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Testing and Certification of Building Products

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Presentation Agenda

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- Testing & Certification
- Product Certification Marks
- Building Products Testing
 - Structural Testing
 - Small Scale Testing
 - Weathering
 - Wind Testing
 - Fenestration Testing
 - Fire Testing
- Questions Period



Intertek – Our Heritage



- As one of Thomas Edison’s companies, we began testing light bulbs in 1896
- Over 100 years later, we have built the largest network of product safety laboratories



1896

1925

1955

1965

1989

2004

2007

1896: Edison's Testing Bureau est; later named ETL

1925: SEMKO est

1927: Chas Warnock Co. founded

1961: SEMKO joins CB Scheme: today's largest issuer

1965: WH successfully challenges UL, CSA in Canada: sets precedent

1989: ETL OSHA recognized NRTL

1992: Inchcape issues first ISO 9000 certificate

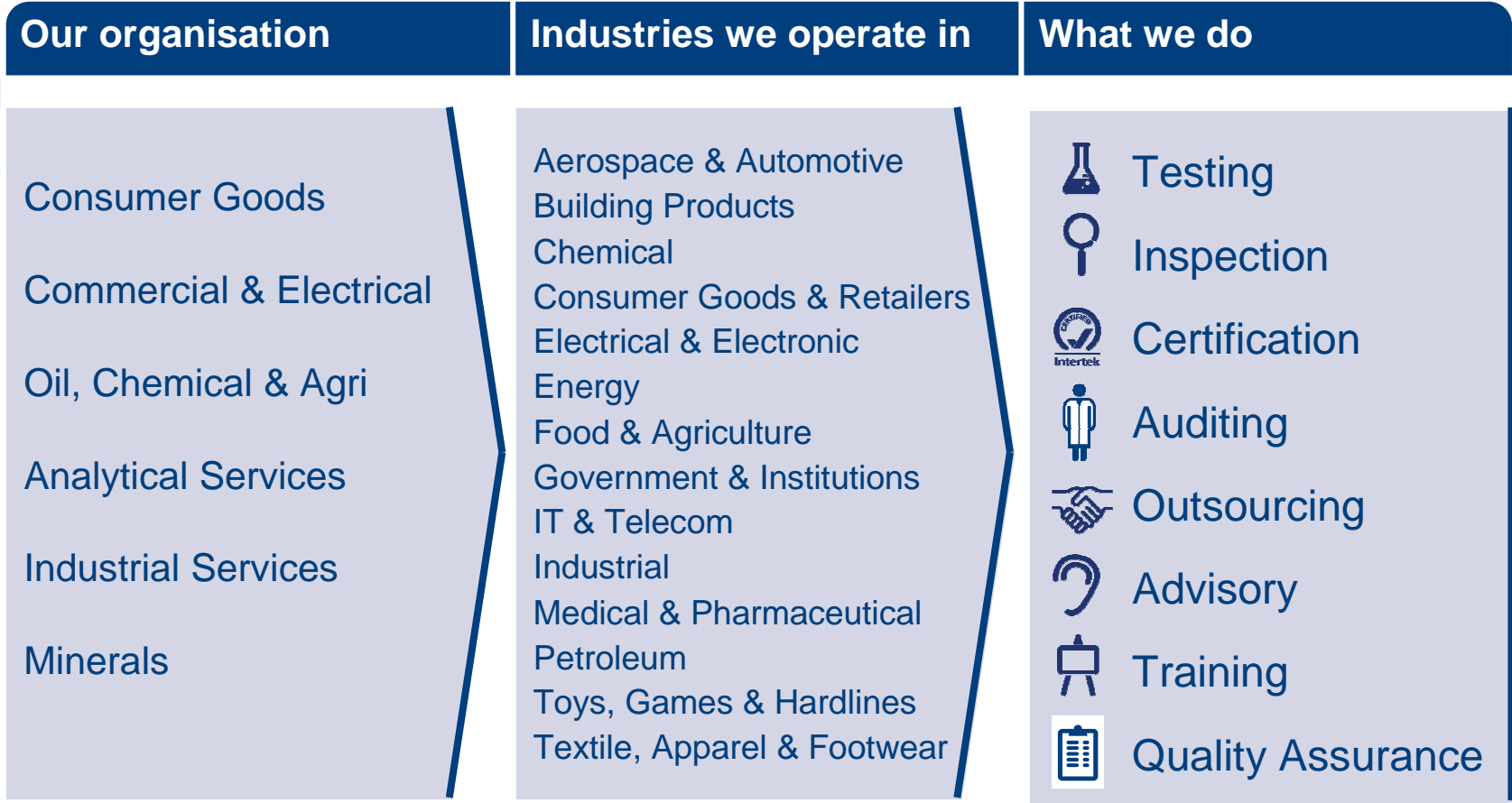
2004: Entela acquired as entrée into automotive

2006: ETL is the fastest Growing certification Mark in North America

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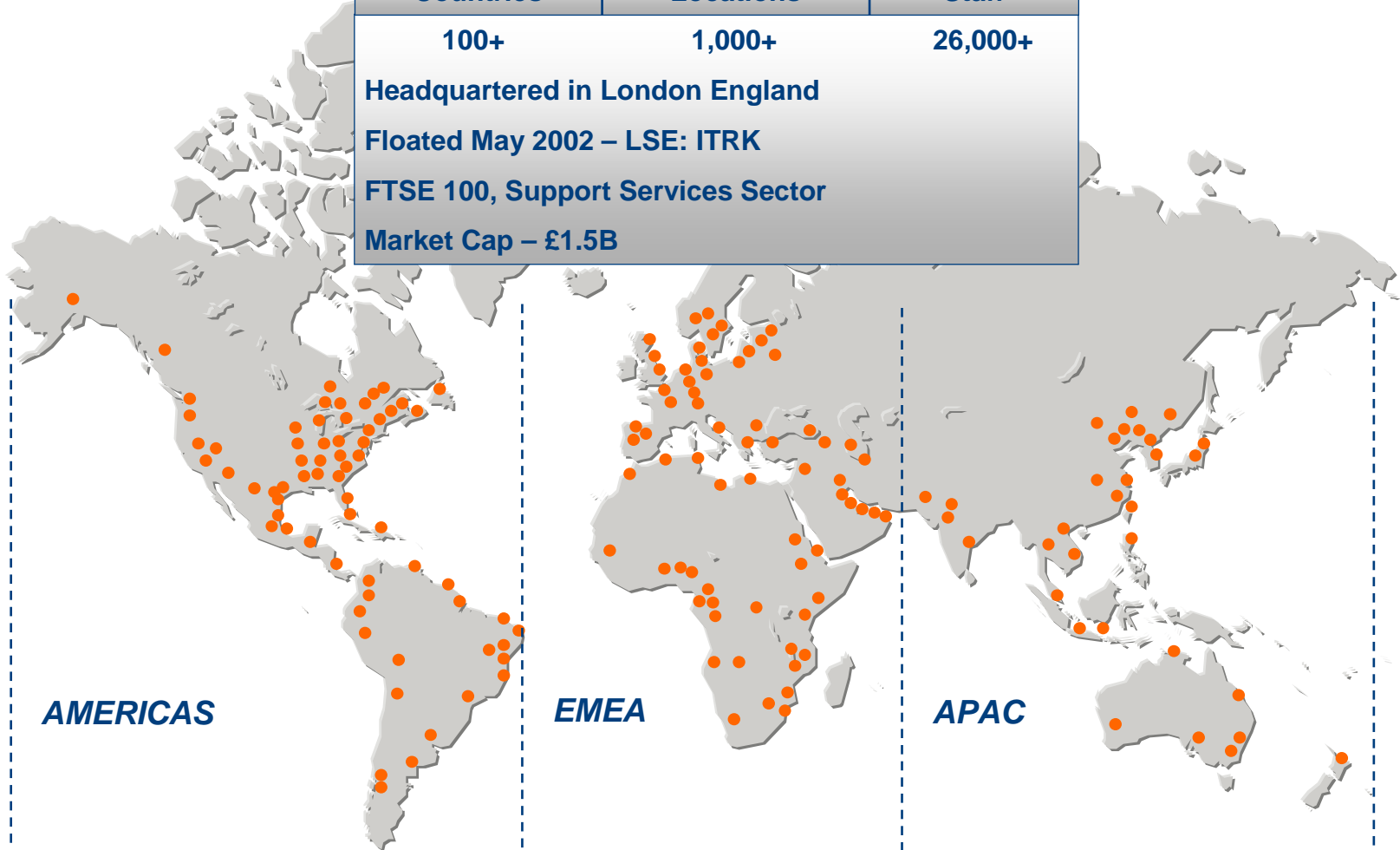
Intertek – Our Industries



Intertek – Global Network



Countries	Locations	Staff
100+	1,000+	26,000+
Headquartered in London England		
Floated May 2002 – LSE: ITRK		
FTSE 100, Support Services Sector		
Market Cap – £1.5B		



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Intertek – By the Numbers...



- > Billions of products globally feature our certification marks
- > More than 2,000,000 annual tests, inspections, certifications
- > Market access to nearly all 195 countries on 6 of 7 continents
- > 89 Product Safety, Performance and EMC laboratories, globally
- > More proprietary certification products than any other certifier – from ETL & Energy Efficiency to Quality/Performance & RoHS
- > 2nd largest certification org in North America

Intertek Group v. NA Certifiers 2008 Revenue



Intertek Group: \$1.8 billion
UL: \$814 million
CSA: \$183 million

Intertek C&E v. NA Certifiers 2008 Revenue



UL: \$814 million
Intertek C&E: \$381 million
CSA: \$183 million

Conversions from £ to \$ at 2008 constant exchange rates

Testing & Certification



Product certification:

- Ongoing process by Independent Third Party to ensure quality, safety, environmental and performance criteria for compliance to local and global regulations
- To protect the consumer

Product testing:

- Follow standardized test methods to verify products to minimum requirements
- Troubleshooting, safety, quality control, R&D, design engineering and evaluation, prototype testing and validation, and product benchmarking

Testing & Certification Cont'd



AHJ's look for testing and certification to be conducted by an Accredited Independent Third Party agency

- Validate manufacturer's claims and in-house test results to standardized methods

Two facets to Intertek's role as Accredited Independent Third Party testing agency:

1. Test building products for compliance to referenced standards in the Building Code
2. Industry relations - consult with manufacturers of innovative products and organizations such as CCMC to develop test plans and evaluate and certify product conformance

Testing & Certification Cont'd



Accreditations:

- Intertek is an ISO 17025 accredited testing agency
- All Intertek labs are accredited by the one or more of the following agencies:



- Testing accreditations includes various materials, structural and fire test standards in all five of our Building Products laboratories

Testing & Certification Cont'd



Accredited by all major code bodies to test in accordance with the following standards:

- ASTM
- UL and CAN/ULC
- FM
- ANSI
- CAN/CGSB
- Miami Dade County
- NFPA
- CCMC / ICC ES

Product Certification Marks



Certification Marks applied to certified products

- Confirm products meet safety, quality, and performance requirements
- Provide evidence that a product conforms to applicable standards, and that there is a program of ongoing follow-up services including factory inspections
- In most markets, conformity to local requirements is mandatory before products can be sold. In other instances, it can be a powerful marketing tool that helps build confidence throughout distribution and end-user channels.

Product Certification Marks Cont'd



- Building Products Group tests various components and systems that are used in Buildings (residential and commercial) to various test standards
- Act as a Third Party laboratory that helps clients meet Building Codes in North America and Overseas



Product Certification Marks Cont'd



Environmental Certification:



- Environmental product claims coming under scrutiny by regulators and growing source of distrust by consumers
- “Greenwashing” – the disingenuous marketing of environmentally friendly product attributes – advocacy groups and consumers looking for hard proof behind environmental claims
- Validate environmental credentials
- Manufacturers under greater pressure to ensure products meet standards and have accurate test and analysis data to back up their claims
- Ensures products conform to multiple environmental regulations

Building Products Testing

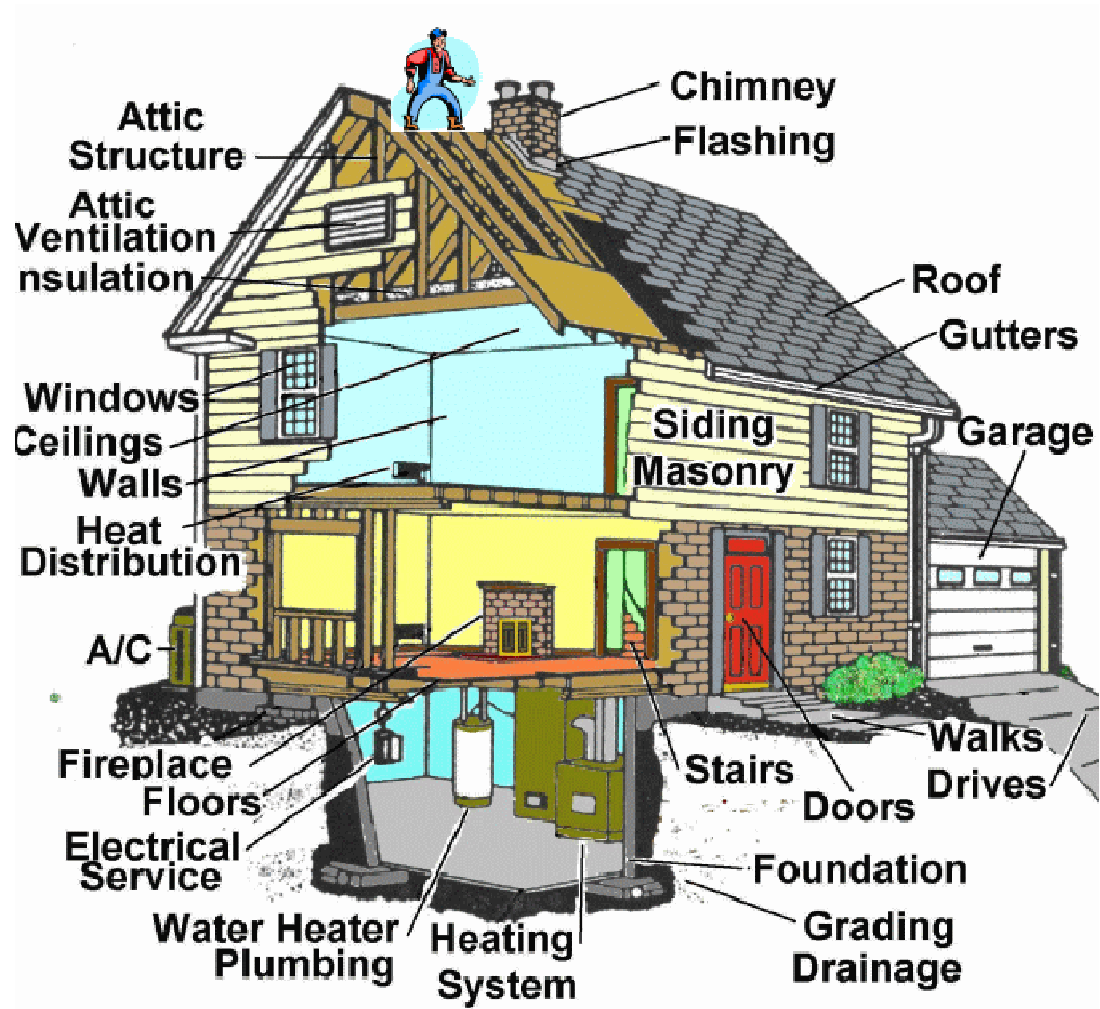
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Services include, Code compliance, product evaluations and CCMC / ICC-ES submittals for approval.

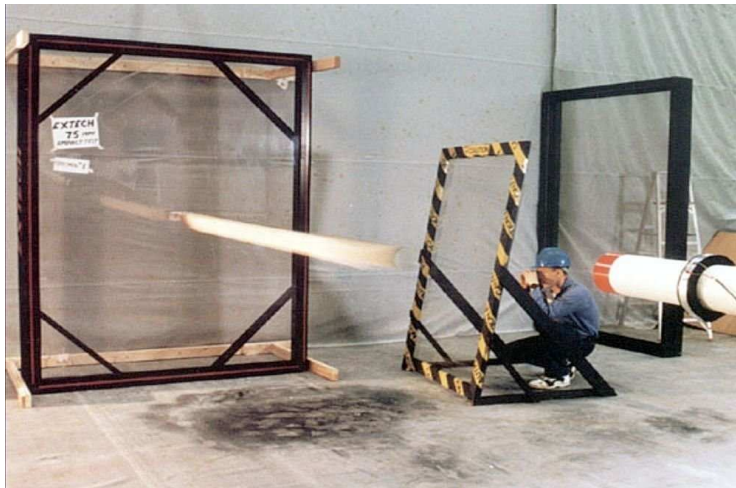
- Construction products and materials testing
- Fire & flammability testing
- Structural testing
- Acoustical testing
- Weathering and environmental testing (incl. Miami-Dade County)
- Doors, hardware and fenestration products
- Hearth and plumbing products
- Field Labelling



Building Products Testing Cont'd



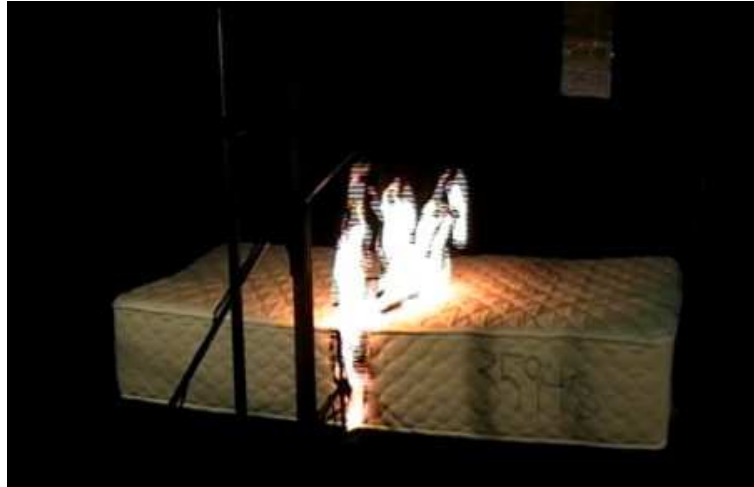
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Structural Testing



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural testing is a means to investigate the performance of a material and/or assembly• Allows analysis for expected maximum load under static and cyclic conditions, strength of connections, racking characteristics and load distribution
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM E72 (axial, compressive, transverse and racking)• ASTM E330 (static and dynamic pressure)
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ultimate loads are taken at failures and compared to standard• Incremental loading is based on test standard and/or acceptance criteria
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red Frame 80,000 lbf @ 16 ft, Blue Frame 110,000 lbf @ 16 ft• Hulk 500,000 lbf• Deflection Gauges, Loading Ram, String Gauges, Load Cells

Structural Testing Cont'd



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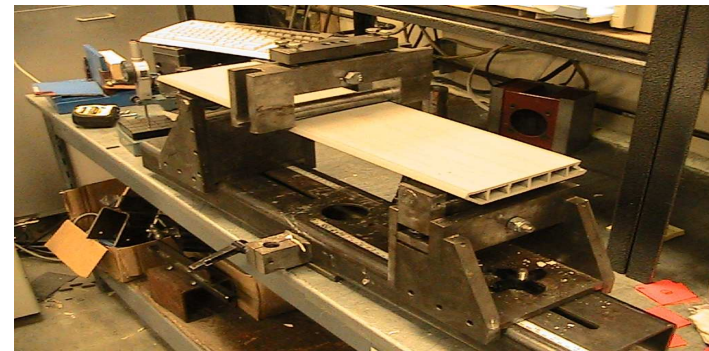
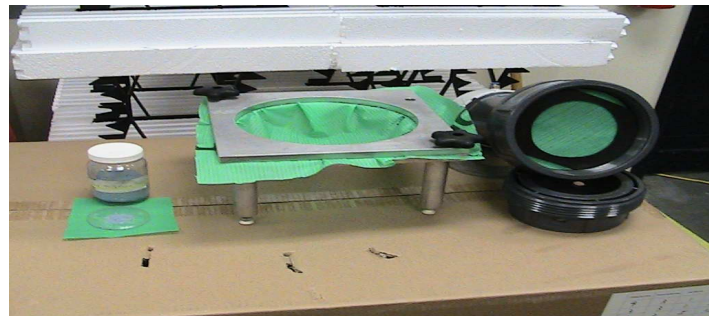
ASTM E72 – Axial

Small Scale Testing



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tests are performed to verify material characteristics such as tensile strength, bending strength and chemical composition• Used as a bench mark to evaluate products performance under various environmental conditions
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Break it: ASTM D828 (tensile), ASTM D6109 (flexural), ASTM D1621 (compression), ASTM D1922 (tear)• Permeability: ASTM E96 (MVTR), ASTM D779 (water resistance), ASTM D570 (water absorption)
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stipulated by test standard or Acceptance Criteria• Baseline results are typically compared to post-weathered samples and can be used as verification tests in the future if modifications are made
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instron Universal Testing Machine (max. 22,000 lbF), Elmendorf Tester, Tinus Olsen (160,000 lbF)• Environmental Chamber, Mock-up Test Apparatus, Scale

Small Scale Testing



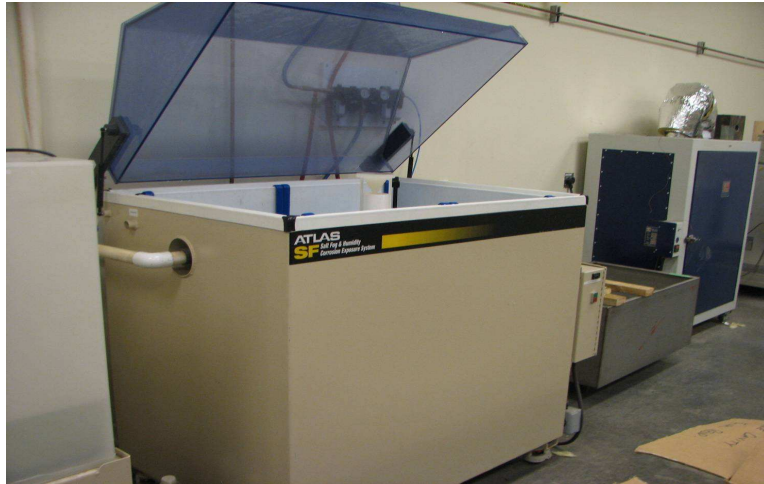
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Weathering

Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weathering is the adverse response of a product to climate, causing premature product failures• 3 main factors of UV weathering are solar radiation (light), temperature and water (moisture)• Other type of weathering includes freeze-thaw, heating/cooling and salt-fog
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UV Weathering: ASTM G152, ASTM G153, ASTM G154, ASTM G155• Freeze-thaw: ASTM C67, ASTM C666• Salt-Fog: ASTM B117
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UV Weathering: duration varies (500 – 5000 hrs); testing before and after• Freeze-thaw: weight change, no physical change• Salt-Fog: no corrosion or blistering; visual examination
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Xenon Arc Machine, QUV Chamber, Sun tan lamps; Atlas (manufacturer)• Ovens (50 – 130°C); Freezers (-40°C)• Salt Fog Machine; Atlas (manufacturer)

Weathering Cont'd



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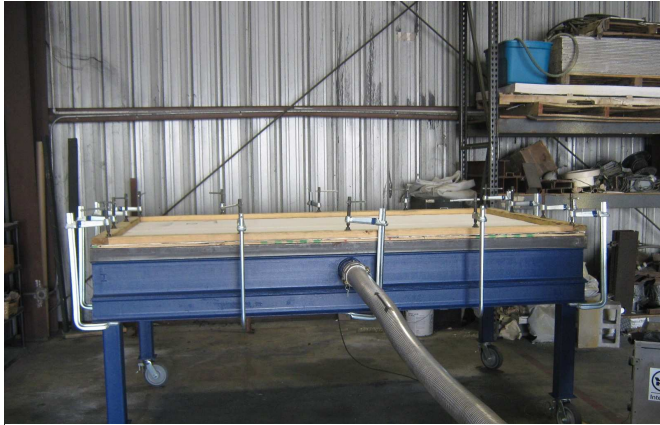


Wind Testing



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wind testing is a means to investigate the performance of a roofing system under either static or dynamic wind conditions• Allows determination of ultimate load and deflection to calculate allowable wind speeds
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UL 580 (wind resistance), UL 1897 (wind up-lift), FM 4470 (wind uplift)• ASTM D3161 (asphalt shingles), TAS 100 (wind-driven rain)
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ultimate loads are taken at failures and compared to test requirement• Incremental loading is based on test standard and/or acceptance criteria
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 x 10 foot vertical chamber for TAS 125, UL 580, UL 1897• 5 x 9 & 12 x 24 foot horizontal chamber for FM 4470• Wind generator capable of producing 110 mph wind speed

Wind Testing Cont'd



FM 4470 (small scale)



FM 4470 (large scale)



TAS 125 (UL580)



UL 1897

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ASTM D3161 – 110mph Wind

FEN Testing – Air, Water & Structural



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Code and/or Architect dictates the requirement of windows used in North America, which must be evaluated for their performance level• Additional requirements involve modeling of the windows for U-value and Energy Ratings
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAFS – AAMA/WDMA/CSA 101/I.S.2/A440-08• Amalgamated standard combining CDN and US requirements into one standard
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Airtightness (A1 – A3); Watertightness (B1 – B7); Wind Load (C1 – C5)• Ease of Operation; Resistance to Forced Entry (voluntary)• Condensation Resistance, Screen Strength (voluntary)
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Wall is used to perform the 3 required tests; 20' x 20 wall• Airtightness (75 Pa); Watertightness (720 Pa); Wind (4800 Pa)• Deflection Gauges

FEN Testing – AWS Cont'd



FEN Testing – Miami Dade Program



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Florida State in the US has higher test requirements for all types of Building Products, above the IBC and IRC• Windows need to show that they can withstand and be used in High Velocity Hurricane Zones (HVHZ)
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAS 201, Impact Methodology• TAS 202, Impact and Air, Water & Structural• TAS 203, Cycling
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TAS 202: Airtightness (75 Pa); Watertightness (720 Pa); Wind (4800 Pa)• TAS 202: 3 samples, 2x4 hit @ 50 ft/sec, applied at center, corner & frame• TAS 203: 3 samples, 8 loading sequences at different pressures
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Wall is used to perform the 3 required tests; 20' x 20 wall• Missile Cannon• Deflection Gauges

FEN Testing – Miami Dade Cont'd



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TAS 201 – Impact Test

FEN Testing – Curtain Wall



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curtain Wall testing is unique to the Vancouver office• Testing is specified by Architect; manufacturer that wins tender must comply with their specs
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AAMA 501• Various other ASTM standards are available; specified by Architect
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air, Water, Dynamic Water• Thermal Cycling, Air and Water• Deflection Readings, Seismic, Blow-out, Seismic Overload
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curtain Wall Stand, 30' wide x 40' high• Loading Ram, Deflection Gauges, Blowers• Aircraft Engine (DC-6, 2000 hp, 120 mph)• Refrigeration Unit

FEN Testing – Curtain Wall Cont'd



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Wind Driven Rain – CCMC Test (70mph – 110mph)

Fire Testing – Surface Burning

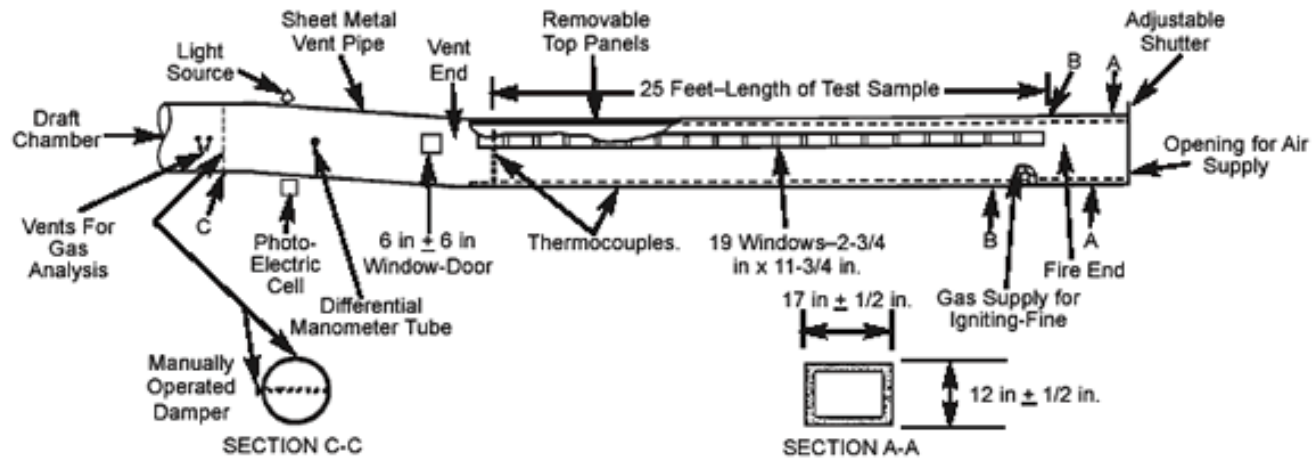


Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rating assigned to building materials based on data generated from a fire test, which indicate the rate at which flame will spread over the surface• 2 components: flame spread index (FSI) and smoke developed index (SDI)
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM E84, CAN/ULC S102, CAN/ULC S102.2, UL 723, NFPA 255• CAN/ULC S102 & CAN/ULC S102.2 require 3 runs
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class A: FSI = 0 – 25 / SDI = 0 – 450• Class B: FSI = 26 – 75 / SDI = 0 – 450• Class C: FSI = 76 – 100 / SDI = 0 – 450
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steiner Tunnel, refer to diagram• Sample size is 18 inches wide by 24 feet long

Fire Testing – Surface Burning Cont'd



Sketch of Steimer Tunnel Test for evaluating flame spread characteristics



Fire Testing – Roofing



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fire-resistance classifications measure roof assemblies' relative resistances to <i>external</i> fire exposures of a roof system• Small scale fire tests determine fire properties of the individual material
Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM E108, UL 790, CAN/ULC S107 (Roof Covering)• ASTM E84 (flame spread), ASTM D635 (burning rate), ASTM D1929 (Spontaneous Ignition)
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assigned by local building officials based on occupancy and the Code• Class A, B and C Roof Coverings• flame spread, burning rate and spontaneous ignition ratings are defined by the Code
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASTM E108 Furnace (Middleton, WI)• Steiner Tunnel (Coquitlam, BC & San Antonio, TX)• Small Scale Fire Lab (Coquitlam, BC, Middleton, WI)

Fire Testing – Roofing Cont'd



ASTM D635



ASTM E108 (SoF)



ASTM E108 (SoF)



ASTM D1929

Fire Testing – Doors



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fire door is a door with a fire-resistance rating used as part of a passive fire protection system to reduce the spread of fire or smoke• Intertek has the largest number of Fire Door Certification clients in North America
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negative Pressure: CAN/ULC S104, NFPA 252, UL 10(b)• Positive Pressure: UL 10(c)• Installation Standard: NFPA 80
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 min, 45 min, 60 min, 90 min, 2 hr, 3 hr Fire Ratings• No through penetration, no sustained flaming on un-exposed side• Must withstand fire hose impact test w/o creating an opening• Remain latched and meet deflection & separation requirements
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pilot scale: 48" x 52", used for R&D to evaluate hardware or options• Mid scale: 4' x 8', used for full size single swing door• Full scale: ~ 10' x 10', used for pair doors, door frames, windows

Fire Testing – Doors Cont'd



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UL 10C – Mid-Scale with Hose Stream (1800 deg F)

Fire Testing – Wall Assemblies



Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Fire Resistance” designates the ability of an assembly to contain a fire for a specified period of time • Assemblies include partition, floor/ceiling, roof/ceiling, protected beam or column
Standard(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASTM E119, CAN/ULC S101, NFPA 251, UL 263 • Testing procedures similar with subtle differences in loading and set-up • Need to understand client’s market
Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned by local building officials based on occupancy and the Code • 45 min, 1 hr, 2 hr, 3 hr Fire Resistance Ratings (load and non-load bearing) • Assymetrical walls are tested on both sides • Must pass Hose Stream test
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full scale Furnace, 10’ x 10’ (100 sq ft) • Horizontal Furnace, 12’ x 15’ (180 sq ft) • Load bearing frames

Fire Testing – Wall Assemblies Cont'd



Fire Testing – Wall Assemblies Cont'd



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NFPA 286 – Room Corner Burn (EPS foam flash-over)



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