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Introduction to Firestop & Quality Control Review of Firestop Installations

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Understand the key test standards related to firestopping in applicable codes.

OBJECTIVE

Understand the many variables that affect firestop performance.

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Apply basic firestop knowledge to understand the requirements of a firestop system to meet code requirements.

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AGENDA

- Firestop Foundations
- Reviewing Through-Penetration Firestop Applications
 - Non-Combustible Penetrating Items
 - Combustible Penetrating Items
 - Mixed/Multiple Penetrations and Large Opening
 - Additional Considerations
- Reviewing Joint Firestop Applications
- Special Inspection Requirements
- Firestop Resources

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completing this course, attendees should be able to:

- Apply basic firestop knowledge to understand the requirements of a firestop system to meet code requirements
- Recognize key aspects of the firestop installation process to help evaluate correct or incorrect installation
- Understand types of firestop inspection and be able to apply best practices for firestop review



FIRESTOPPING IS A PRECISELY TESTED MEANS AND METHODS TO RESTRICT THE SPREAD OF FIRE AND SMOKE

International Firestop Council Definition

"A process whereby certain materials, some of them specially manufactured, are used to resist (or stop) the spread of fire and its byproducts through openings made to accommodate penetrations in fire-rated walls, floors and floor/ceiling assemblies."



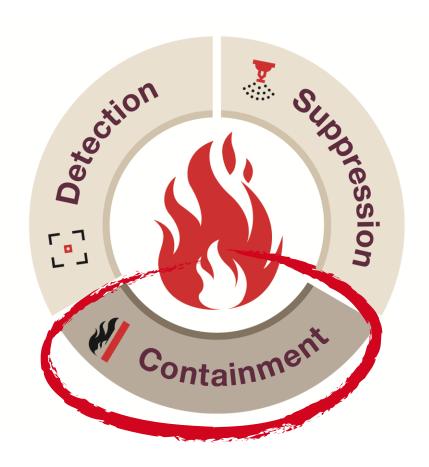
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Firestopping is necessary to protect lives

- Firestop systems, if installed correctly, will help restore the rating of a floor or wall as it is penetrated by an object or joint and resist the spread of smoke and fire
- It is part of the life safety plan in structures and gives people more time to safely exit a structure, even if they don't react right away
- Mandated by the building codes (IBC, NFPA, NEC, etc.)
- NFPA and other investigations have confirmed that lack of proper firestopping has contributed to numerous large loss fires

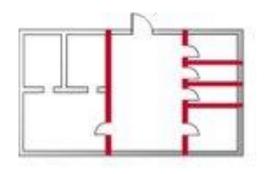
PROTECTING A BUILDING TAKES A BALANCED APPROACH; DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH

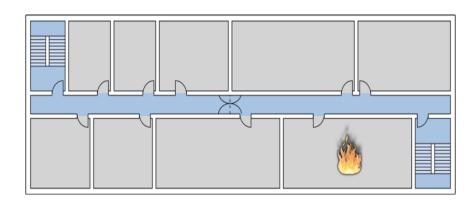


We cannot rely on any single action or safeguard to keep people safe

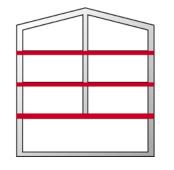
CREATING FIRE COMPARTMENTS WITH FIRE RATED WALLS AND FLOORS IS IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE CONTAINMENT

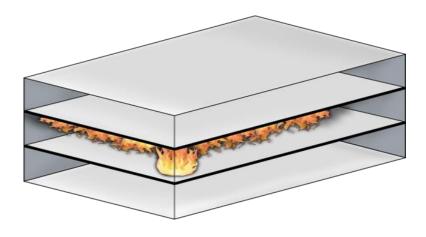
Fire Rated Walls



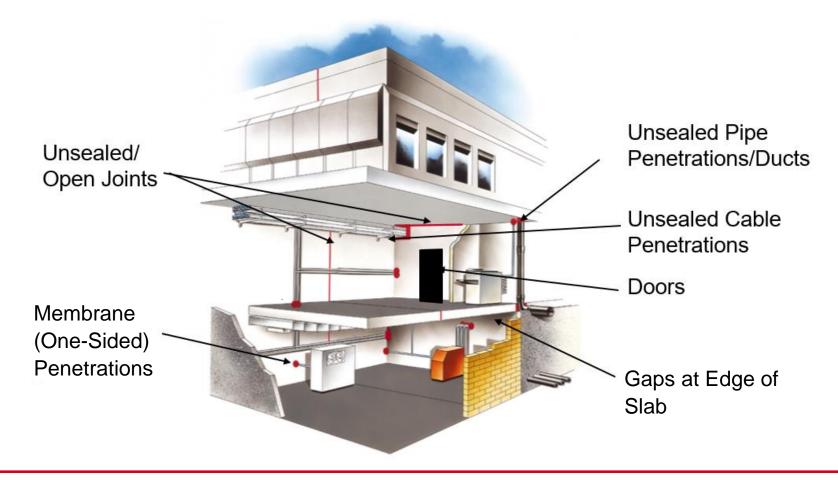


Fire Rated Floors





JOINTS AND PENETRATIONS COMPROMISE THIS COMPARTMENTALIZATION



Firestop restores the integrity of fire rated assemblies which restrict the spread of fire

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	Special Inspections of Fire Resistant Penetration & Joints	Penetrations: ASTM E2174 Joints: ASTM E2393	

Understanding the testing process is key to understanding how proper fire-resistant systems work

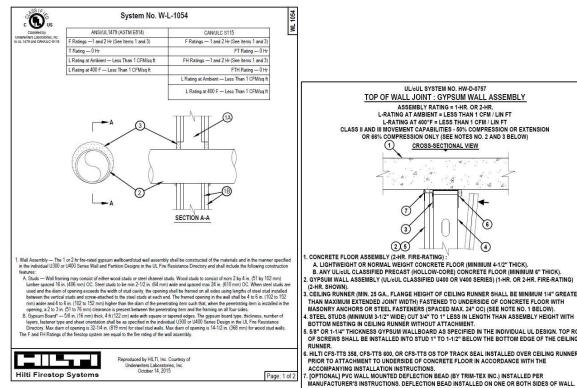
NATIONAL BUILDING CODE OF CANADA (2015) RELEVANT CODE SECTIONS AND FIRE TESTS

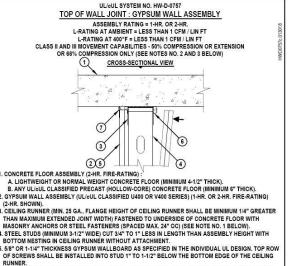
Code Section	Category	Referenced/Relevant Test Standard
3.1.9	Through Penetrations (Walls)	CAN/ULC-S115
3.1.9	Through Penetrations (Floors)	CAN/ULC-S115
3.1.9.4	Outlet Boxes in Rated Walls	CAN/ULC-S115
3.1.8.1	Fire Resistant Joints Systems	CAN/ULC-S115
3.1.8.1	Exterior Curtain Wall/Floor Intersection (Perimeter Joint)	CAN/ULC-S115 & ASTM E2307

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LISTED FIRESTOP SYSTEMS AND SUBMITTALS

- Tested firestop system are required for construction joints and through-penetration applications
- Applicable listings are used to demonstrate compliance of tested systems
- Firestop listings are the basis of installation that installers and inspectors should be referring to
- Installers should provide submittal packages which include all applicable listed systems for the project
 - Submittal packages should include product data sheets and other relevant technical information
- Inspectors or reviewers should use the submittal packages as a resource while reviewing firestop installations on a jobsite





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3/16" = 1"

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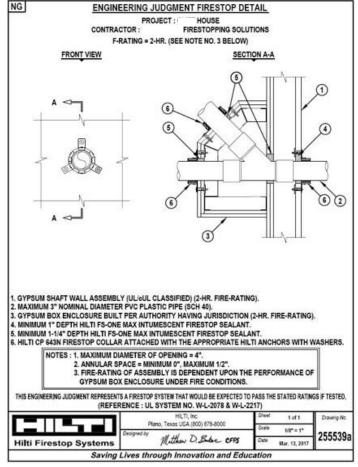
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WHEN A TESTED FIRESTOP SYSTEM DOES NOT MATCH A FIELD CONDITION, AN ENGINEERING JUDGMENT IS NEEDED

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 specific job at a specific location and in a specific application







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

It's important to ensure that the application matches the tested system

- 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

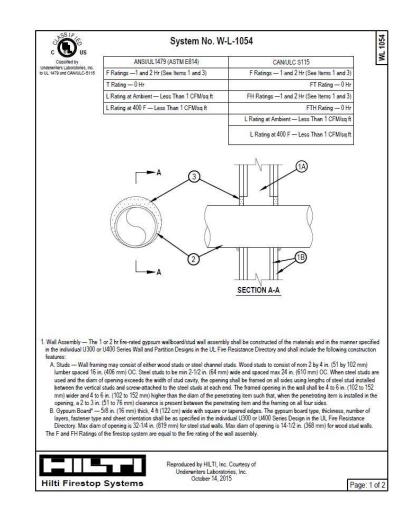












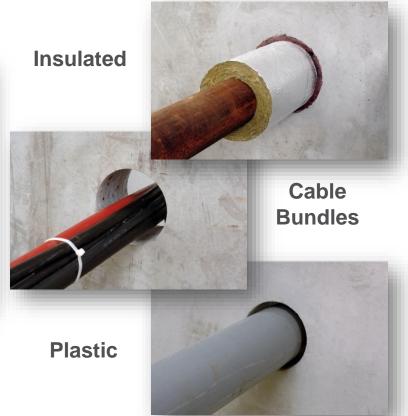
FIRESTOPPING PENETRATIONS: TYPES OF PENETRANTS

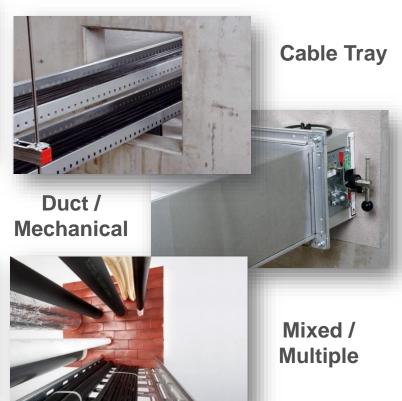
Non-Combustible Penetrants

Combustible Penetrants

Large Openings / Multi-Pens







INTUMESCENT SEALANTS & PRODUCTS

- In generally, firestop products fall into two categories:
 - Intumescent
 - Elastomeric
- Intumescent Products:
 - Swell, char or otherwise expand when subjected to a specified degree of heat (different materials have differing degrees at which they begin to intumesce)
- Elastomeric Products:
 - Elastic products resembling rubber that can retain their shape after being subjected to dynamic movement

Examples of intumescent products for combustible penetrants:

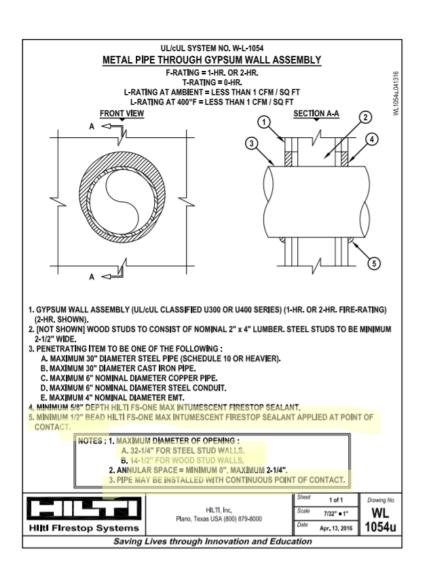




NON-COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANTS

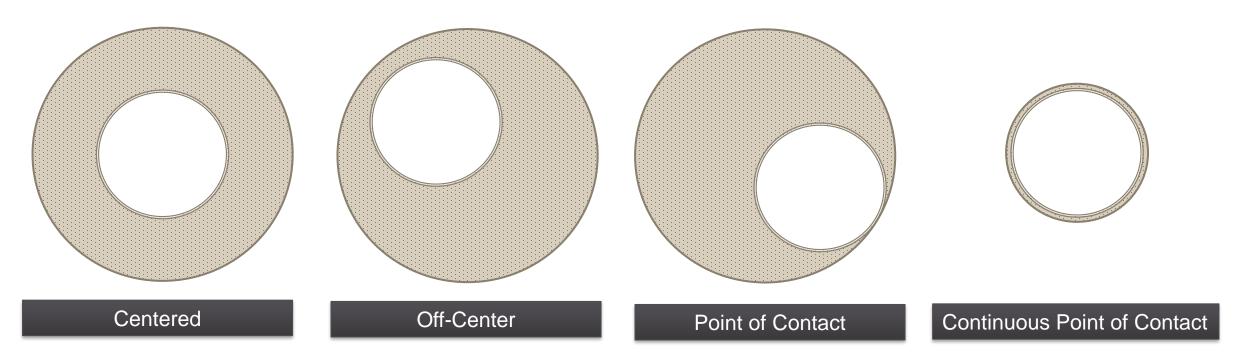


NON-COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANT FIRESTOP SYSTEMS



- The maximum opening size that the system can support is listed
- The maximum size of the penetrating item can vary based on material type
- The depth and type of firestop sealant required is indicated
 - A range of sealants and foams can be used as caulk to seal gaps and holes
- The minimum and maximum amount of annular space needed around the penetrant is detailed
 - Distance between the edge of the opening and the penetrant edge

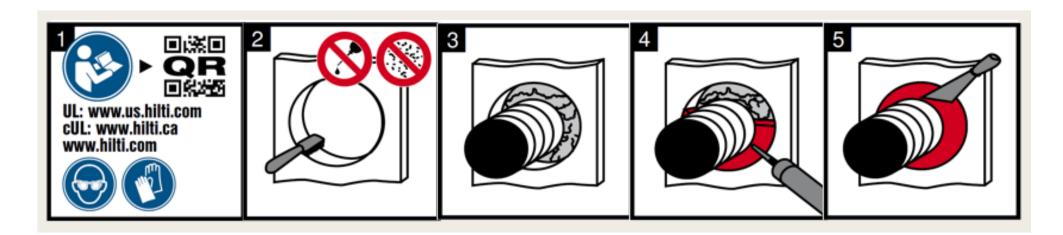
SOME SYSTEMS ALLOW A CONTINUOUS POINT OF CONTACT



- A firestop system designed for continuous point of contact penetrations will specifically state this
- Minimum 0" annular space does not mean 0" all around the penetrant
- For continuous point of contact, minimum and maximum annular space will both be zero

PROCESS FOR INSTALLING FIRESTOP MATERIAL

- Read and understand the details of the firestop system or Engineering Judgement to be used
- Clean the opening of debris, dirt, oil, wax and grease; ensure the surface is free of moisture and frost
- Insert mineral wool or backer, as required
- Apply firestop sealant; ensure the correct minimum depth of sealant is installed
- Smooth the firestop sealant with a trowel



SURFACE PREPARATION AND TOOLING IS KEY TO CORRECT FIRESTOP SEALANT INSTALLATION

- Substrate surface preparation is important
 - Sealants require a dry clean surface, free of debris, to adhere to the substrate (such as concrete or gypsum board)
 - The sealant may bond to the debris, rather than the surface of the substrate
- Installation instructions typically require tooling of firestop materials
 - Tooling helps with the adhesion of the product to the base material through applying pressure to the sealant
 - Proper tooling helps to avoid voids and air pockets in the firestop sealant



TYPES OF FIRESTOP SEALANT

- Intumescent Sealant
 - When it is exposed to heat, it works to block the passage of smoke and fire by swelling up
 - Low movement capabilities (+/- 5%)
- Acrylic based sealant
 - Can accommodate movement of +/- 12.5%
- Product Applications
 - For use on concrete, masonry, gypsum and wood frame
 - Can be used with a variety of common penetrations like metallic, combustible, insulated, cables, and ducts



THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: NON-COMBUSTIBLE

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



No firestop around penetrant



- Multiple materials/sealants are overlapping
- Firestop has not been tooled
- Visible gaps in sealant

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: NON-COMBUSTIBLE

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



- Multiple fill/backing materials are used to fill the opening around the pipe; the fill material does not appear to be compliant
- The firestop sealant does not cover the exposed backing material



- Multiple sealants have been used
- Firestop sealant has not been applied all the way around the penetrants
- Firestop sealant not properly tooled

FIRESTOPPING PENETRANTS AT AN ANGLE

- Angled penetrants do not always need Engineering Judgement
- The UL XHEZ Guide provides information for penetrants installed at angles that are not perpendicular
- Bare metallic penetrants can be installed at an angle if:
 - The firestop system uses a fill material (sealant, putty, or mortar)
 - The annular space requirements of the firestop system are met
- Engineering Judgments are required for combustible penetrants



COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANTS

TYPES OF COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANTS

There are a variety of combustible penetrants:

- Insulated pipes
- Cables
- Plastic pipes (It is important to check the pipe label to determine the type)
 - PVC, CPVC, and RNC pipes can look alike
 - ABS pipes are generally black
 - PEX pipes can be red, blue, or clear
 - Polypropylene is generally green or blue-green (can also be gray)







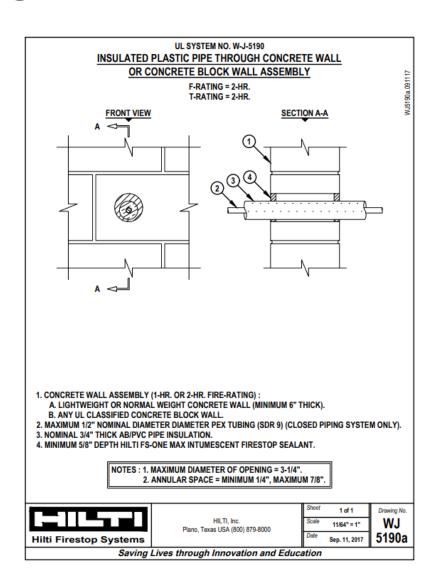








INSULATED PENETRANT FIRESTOP SYSTEMS



- Combustible penetrants will typically require an intumescent product around the penetrant
 - It is critical to ensure there is enough of the intumescent product around the penetrating item
 - Confirm that the specified depth has been installed
 - Check the product packages used on site to ensure the correct product type (intumescent material) has been used

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: INSULATED PENETRANTS

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

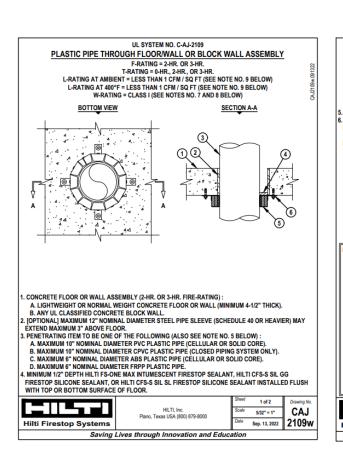


Penetrants with thick insulating materials may need additional firestop materials, beyond a sealant, to be properly firestopped (such as a firestop collar)



- This application involves an insulated combustible penetrant
- In this case, a backing material, mineral wool to fill the opening, and an intumescent collar device would likely be required to ensure proper firestopping (confirm with an applicable listing)

COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANT FIRESTOP SYSTEMS USING FIRESTOP COLLARS



	UL SYSTEM NO	. C-AJ-2109		
PLASTIC PIPE	THROUGH FLOOR/WA	LL OR BLOCK WALL	ASSEMBLY	1
	F-RATING = 2-H	R. OR 3-HR.		- 8
	T-RATING = 0-HR., 2			AJ2109w.091322
	AMBIENT = LESS THAN 1 C			9w.0
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W-	RATING = CLASS I (SEE NO	TES NO. 7 AND 8 BELOW)		8
	RESTOP COLLAR WITH FAS			
	ECURED TO BOTTOM OF FL			
	POWDER ACTUATED FASTE			
	N II+ CONCRETE SCREW AN			
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PIPE TYPE	NOMINAL PIPE DIAMETER	DECIDIOT DESCRIPTION	E-DATING T	DATING
PVC, CPVC, ABS, FRPP	1-1/2"	CP 643 50/1.5" N	3	2
PVC, CPVC, ABS, FRPP	2"	CP 643 63/2" N	3	2
PVC, CPVC, ABS, FRPP	3"	CP 643 90/3" N	3	2
PVC, CPVC, ABS, FRPP	4"	CP 643 110/4" N	3	3
PVC, CPVC,	-			
ABS (SOLID CORE), FRPP	6"	CP 643 160/6" N	3	3
ABS (CELLULAR CORE)	6"	CP 643 160/6" N	3	0
PVC, CPVC	8"	CP 644 200/8"	2	0
PVC, CPVC	10"	CP 644 250/10"	2	0
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- Collars are designed to simplify firestopping of combustible pipes through fire-rated walls and floors
- Note that systems require that firestop collars are installed on the bottom side only for floor/ceiling assemblies
 - Wall systems require that collars are installed on both sides of the wall
- Listings indicate attachment method for collar
- Note that systems for collars typically also require a firestop sealant be installed around the penetrant
- Some systems allow an intumescent wrap strip to be installed around the penetrant within the opening

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: COMBUSTIBLE PENETRANTS

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

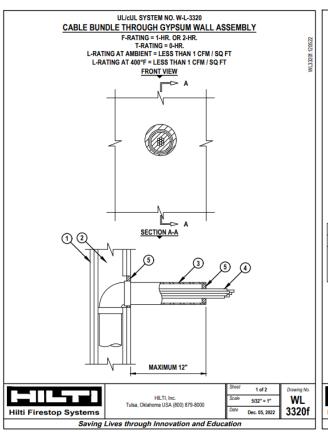


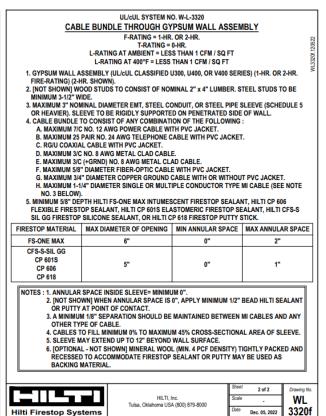
 Large plastic pipe penetrant likely requires additional firestop beyond sealant, such as a collar



- Firestop collars are not properly attached to the rated assembly
- Large gaps around and between penetrating items
- Sealant has not been used as would likely be called for by a listing or Engineering Judgment (which would likely be needed in this case)

CABLE BUNDLE FIRESTOP SYSTEMS





- The firestop listing will specify:
 - Cable type, quantity, and/or bundle size
 - The maximum permitted percentage of cable fill
 - Required distance between cables (if applicable)
- Cable bundles can be installed inside a sleeve or firestop device
- In applications with cables within a sleeve:
 - Ensure that the sleeve is properly firestopped
 - AND ensure that the cables within the sleeve are properly firestopped
 - Note that there are annular space requirements for both the inside and outside of the sleeve

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: CABLES THROUGH CONDUIT

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



- Gap in firestopping around outside of conduit
- Inside of conduit has not been firestopped



- Outside of one penetrant has not been firestopped
- Inside of two conduits have not been firestopped

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: CABLES THROUGH CONDUIT

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

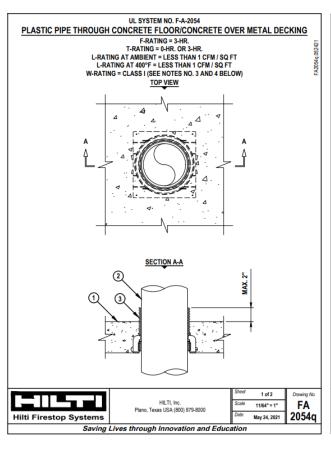




A non-firestop foam has been used inside the conduits

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CAST-IN DEVICE FIRESTOP SYSTEMS



UL SYSTEM NO. F-A-2054 PLASTIC PIPE THROUGH CONCRETE FLOOR/CONCRETE OVER METAL DECKING F-RATING = 3-HR.

T-RATING = 0-HR. OR 3-HR.
L-RATING AT AMBIENT = LESS THAN 1 CFM/SQ. FT.
L-RATING AT 400°F = LESS THAN 1 CFM/SQ. FT.
W-RATING = CLASS I (SEE NOTES NO. 3 AND 4 BELOW

- 1. CONCRETE FLOOR ASSEMBLY (3-HR. FIRE-RATING)
- A. LIGHTWEIGHT OR NORMAL WEIGHT CONCRETE FLOOR (MINIMUM 4-1/2" THICK).

 B. STEEL FLOOR UNIT/FLOOR ASSEMBLY LIGHTWEIGHT OR NORMAL WEIGHT CONCRET
- 2. PENETRATING ITEM TO BE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (SEE TABLE BELOW)
 - A. MAXIMUM 6" NOMINAL DIAMETER PVC PLASTIC PIPE (CELLULAR AND SOLID CORE).
- B. MAXIMUM 6" NOMINAL DIAMETER CPVC PLASTIC PIPE (CLOSED PIPING SYSTEM ONLY)
 C. MAXIMUM 6" NOMINAL DIAMETER RIGID NON-METALLIC CONDUIT (RNC).
- D. MAXIMUM 4" NOMINAL DIAMETER PEX TUBING (SDR 9) (CLOSED PIPING SYSTEM ONLY).

 3. HILTI CP 680-P OR CP 680-PX CAST-IN FIRESTOP DEVICE, CAST OR GROUTED INTO CONCETE FLOOR (SEE TABLE BELOW).
- 4. [NOT SHOWN] HILT) IPS OR CPS TOP SÉAL PLUG INSTALLED FLUSH WITH TOP SIDE OF DEVICE ARQUIND NOMINAL PIPE SIZES 1/2" TO 1-1/2". TOP SEALS ARE OPTIONAL ON 1-1/2" DIAMETER PIPES.

	NOMINAL PIPE DIAMETER	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	T-RATING
П	3/4" TO 2"	CP 680-P 2" OR CP 680-PX 2"	3-HR.
П	3"	CP 680-P 3" OR CP 680-PX 3"	3-HR.
П	3"	CP 680-P 4"	3-HR.
П	4"	CP 680-P 4"	3-HR.
П	6"	CP 680-P 6"	0-HR.

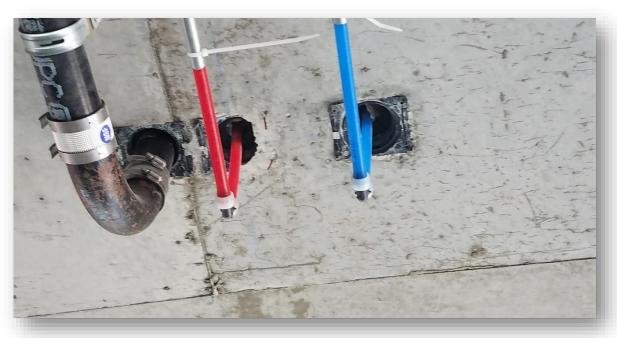
- NOTES: 1. CLOSED OR VENTED PIPING SYSTEMS (PVC, RNC = SCH 40; CPVC = SDR 11 OR SDR 13.5).
 2. FOR CONCRETE FLOOR OVER METAL DECKING APPLICATIONS, A METAL DECK ADAPTER KIT IS REQUIRED.
 - 3. W-RATING FOR TOP SEAL ONLY APPLIES TO THE IPS TOP SEAL PLUG AND 2" PIPES, AND TO CPS TOP SEAL PLUGS WITH 1/2" TO 2" PIPES
 - 4. WATER BARRIER MODULES MAY BE THREADED ON TOP OF CAST-IN FIRESTOP DEVICES FOR NOMINAL 2", 3", 4", AND 6" PLASTIC PIPES (LISTED ABOVE). W-RATING WITH WATER BARRIER MODULE ONLY APPLIES WHEN DIAMETER OF PIPE EQUALS SIZE OF MODULE AND WHEN PIPE IS INSTALLED FROM BOTTOM OF DEVICE.
 - 5. L-RATING APPLIES ONLY WHEN DIAMETER OF PIPE EQUALS SIZE OF DEVICE (3" PIPE IN 3" DEVICE FTC.)

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- Cast-in devices can be used to seal penetrations in concrete and metal decks
- The firestop listing will specify:
 - Required thickness of concrete
 - Types and diameter of penetrating items
 - Required cast-in firestop device and product size corresponding with the nominal pipe diameter

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: PLASTIC PIPES

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



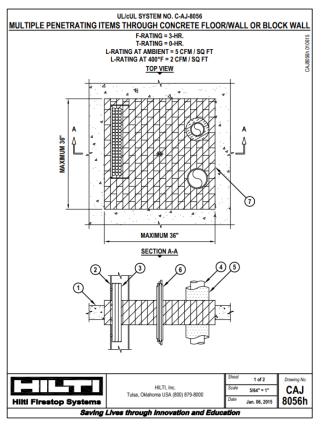
- Blue and Red plastic PEX tubing is being run through a CP-680 M (black) cast-in device, which is designed for metal pipe only
- CP-680 P (red) cast-in devices can be used for combustible penetrants
- The firestop for the iron pipe on the far left is installed correctly

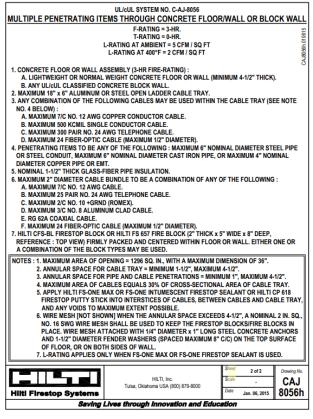


- RNC or PVC combustible conduit is being run through a CP-680 M (black) which is designed for metal pipe only
- CP-680 P (red) cast-in devices can be used for combustible penetrants

MULTIPLE PENETRANTS & LARGE OPENINGS

MULTIPLE PENETRANTS / LARGE OPENINGS





- The firestop listing will indicate the types and combination of penetrants that are permitted
- When there are multiple penetrants, there are two kinds of annular space that must be measured:
 - Distance between penetrants and the opening
 - Distance between the various penetrants
- Firestop blocks often used for large openings
 - Listings to indicate any orientation and compression requirements
- For very large openings, firestop listings may require wire mesh to protect the firestop blocks and to keep them in place
- Sealant may also be required to fill any voids

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: MIXED PENETRANTS / LARGE OPENINGS

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Mineral wool is showing



- Insulation material is visible within large opening
- Firestop sealant has not been installed around all penetrants
- Visible gaps between penetrants and around penetrants

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS: MIXED PENETRANTS / LARGE OPENINGS

FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



- Mineral wool is neatly installed and compressed as required by a listing
- Sealant is always required over mineral wool to meet firestop listing requirements



- Firestop blocks can be stacked to close larger openings
- When installing firestop blocks, it is recommended that the blocks are in a staggered orientation as shown on the Instructions for Use
 - The blocks shown in this image are not installed per the recommended orientation

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GOOD FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



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- This application involves a very large openings, where wire mesh is installed to protect the firestop blocks and to keep them in place

THROUGH-PENETRATIONS – MIXED PENETRANTS / LARGE OPENINGS

GOOD FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



- Firestop foam Can be penetrated to allow for increase in cable capacity
- Designed to seal small to medium sized openings with mixed penetrants (such as cables, steel, copper, cast iron or plastic pipes)



- Preformed firestop products eliminate the need for stuffing and spraying
- Preformed firestops increase compliance and efficiency

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

FIRESTOPPING AROUND SURFACE MOUNTED GYPSUM WALL PATCHES IS NOT CODE COMPLIANT



- No firestopping around penetrant
- Patching has been used in the wall
- Gypsum patches are not compliant per the code
- Large annular spaces must be fixed or firestopped per a listed system



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PROPER REPAIR OF DAMAGED OR OVERSIZED OPENINGS WITHIN FIRE RATED GYPSUM ASSEMBLY

- Damaged fire rated gypsum walls must be properly repaired so that they are restored to their original fire-resistive condition
- Repair guidelines have been established by the Gypsum Association's guide for Repair of Fire-Rated Gypsum Panel Product Systems (GA-225-2019)
- Surface mounted or "scab on" gypsum patches are not proper repair solutions
- Generally, gypsum patches should be mechanically fastened (screws) to the original wall framing or additional framing must be installed to properly secure the patch

GA-225-2019 REPAIR OF FIRE-RATED GYPSUM PANEL PRODUCT SYSTEMS







Figure 2: Square Off Damaged Area



Figure 3: Frame Opening



Figure 4: Apply Gypsum Panel Patch



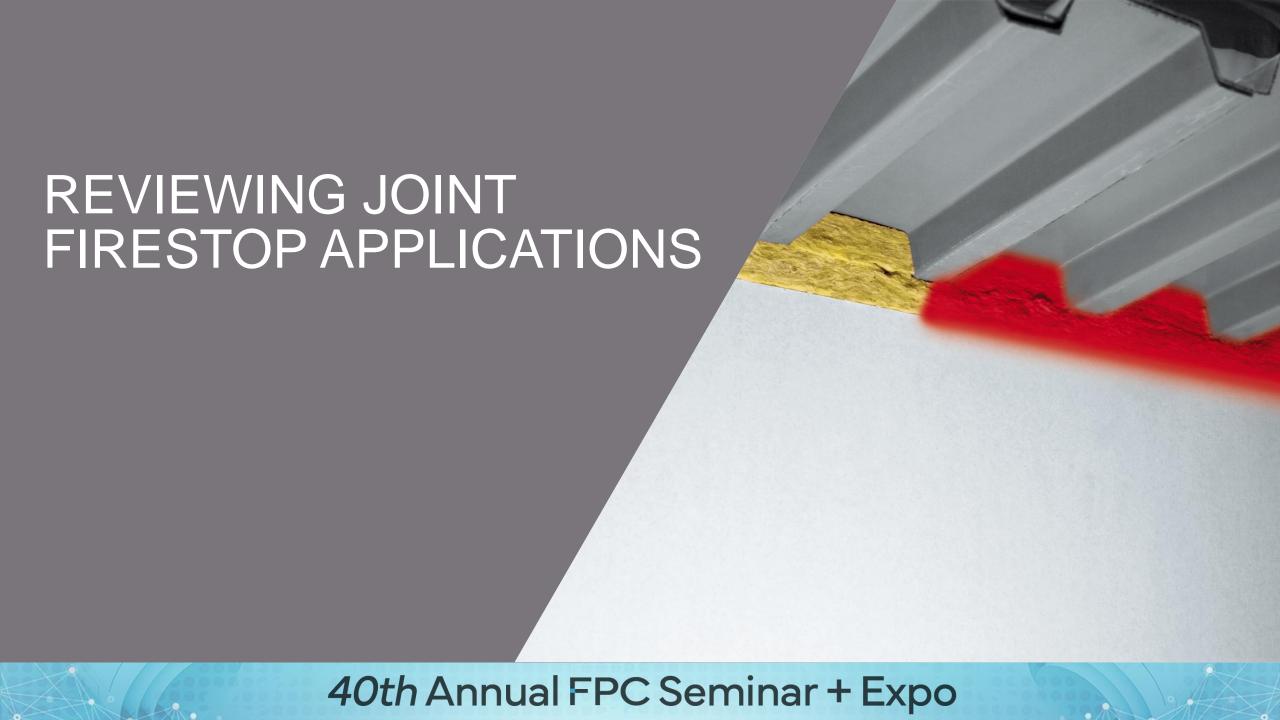


DISSIMILAR MATERIALS CONSIDERATIONS

IBC 714.4.3 Dissimilar materials

- Noncombustible penetrating items shall not connect to combustible items beyond the point of firestopping unless it can be demonstrated that the fire resistance integrity of the wall is maintained.
 - Listed solution: F-A-2154





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

It's important to ensure that the application matches the tested system

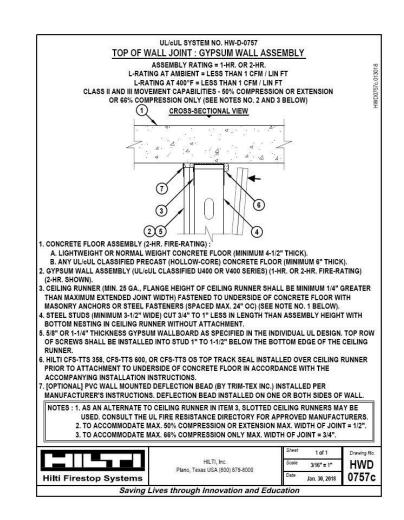
- Fire-rated assembly construction components
- Joint type and width
- Movement requirements (%)
- Stud width for gypsum walls
- Firestop materials needed to fill voids











FIRESTOPPING JOINTS: JOINT TYPES

Metal Deck Joints



Wall to Wall



Top & Bottom of Wall

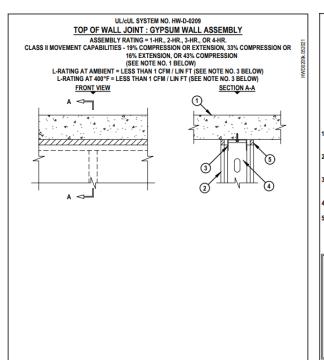


Edge of Slab



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TOP OF WALL FIRESTOPPING – FLAT CONCRETE DECK APPLICATIONS



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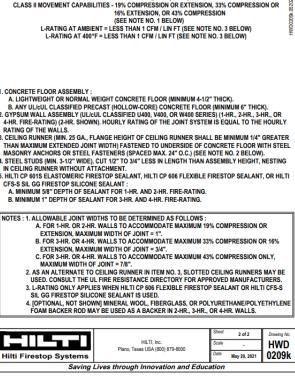
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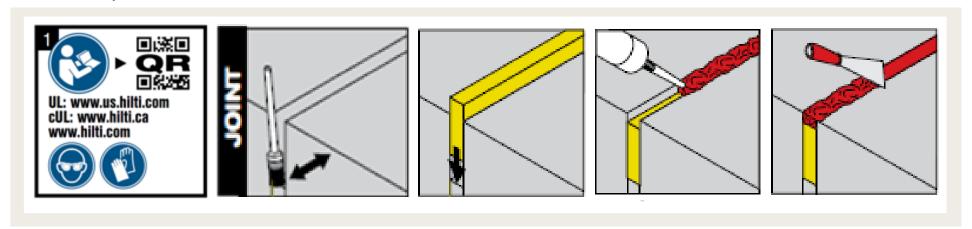
TOP OF WALL JOINT: GYPSUM WALL ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY RATING = 1-HR., 2-HR., 3-HR., OR 4-HR.

- Listing will indicate the movement capabilities of the firestop solution
 - Construction joints will often be subjected to movement
- Required depth of sealant is specified
 - Note that the requirement may change with the required fire rating
- Firestop is required on both sides of the wall
- Some systems may require mineral wool, others may include it as an option for a backer material

PROCESS FOR INSTALLING SEALANTS FOR JOINT APPLICATIONS

- Read and understand the details of the firestop system or Engineering Judgement to be used and the product manufacturer's instructions for use.
- Clean the opening of debris, dirt, oil, wax and grease. Ensure the surface is free of moisture and frost.
- Insert mineral wool or backer, as required.
- Apply firestop sealant. Ensure the correct minimum depth of sealant is installed.
- Smooth the firestop sealant with a trowel.



CONSTRUCTION JOINTS: TOP/BOTTOM OF WALL

POOR FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Visible gap in firestop at joint



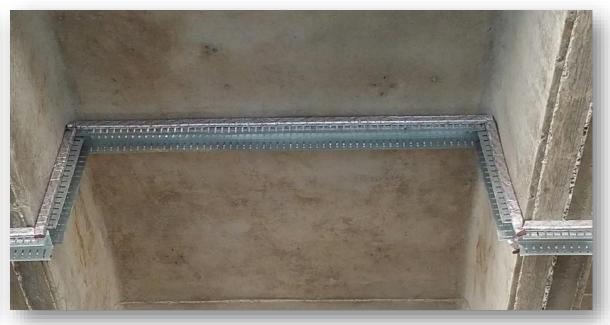
- Here the firestop is used as a "lip-stick"
- A very small joint at the head of wall, so CP 606 sealant was smeared on the joint
- The correct depth of sealant was not installed per a listed system
- Deflection of the joint will likely lead to cracks in the sealant

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS: TOP OF WALL

GOOD FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

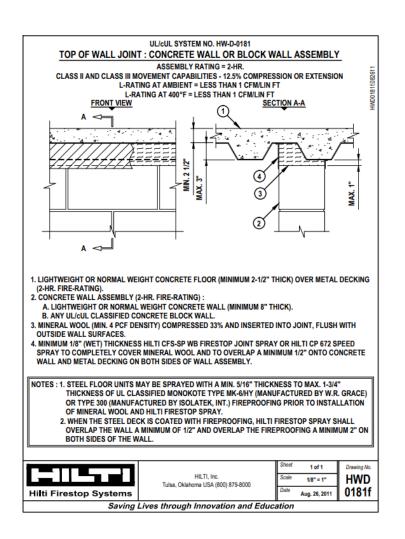


- Joint is filled with firestop material to the required depth
- No visible gaps
- Firestop material has been tooled per the Instructions for Use



 A firestop pre-formed device has been used to ensure correct installation and amount of material

TOP OF WALL FIRESTOPPING – METAL DECK APPLICATIONS



- Listing will indicate the movement capabilities of the firestop solution
 - Construction joints will often be subjected to movement
- Listing indicates the required density, compression, and orientation of the mineral wool
- Listings require that firestop spray overlap onto the construction material on either side of the joint
- Firestop is required on both sides of the wall
- If the steel deck is coated with fireproofing, additional overlap of the firestop spray is required

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS: TOP OF WALL UNDER METAL DECK

POOR VS GOOD FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES

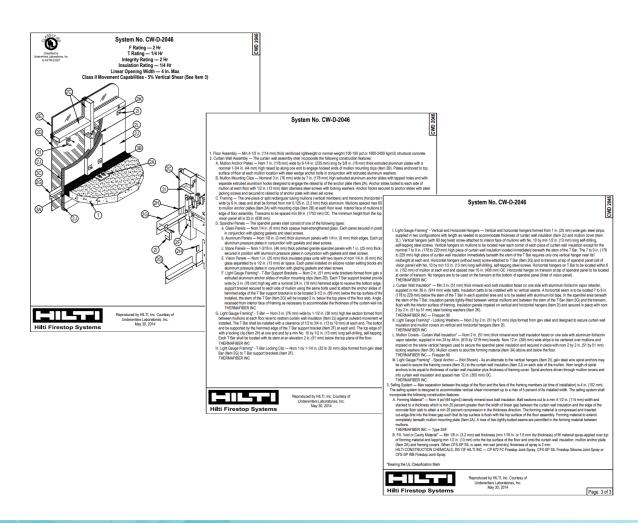


- Top of wall application, concrete to metal deck
- Note the metal deck flutes run perpendicular to the wall assembly
- Mineral wool is visible through the spray
- Will not provide an adequate smoke seal and meet listing requirements



- Correct installation are not always perfect, but compliant
- Mineral wool is compressed and installed above the top of the CMU wall to the concrete over metal deck floor.
- Spray with a minimum ½" overlap onto the floor/wall

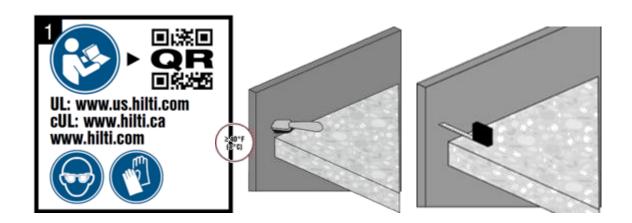
EDGE OF SLAB FIRESTOPPING

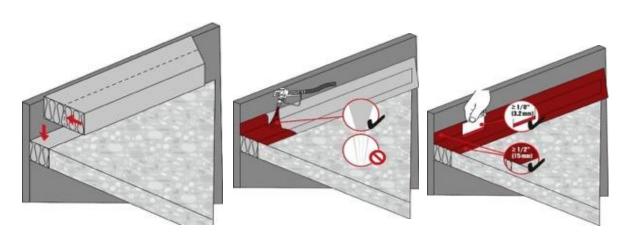


- Movement capabilities of the system are identified
- Permitted curtain wall assembly variables are documented in the listing, including:
 - Mullion cover (depends on system), framing (aluminum or steel), spandrel, vision panels, insulation
- Safing system forming material is indicated, including required density and compression percentage
- Required firestop materials (ex. firestop joint spray) is indicated with required wet and dry thickness and required overlap onto adjacent surfaces
- Joints or sealant can be used for firestopping edge of slab applications

PROCESS FOR INSTALLING SEALANTS FOR EDGE OF SLAB JOINT APPLICATIONS

- Read and understand the details of the firestop system or Engineering Judgement to be used
- Clean the opening of debris, dirt, oil, wax and grease;
 ensure the surface is free of moisture/frost
- Measure the maximum joint width; check to ensure it can be accommodated by the UL system or EJ
- Calculate the thickness of mineral wool required to meet minimum compression %; compress and insert mineral wool before installing spray
- Apply spray evenly, overlapping onto both substrates
- Measure the thickness of the joint spray when wet; it should be uniform coat of 1/8th" thickness; ensure no mineral wool is exposed





MINERAL WOOL ORIENTATION AND COMPRESSION IS KEY TO CORRECT FIRESTOP INSTALLATION



- Edge of slab joints: Mineral wool grain should run vertical
- The width of mineral wool to cut can be determined by the following equation:

Thickness =
$$\frac{\text{(Width of joint)} \times 100}{100 - \text{(Compression \%)}}$$



Head of wall joints: Mineral wool grain should run horizontal

CONSTRUCTION JOINTS: EDGE OF SLAB JOINTS

POOR VS GOOD FIRESTOP INSTALLATION EXAMPLES



Firestop at joint has detached, creating an opening



- Firestop spray has been neatly applied
- Firestop spray overlaps on adjacent materials
- Mineral wool is properly compressed and oriented



3RD PARTY SPECIAL INSPECTIONS: WHAT IS A "SPECIAL INSPECTION"?

- Code officials (AHJ) have responsibility for overall code enforcement
- Special inspection for specific elements that are extremely critical or complex
 - Including Firestopping (as of 2012 IBC)
- Special inspection is by 3rd-party expert agency
 - Performed according to specified standards
- The process involves:
 - Statistical sampling
 - Verify materials prior to installation
 - Verify against listed systems and/or EJs
 - Verify that ALL firestop installed



SPECIAL INSPECTIONS MANDATED BY CHAPTER 17 (2012 IBC THROUGH CURRENT EDITION)

2021 IBC Language:

Chapter 17: Special Inspections and Tests

- 1705.18 Fire-resistant penetrations and joints. In high-rise buildings, in buildings assigned to *Risk Category III or IV*, or in fire areas containing Group R occupancies with an occupant load greater than 250, *special inspections for through-penetrations, membrane penetration firestops, fire-resistant joint systems and perimeter fire containment systems* that are tested and listed in accordance with Sections 714.4.1.2, 714.5.1.2, 715.3.1 and 715.4 shall be in accordance with Section 1705.18.1 or 1705.18.2.
- High-rise: A building with an occupied floor located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department vehicle access.

General Special Inspection Requirements

- 1703.1.1 Independence. An approved agency shall be objective, competent and independent from the contractor responsible for the work being inspected. The agency shall also disclose to the building official and the registered design professional in responsible charge possible conflicts of interest so that objectivity can be confirmed.
- 1703.1.3 **Personnel.** An *approved agency* shall employ experienced personnel educated in conducting, supervising and evaluating tests and *special inspections*.

THE SPECIAL INSPECTION PROCESS

- ASTM E2174: Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Firestops
 - For each "type" of firestop being installed:
 - Witness 10% of Installations, or Destructive Testing on 2% of Installations
- ASTM E2393, Standard Practice for On-Site Inspection of Installed Fire Resistive Joint Systems and Perimeter Fire Barriers
 - For each "type" of fire resistive joint system being installed:
 - Witness 5% of linear feet being installed, or Destructive (or disassembly) testing on 1 ft. per every 500 ft.

If non-compliance identified during Special Inspection:

- One non-compliant:
 - one full additional inspection of that type
- 10% non-compliance of one type:
 - inspection halted, installer re-inspects own work
- Non-compliant firestop must be repaired/replaced
- E2174/E2393: no guidance on what is an acceptable non-compliance percentage

ASTM E2174/E2393: SPECIAL INSPECTION INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS

- Acceptable to AHJ
- Qualifications:
 - Meet the criteria in ASTM E699
 (Construction Quality assurance agencies), OR
 - Minimum two years construction inspection experience and credentials acceptable to Authorizing Authority, OR
 - Quality assurance agency accredited by AHJ
 (e.g. IAS AC291 Special Inspection Agencies)

- No conflicts of interest
 - Completely independent of installer, contractor, manufacturer, or supplier of any material
 - Not a competitor to those above
 - Inspector to submit notarized statement indicating compliance
- Must not interfere or direct

SPECIAL INSPECTION INSPECTOR QUALIFICATION STANDARD

ASTM standard E3038: Standard Practice for Assessing and Qualifying Candidates as Inspectors of Firestop Systems and Fire-Resistive Joint Systems

- Standard released August 2016
- Assist both authority having jurisdiction and authorizing authority in establishing minimum qualifications for candidates who desire to conduct firestop inspection.

Qualification Prerequisites

- Have a minimum of two-years' experience in building construction within the firestop industry conducting inspections under the direction of an inspector; or
- Have a minimum of two years of experience in the firestop industry conducting quality control; or
- Have a minimum four years of full-time (or at least (6160 h) experience in the selection or installation, or both, of firestop systems or fire-resistive joint systems, or both; or
- Hold license as a registered design professional with experience in the firestop industry



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Firestop Inspection Manual

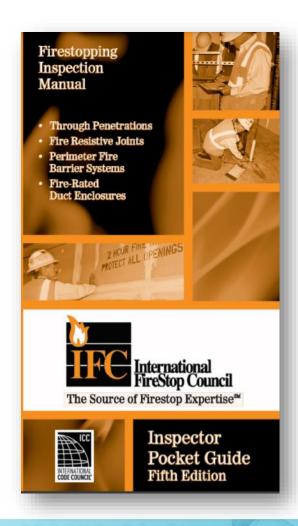
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- Perimeter Fire Barrier Systems
- Fire-Rated Duct Enclosures
- Plan Review and Inspection Process

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FIRESTOP INSPECTION AND REVIEW REMINDERS

- Review technical data
 - Firestop listings
 - Product Data Sheets, MSDS, drawing details
- Observe:
 - Firestop color
 - Material texture
 - Installation consistency
 - Required product cure times
 - Required product depth/thickness per listing (wet applied and cured)
- Understand products IFU (Instructions for Use)



Thank you for your attention!



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