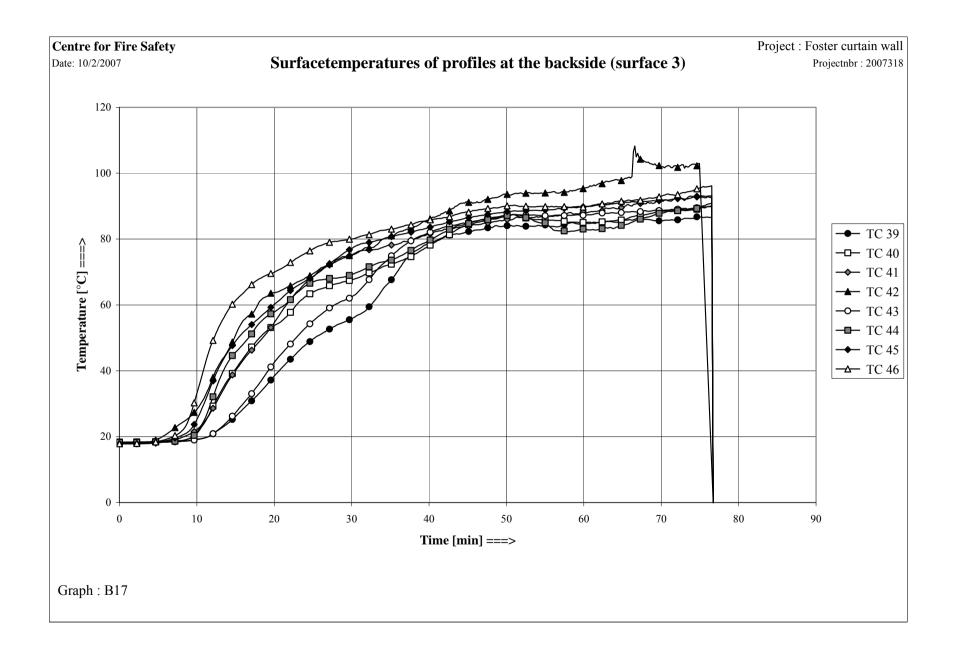


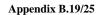


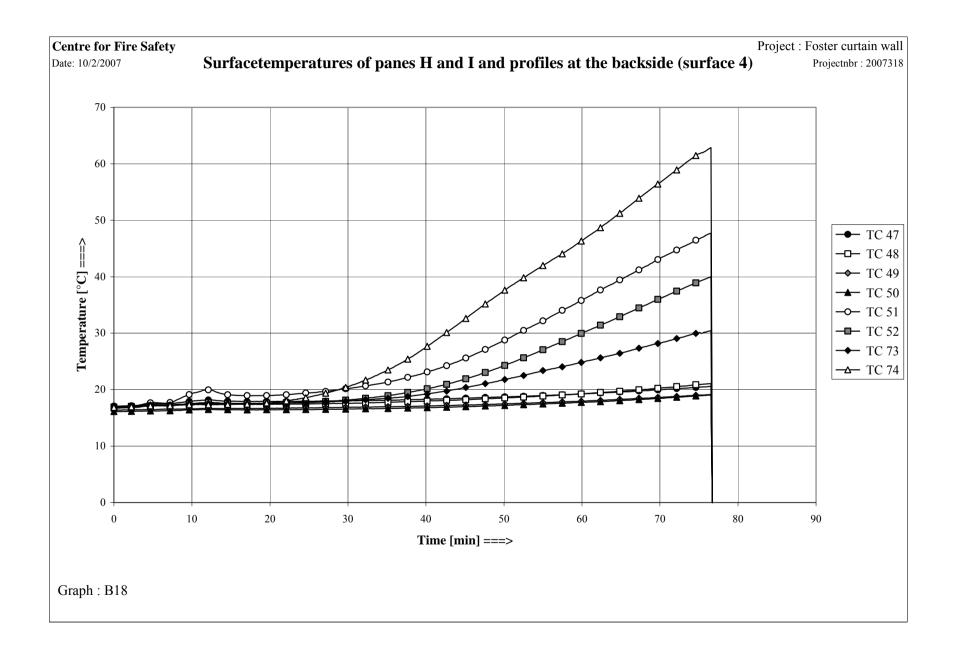


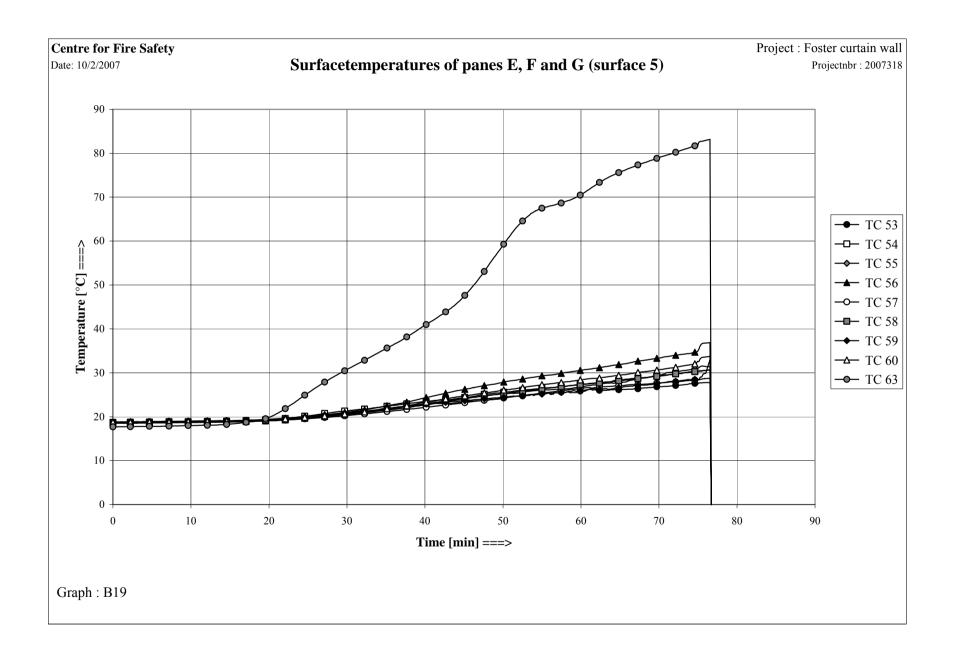


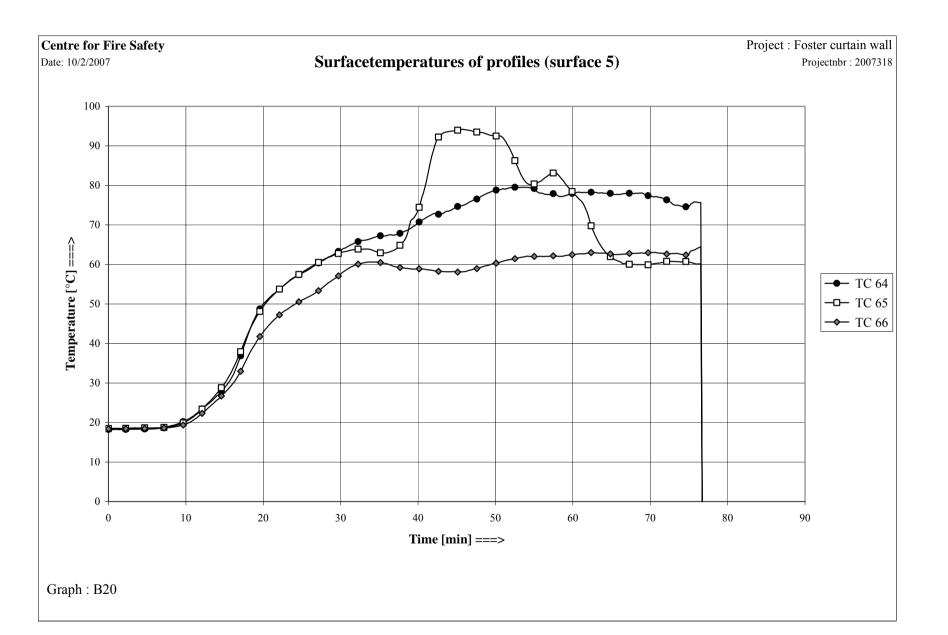


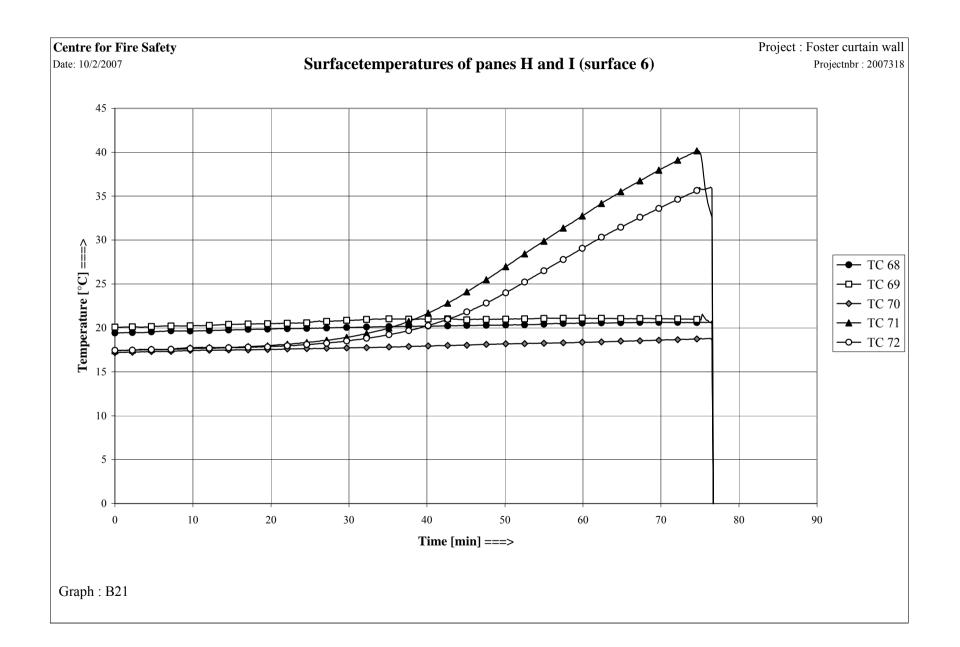


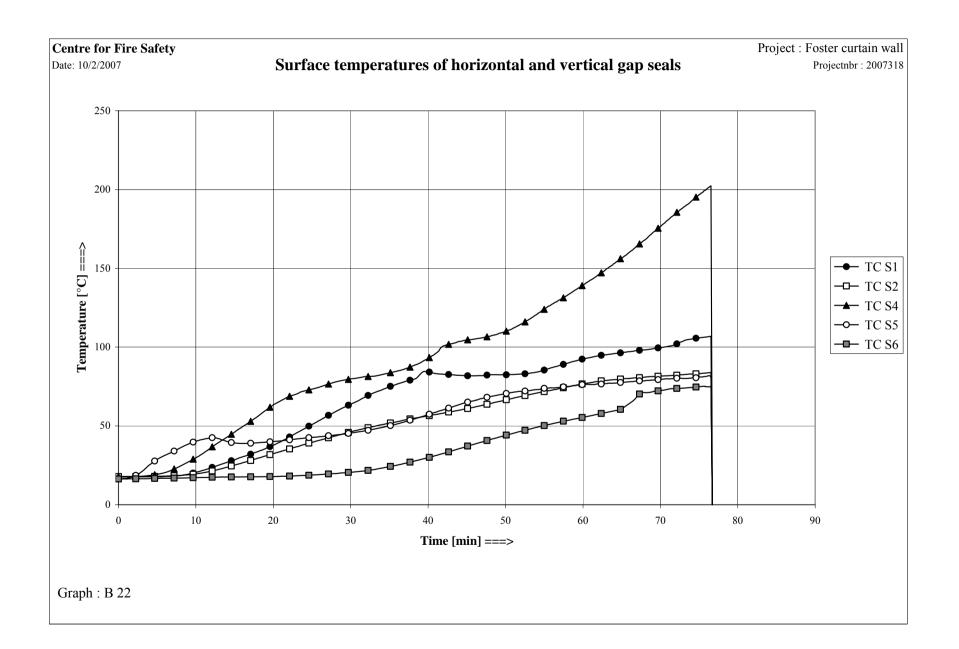


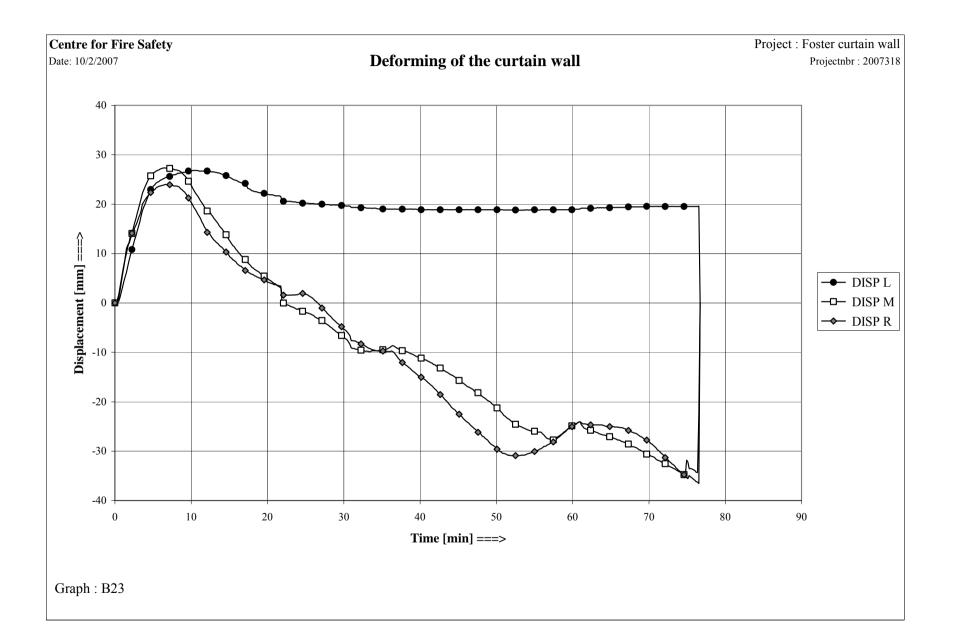


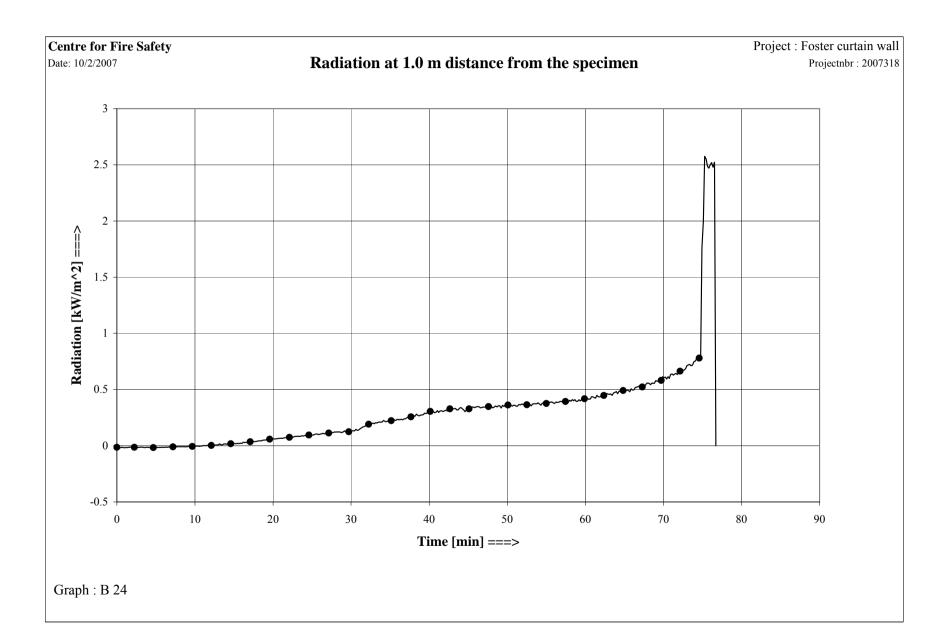










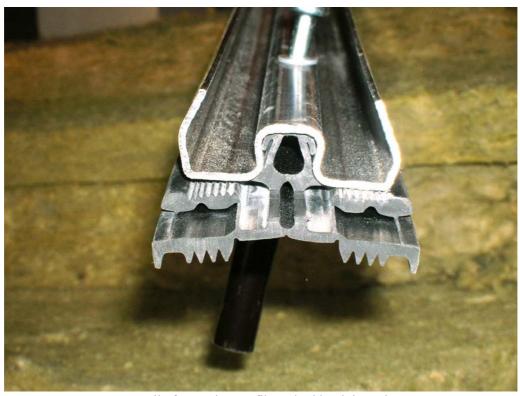


C Photographs



Detail of the fixing of the frame on supporting floors

Cramping profiles equipped with rubber joint strips



Detail of cramping profile and rubber joint strip



Insulation of blind facade panel





Detail of positioning strip for glazed panes





Specimen before the fire test



Specimen after 39 minutes of heating



Specimen after the fire test