

FIRESTOP 101: A LIFE SAFETY ISSUE

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this program, the participant should be able to:

- 1. Understand the key test standards related to firestopping in applicable codes
- 2. Understand the many variables that affect firestop performance
- 3. Understand the secondary attributes of firestop products
- 4. Improve specifications, drawings and details to promote proper selection and quality installation of firestop systems





Consequences of Building Fires

- Fire Safe Building Construction & Code Requirements
- Firestop System Testing & Listings
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HOW OFTEN DOES A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPOND TO A FIRE IN THE US?



CONSEQUENCES OF FIRES



Fire Departments respond to a fire every 24 seconds





Annual Direct Property Loss \$25+ Billion





Annual Civilian Deaths 3655+ Lives Lost or ~10 lives every day



Source: NFPA Fire Loss Statistics 2018

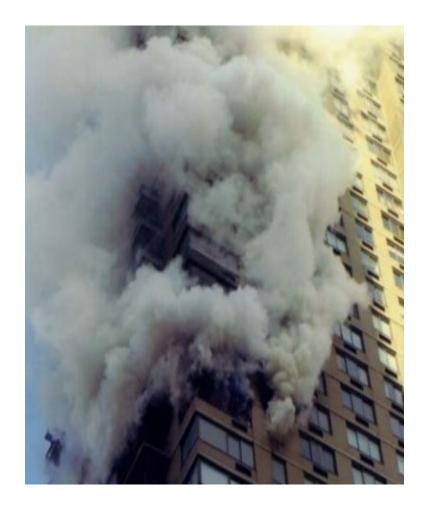


WHAT IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN STRUCTURE FIRES?



SMOKE AND TOXIC GASES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN A FIRE

- Approximately 75% of all fire deaths are caused by smoke inhalation
 - Hall, Jr. John R. NFPA Fire Analysis & Research, Quincy, MA.
 "Burns, Toxic Gases, and other Hazards"
- Visibility: 47% of survivors caught in a fire could not see more than 12 feet
 - NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, 18th Ed. Table 1-1P. Pg.1-15
- Approximately 57% of people killed in fires are not in the room of the fire's origin
 - NFPA Fire Protection Handbook, 18th Ed. Table 8-1P. Pg. 8-17
- Smoke travels 120-420 feet per minute under fire conditions
 - Estimate based upon ceiling jet velocity calculations for typical ceiling heights and heat release rates



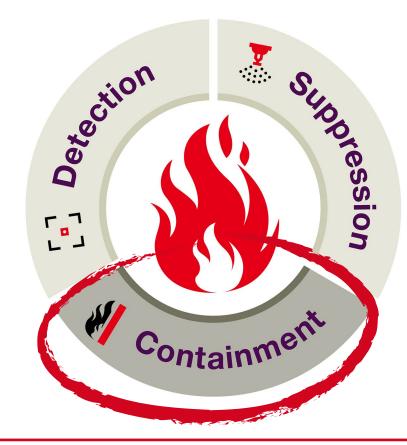




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PROTECTING A BUILDING TAKES A BALANCED APPROACH, DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH



We cannot rely on any single action or safeguard to keep people safe



1ST INTERSTATE BANK – LOS ANGELES - 1988

- "The automatic sprinkler system was drained and building fire pumps shut off at time of fire."
- "The vertical spread was also through pokethrough, pipe recesses, and utility shafts."
- "The lack of firestopping between the floor slabs and the skin permitted the fire to spread from floor to floor through this space. Fire was observed spreading through this area even before the glass and mullions failed."





GRENFELL TOWER – 2017

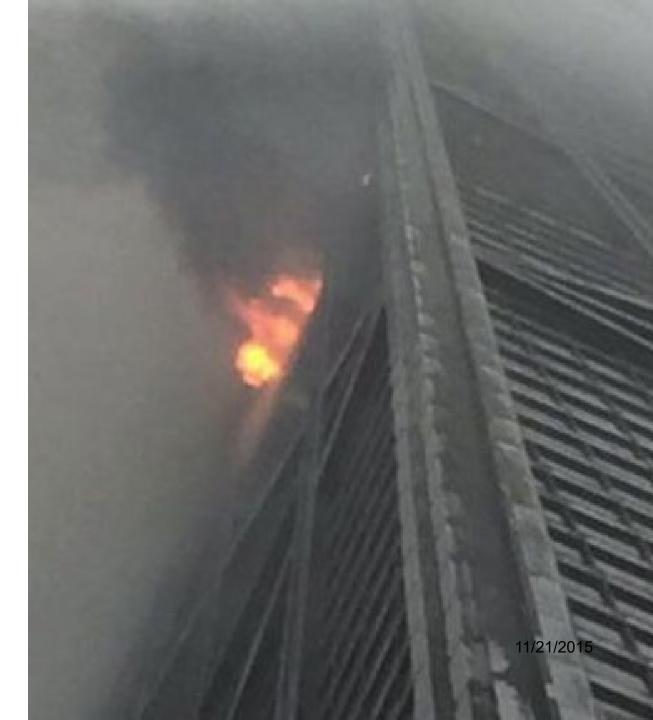
- 80 dead
- 4th floor freezer electrical short caused the fire
- Building Façade helped the blaze to spread quickly
- Fire-stopping material between Apartments and communal corridors had been removed during a renovation several years ago, allowing the blaze to spread





JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING FIRE – CHICAGO – 2015

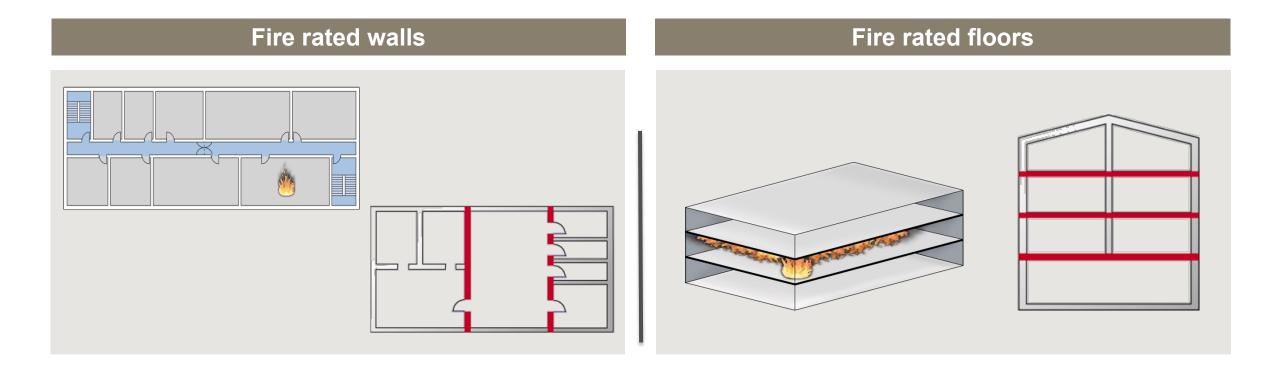
- Caused by a candle left on in an apartment on the 50th floor
- What happened here was that the alarm system failed during fire
- Visitors in the observatory at the 99th floor were asked to evacuate, but they could only manage to get down to the 70th floor due to the smoke rising through the stairwell
- Fire protection systems in place and the fire fighters where able to extinguish the fire, the consequences were not as bad as they could have been.
- Cannot rely on one single action to keep people safe during a fire





ONE GLOBALLY APPLIED PRINCIPLE FOR FIRE SAFETY: COMPARTMENTATION (FIRE COMPARTMENTS)

The spread of fire can be restricted by dividing a building into separate compartments with fire-resistive walls and floors—increasing the availability of escape routes for occupants.





WHEN COMPARTMENTATION WORKS

- Hell's Kitchen New York 2014
- Compartmentation worked to keep the blaze contained to its origin
- Started due to an overloaded power strip in an apartment on the 20th floor.
- Only one casualty due to smoke inhalation



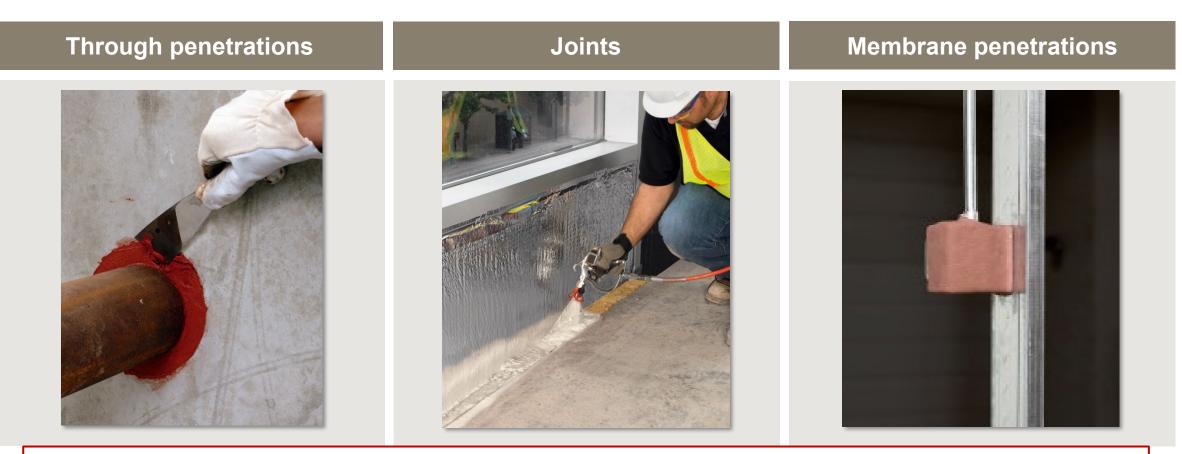


AREAS THAT CAN ALLOW FOR FIRE/SMOKE SPREAD:



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FIRESTOP HELPS RESTORE THE INTEGRITY OF FIRE RATED ASSEMBLIES



Firestop is used to seal openings and joints in fire-resistance rated wall and/or floor assemblies



FIRESTOPPING IS NOT NEW: REQUIRED BY ALL CURRENT AND LEGACY CODES





INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (2021) RELEVANT CODE SECTIONS AND FIRE TESTS

Code Section	Category	Referenced Test Standard		
714.4.1.2	Through Penetrations (Walls)	ASTM E814 or UL 1479		
714.5.1.2	Through Penetrations (Floors)	ASTM E814 or UL 1479		
714.4.2	Membrane Penetrations	ASTM E814 or UL 1479		
715.3.1	Fire Resistant Joints Systems	ASTM E1966 or UL 2079		
715.4.1	Exterior Curtain Wall/Floor Intersection (Perimeter Joint)	ASTM E2307		
1705-18		Penetrations: ASTM E2174 Joints: ASTM E2393		
Understanding the testing process is key to designing fire resistant systems				



INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE (2021) FIRESTOP REQUIREMENTS

Section 714.4.1.2 – Through-penetration firestop systems

 "Through penetrations shall be protected by an approved penetration firestop system installed as tested in accordance with ASTM E 814 or UL 1479..."

Section 715.3.1 – Fire resistant joint systems

 "Fire-resistant joint systems shall be tested in accordance with the requirements of either ASTM E1966 or UL 2079..."

What is the key term in the code language above?



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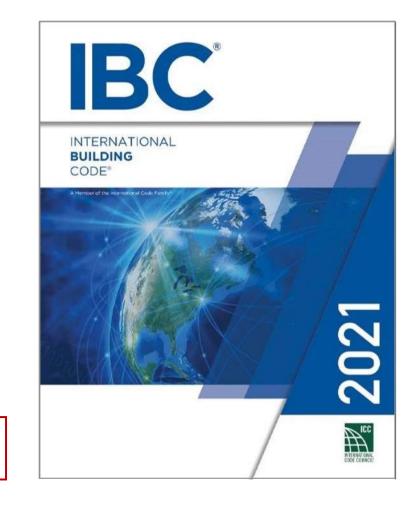
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Firestopping is a system approach. The product and installation instructions specific to that product make the system







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MANY FACTORS AFFECT FIRE PERFORMANCE, AND EACH ARE PARAMETERS IN THE TESTING OF A SYSTEM

Through Penetrations

- Size and type of penetrating item(s)
- Size and shape of opening
- Desired fire rating (hrs.)
- Floor or wall construction type and thickness
- Annular space
- Firestop products used

Joints

- Joint width
- Desired assembly rating (hrs.)
- Floor or wall construction type and thickness
- Movement requirements (%)
- Stud width for gypsum walls
- Firestop products used

Once a tested firestop system has achieved the desired fire ratings, then a "Firestop System" is issued (published) by the testing agency



SYSTEMS FOR JOINTS & PENETRATIONS ARE TESTED TO ASTM E814/UL 1479, ASTM E1966/UL 2079

F-Rating

 The duration of time in which flames do not pass through the system

T-Rating / FT-Rating (Canada)

 The time period it takes for the non-fire side of the assembly rise by 325°F (181°C) above its initial ambient temperature

To receive either rating the firestop system must pass the hose stream test* *Hose stream test not required in Canada





HOSE STREAM TEST VERIFIES MECHANICAL INTEGRITY OF SYSTEM AFTER FIRE EXPOSURE

Stream delivered through 2¹/₂ inch hose with a straight-bore nozzle at:

- 30 psi 1, 2 & 3-hour tests
- 45 psi 4-hour test

Time duration calculated based upon the area of the test assembly and the fire resistance period.

*Hose stream test not required in Canada.



To pass test, must not produce any though-gaps in firestop system



BUILDINGS ON FIRE CAN REACH TEMPERATURES WELL IN EXCESS OF THEIR MELTING POINTS VERY QUICKLY

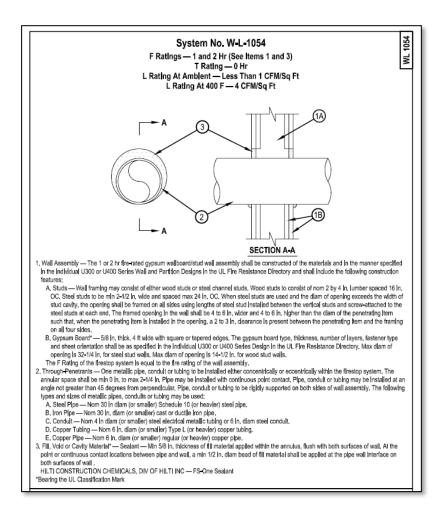
This temperature-time curve (from ASTM E119 Standard) is considered to represent a severe fire exposure. Compared to the melting temperatures of the products on the right, it's clear why firestop products and systems are so important, most of these materials will fail in the first hour, leaving the penetrations exposed.



FIRESTOP SYSTEMS IDENTIFY EACH COMPONENT REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED FIRE RATING

- Fire rated assembly construction components
- Acceptable size and type of penetrating items
- Firestop materials needed to fill voids
- Specified limits for size of opening, annular space, etc.
- Each tested system is given their own Firestop System Number







IBC 714.4.2: MEMBRANE PENETRATIONS FIRESTOP SYSTEMS TESTED TO ASTM E814 / UL 1479

Recessed fixtures shall be installed such that the required fire resistance will not be reduced.

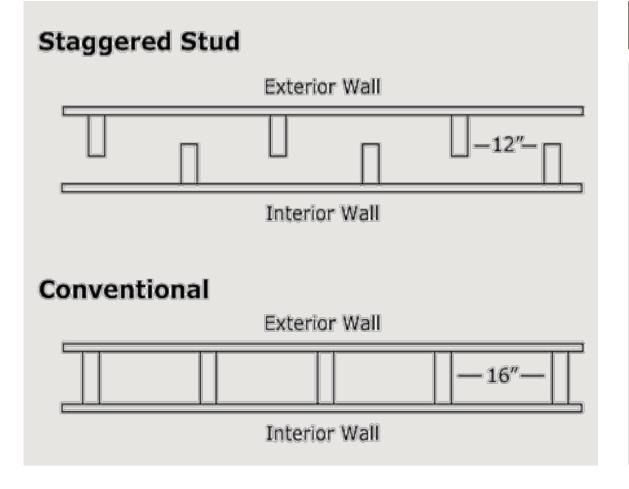
- Total area of openings does not exceed 100 square inches for any 100 sq. ft. of wall
- Steel electrical boxes on opposite sides of wall must be separated by a horizontal distance > 24 inches

min. separation

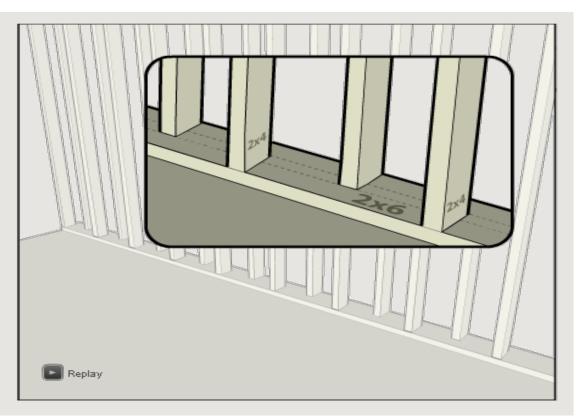




24" SEPARATION FOR BOXES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE WALL ONLY ACCEPTABLE FOR CONVENTIONAL STUD WALLS

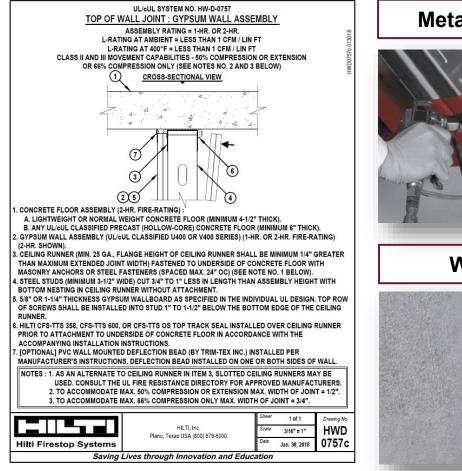


Staggered Stud wall





FIRE RESISTANT JOINT – APPLICATIONS



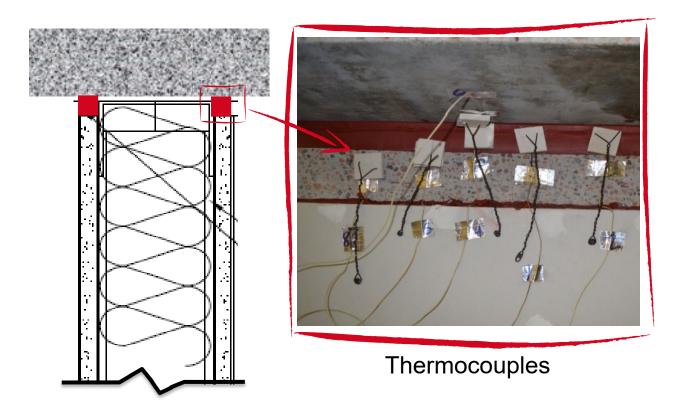
Top & Bottom of Wall Metal Deck Joints Wall to Wall **Edge of Slab**



IBC SECTION 715.3.1: JOINT FIRESTOP SYSTEMS TESTED TO ASTM E 1966 / UL 2079

Assembly Rating

- Fire and **temperature** on the non-fire side of the joint are measured using thermocouples
- Hose stream required for top-of-wall and wall-to-wall joints
- Joint undergoes cyclic testing prior to fire testing



A revised UL 2079 5th test edition came into effect on August 26, 2017 affects pre-formed firestop devices



ASTM E 1966 JOINT CYCLING TEST IS USED TO EVALUATE DYNAMIC JOINTS UNDER THE SPECIFIED TEST CONDITIONS

- Ability of a fire resistive joint system to undergo movement without reducing the fire rating of the adjacent fire separating elements
- Duration for which test specimens will contain a fire and retain their integrity during a predetermined test exposure.
- Each project type is going to require different movement capabilities
- Movement types and classes are defined in Table 1 (Cycling Requirements) of ASTM E1399
- Tested dynamic joint systems indicate the % of compression and extension permitted for maximum joint width

Almost all construction joints are dynamic

Class	Movement	Minimum Number of Cycles	Cycle Rates (cpm)
Ι	Thermal	500	Less than or equal to 1
Π	Wind Sway	500	Greater than or equal to 10
Ξ	Seismic	100	Greater than or equal to 30
IV	Combined	100	Greater than or equal to 30
		400	Greater than or equal to 10

TABLE 1 Cycling Requirements (Source: ASTM E1399 Standard Test Method for Cyclic Movement and Measuring the Minimum and Maximum Joint Widths of Architectural Joint Systems)



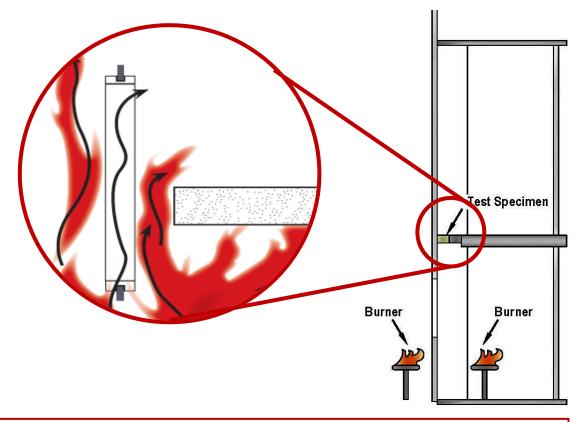
Extension

Compression





IBC 715.4.1: PERIMETER FIRE BARRIER (JOINT) EXTENDS THE FIRE RATING OF THE FLOOR TO THE EXTERIOR WALL

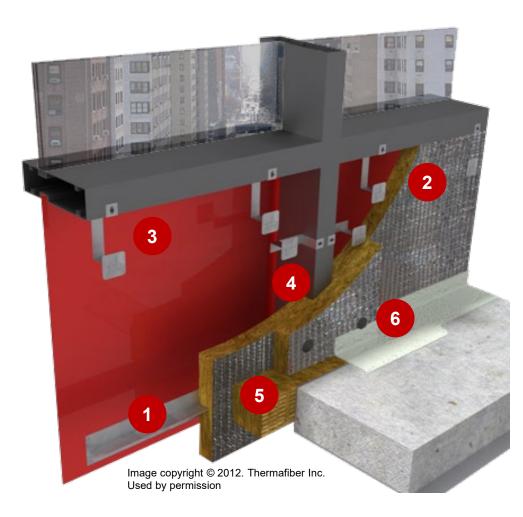


Perimeter fire barrier testing to E2307 – fire exposure from both below and from outside





KEY ELEMENTS TO PERIMETER FIRE BARRIER SYSTEM



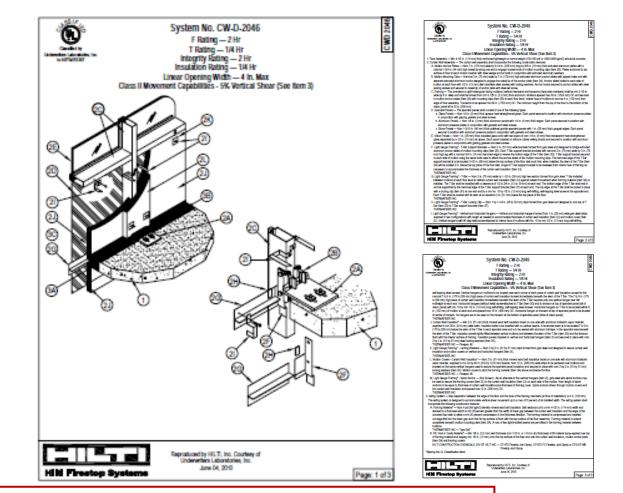
- 1 Stiffener angle at floor line
- 2 Insulation board
- 3 Mechanical attachment of insulation board
- 4 Protection of mullions
- 5 Mineral wool safing (compression fit)
- 6 Firestop sealant



EDGE OF SLAB FIRESTOP SYSTEMS IDENTIFY EACH COMPONENT REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED RATING

Curtain wall tested system can have numerous components, such as:

- Floor
- Curtain wall
 - Mullion cover (depends on system)
 - Framing (aluminum or steel)
 - Spandrel
 - Vision panels
 - Insulation
- Safing system
 - Forming material / Cavity material



Due to unique design of many curtain wall systems, EJs are typically issued



WHEN A TESTED FIRESTOP SYSTEM DOES NOT MATCH A FIELD CONDITION, ENGINEERING JUDGMENTS NEEDED

Engineering Judgments (EJ) are issued in accordance with the guidelines established by the International Firestop Council.

- Not to be used in lieu of available tested systems
- Must be issued by qualified technical personnel
- Based upon previously tested system(s)
- Based upon assumption that the recommended system (EJ) would pass if tested for the required rated period of time
- Issued only for a single job, location and application



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1705.18	Special Inspections of Fire Resistant Penetration & Joints	Penetrations: ASTM E 2174 Joints: ASTM 2393	
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FIRESTOP SPECIAL INSPECTION MANDATED FOR HIGH-RISES AND RISK CATEGORY III & IV BUILDING

Buildings that require a Special Inspection of the installed firestopping have been defined in the IBC to be high-rise buildings, as well as Risk Category III, Substantial hazard to human life in event of failure and Risk Category IV buildings considered Essential facilities (IBC 2021 -1705.18)

 High-rise: Occupied floor > 75 ft. above lowest level of FD access

- Risk category III building:
 Substantial hazard to human life in event of failure (IBC 1604.5)
 Examples:
 - Elementary school > 250 occupants
 - Public assembly > 300 occupants
- Risk Category IV building: Essential facilities (IBC 1604.5) Examples:
 - Medical facilities (I-2) having surgery or emergency treatment
 - Buildings containing highly toxic materials that may endanger public

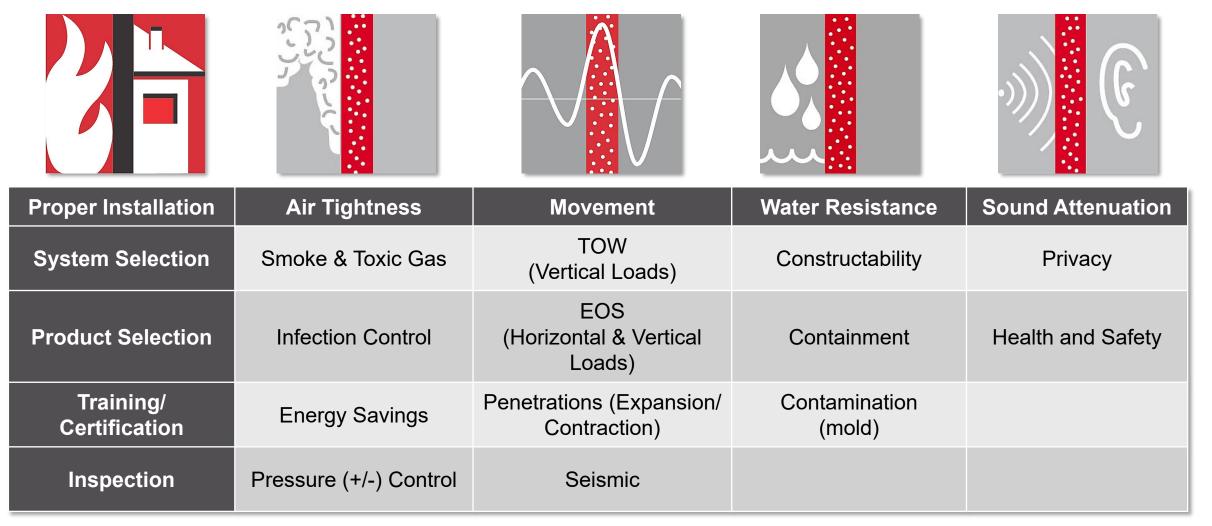




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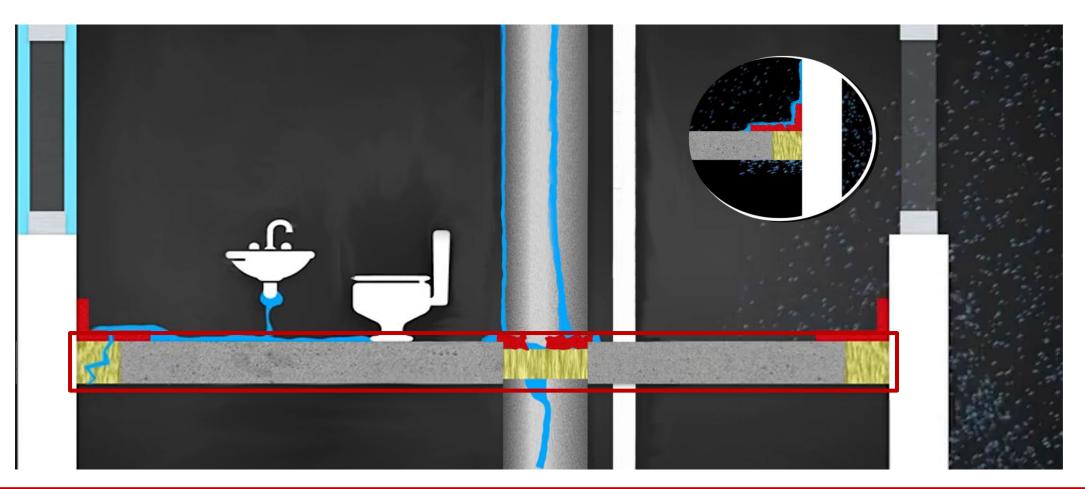
FIRESTOP PRODUCTS CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO MEET YOUR PROJECT NEEDS





WATER RESISTANCE HELPS COMBAT DAMAGE DUE TO RAIN OR PLUMBING DISASTERS





The impact of water damage can have a significant effect on the building, during or after construction



FIRESTOP SYSTEM ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AND TESTED FOR WATER RESISTANCE



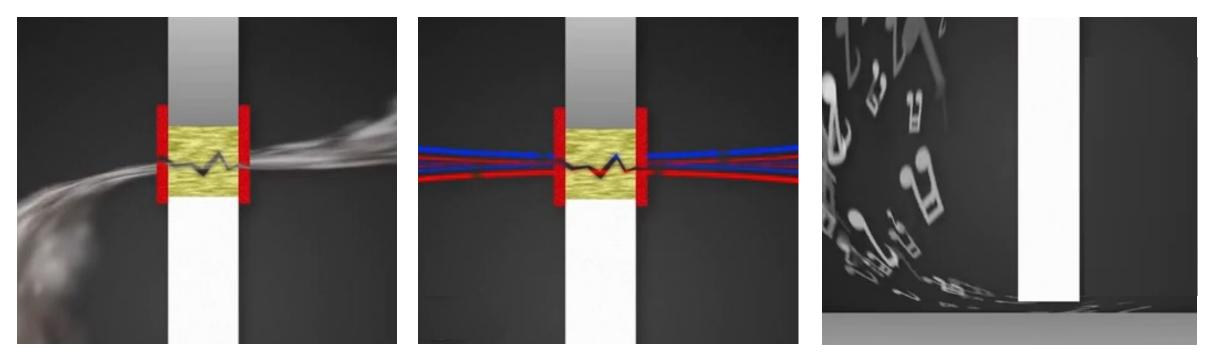
- W-Rating (optional test) determines effectiveness of a firestop system to restrict flow of water.
- Tested to resist up to 3 feet of water column for 72 hours
- Specify for floor penetration
- **ASTM D6904** "Standard Practice for Resistance to Wind Driven Rain..."
- Specify for perimeter fire barrier system







AIR RESISTANT SEALANTS CAN RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT OF SMOKE, AIRBORNE PATHOGENS, AND SOUND



Smoke penetration

Air Leakage results in:

- Moisture damage
- Hot/Cold spots
- Disease transmission

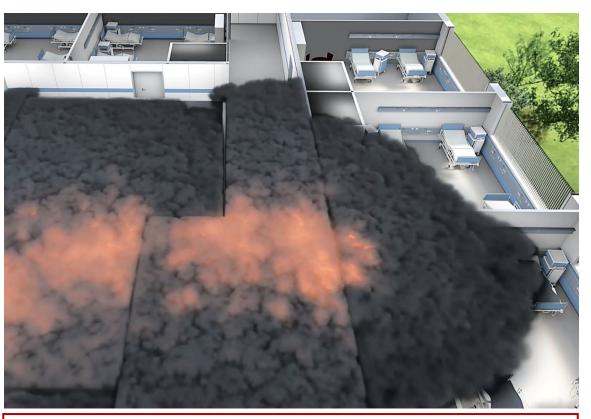
Sound transmission



LEAKAGE RATING (L-RATING) DETERMINES SUITABILITY TO RESTRICT PASSAGE OF SMOKE



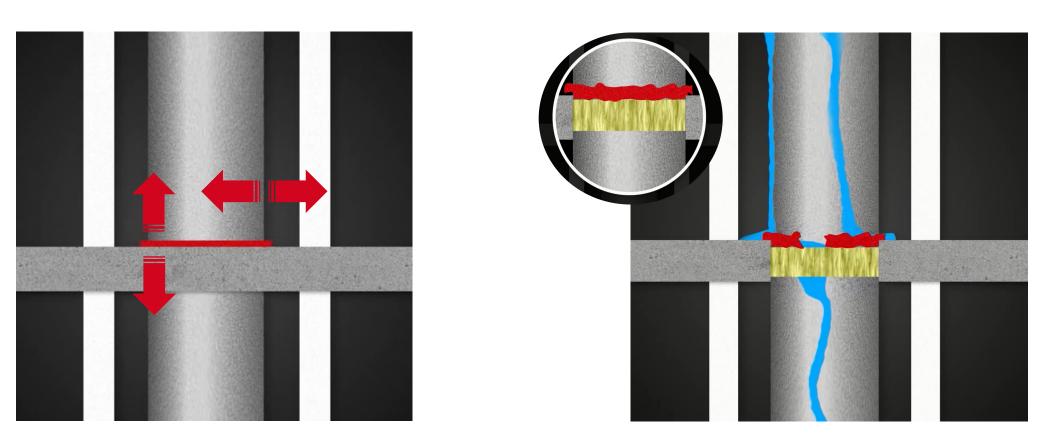
- Optional test per UL 1479. Required on smoke barriers (healthcare, prisons, etc.)
- Smoke Barrier is a continuous membrane, either vertical or horizontal, such as a wall, floor, or ceiling assembly that is designed & constructed to restrict the movement of smoke
- Measures amount of air leakage through the firestop system
- Test conducted at two temperature ranges:
 - Ambient temperature (simulates cold smoke away from fire origin)
 - 400°F (simulates warm smoke near fire origin)
- Measured in CFM: the lower the number, the better the L-Rating



Even with smoke as the leading killer in fires, this rating varies greatly from one system to another



DYNAMIC MOVEMENT OCCURS WITH JOINTS AND PIPE PENETRATIONS



A new test method for measuring movement capabilities of through-penetration firestop systems is available with ASTM E3037 (published November 2016)





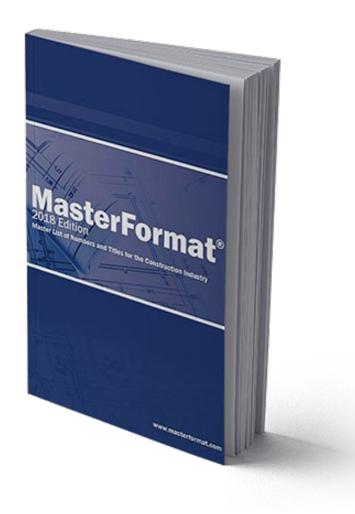
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ENGAGE AN EXPERIENCED INSTALLER WHO IS QUALIFIED TO PERFORM THE FIRESTOP WORK

Part 1 General > Installer Qualifications

- Firestop Manufacturer Training
- FM 4991 Approved Firestop Contractor
- UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program
- Manufacturer Accredited Firestop Specialty Contractor







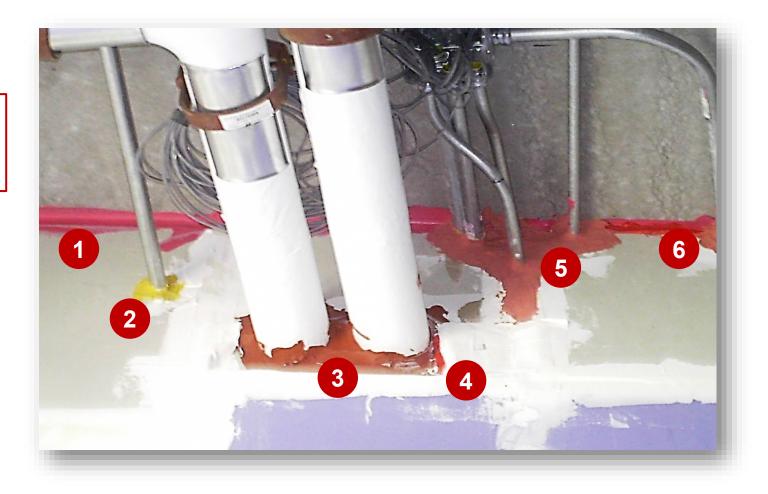




SINGLE SOURCE MANUFACTURER OF FIRESTOP PRODUCTS HELPS ENSURE CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY

Part 2 Products > Firestopping

Common error: Six (6) different firestop products by three (3) different manufacturers





FIRESTOP PRODUCTS TYPES FOR PENETRATIONS/JOINTS

Part 2 Products > Materials

Traditional Sealants and Sprays

Pre-formed firestop





TRADITIONAL VS. PRE-FORMED FIRESTOP SOLUTIONS

Part 2 Products > Materials

Traditional Sealants and Sprays

- Correct installation highly dependent on installer
- Surface cleaning/ tooling is required (and often neglected)
- Depth of fill material varies per installation/installer
- Shelf life and storage issues
- Prone to waste

Pre-formed firestop

- Easy fast installation
- Surface cleaning not required
- Depth of fill material always correct
- Pre-cured. No shelf life.
- Some devices can be re-penetrable
- Easy to inspect



FIRESTOP SYSTEMS SCHEDULE IDENTIFIES MOST COMMON SYSTEMS

Part 3 Execution > Schedules

Firestop schedules should include:

- Application
 - Type of penetrant
 - Joint type
- F-rating
- Basis of design UL Systems

Firestop schedules can be included:

- Within firestop specifications
- On construction drawings

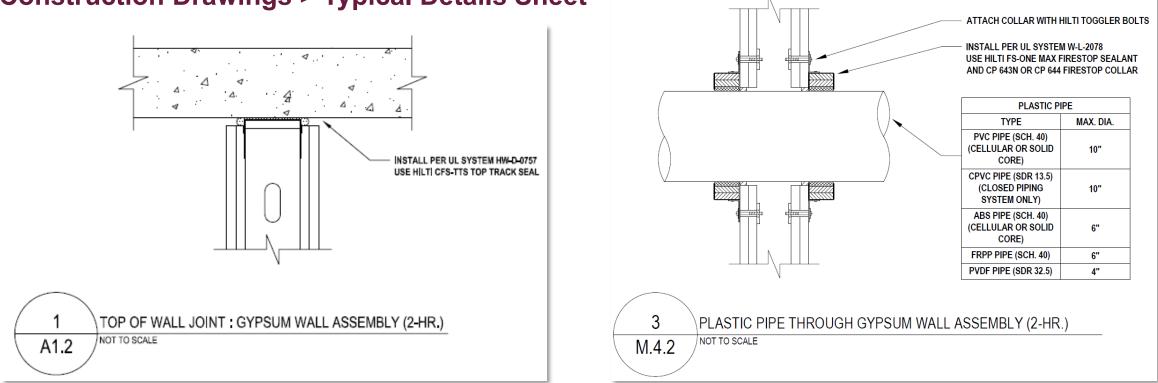
Schedule of firestop systems (example)

CONCRETE FLOORS		
TYPE OF PENETRANT	F- RATING (HR)	BASIS OF DESIGN UL SYSTEM
CIRCULAR BLANK OPENINGS	1 2 3	F-A-0006, C-AJ-0055, C-AJ-0090 F-A-0006, C-AJ-0055, C-AJ-0090 F-A-0006, C-AJ-0055, C-AJ-0086,
SINGLE METAL PIPES OR CONDUIT	1 2 3 4	C-AJ-1226, F-A-1028, F-A-1017 C-AJ-1226, F-A-1028, F-A-1017 C-AJ-1226, F-A-1017 C-AJ-1226, F-A-1017 C-BJ -1037, C-BJ-1034
SINGLE NON- METALLIC PIPE OR CONDUIT (I.E. PVC, CPVC, ABS, FRP, ENT)	1	F-A-2053, F-A-2025, C-AJ-2109, C-AJ- 2098, C-AJ-2271, C-AJ-2167, C-AJ-2098, C-AJ-2271, C-AJ-2167, C- BJ-2021, C-AJ-2371, C-AJ-2342
	3	F-A-2054, C-AJ-2109, C-AJ-2098, C-AJ- 2371, C-AJ-2342 C-BJ 2016, C-AJ-2017
SINGLE/CABLE BUNDLES	1	F-A-3007,C-AJ-3095,C-AJ-3180, C-AJ- 3283
	2	F-A-3007,C-AJ-3095,C-AJ-3334, F-A- 3060
	3	F-A-3007, C-AJ 3095, C-AJ-3285

Specifying UL Firestop Systems is key to proper firestopping on projects



STANDARD FIRESTOP DETAILS



Construction Drawings > Typical Details Sheet

Include typical firestop details for most common applications



LABELING AND DOCUMENTATION OF EACH FIRESTOP APPLICATION IMPROVES QUALITY ASSURANCE

Part 3 Execution > Identification and Documentation



Software programs available to make tracking and documentation easier

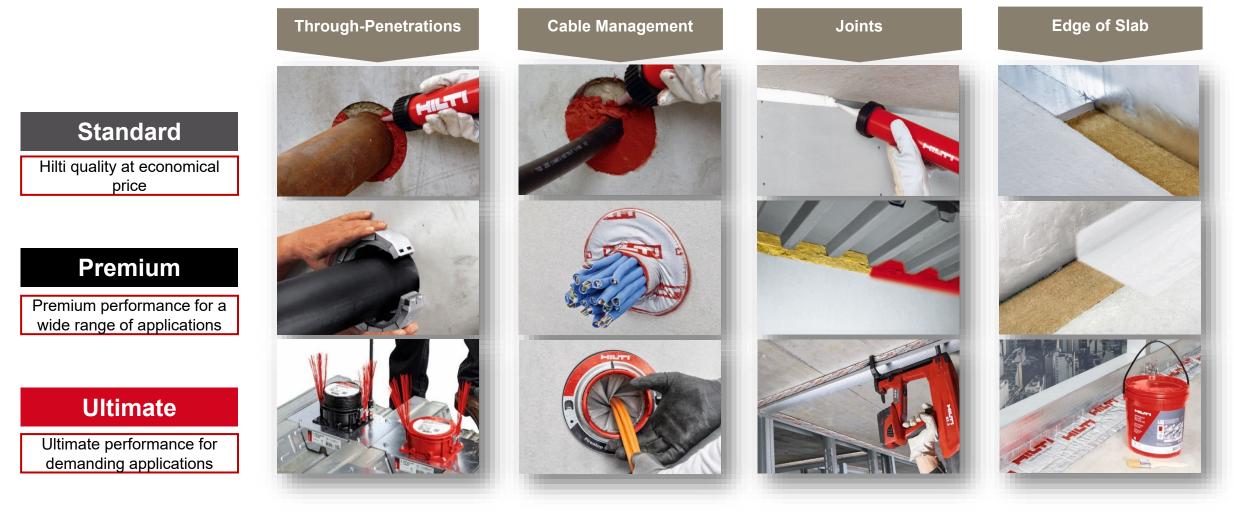




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HILTI HAS A RANGE OF INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS KEY FIRESTOP APPLICATIONS





HILTI'S BEST IN CLASS FIRESTOP SOLUTIONS

CP 653 Speed Sleeve



CP 680 Cast-In Device



CFS-TTS Top Track Seal



CFS-EOS QS Edge of Slab Quickseal





HILTI FIELD ENGINEERING SUPPORT SERVICES

Technical Support Services

- Specifications updates
- Façade reviews during design (Firestopping + CW attachment options)
- Firestop system selection
- Continuing education courses and seminars
- Installer training
- Software training
- Engineering Judgment support
- Onsite testing and job consultation

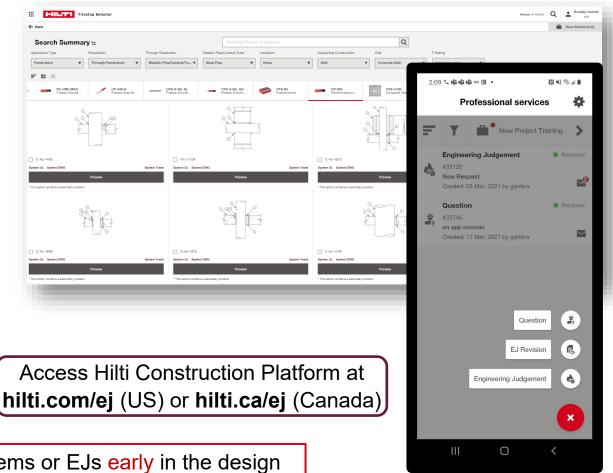




FIND FIRESTOP LISTINGS AND REQUEST ENGINEERING JUDGMENTS ON THE HILTI CONSTRUCTION PLATFORM

The Hilti Construction Platform and Firestop Selector Mobile App enable users to efficiently:

- Create and submit Engineering Judgment requests
- Receive email notifications
- Check status of requests on the app
- Communicate with the Fire Protection Design Team
- Find firestop systems through direct, guided, and advanced search options
- Filter firestop systems by product



Secure tested firestop systems or EJs early in the design phase to ensure constructability and help prevent problems.





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