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# **Group Number Assessment**

(In accordance with AS 5637.1-2015)

This is to confirm that the product as described below has been tested by AWTA Product Testing.

Testing was performed in accordance with AS/NZS 3837-1998 Method of test for heat and smoke release rates for materials and products using an oxygen consumption calorimeter.

**Test Sponsor**: The Laminex Group

22 Trewin Street Wendouree VIC 3355 Test Number : 14-000494

Issue Date : 21/10/2014

**Print Date** : 29/08/2016

Sponsor Product Clients Ref : "Sample 15683 Particleboard STD/MR"

Rigid Panel

Nominal Composition: Particleboard

Nominal Mass per Unit Area/Density: 650kg/m3

Nominal Thickness: 16mm

Product Group Number Classification: 3

Average Specific Extinction Area: 55.8 m²/kg

Chris Campbell
Client Relations Manager

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Order Number: 1974

**Sample Description** Clients Ref: "Sample 15683 Particleboard STD/MR"

Rigid Panel

Nominal Composition: Particleboard

Nominal Mass per Unit Area/Density:

Nominal Thickness: 16mm 650kg/m3

AS/NZS 3837-1998

Method of Test for Heat and Smoke Release Rates for Materials and Products using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter

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	1	2	3	Mean	
Average Heat Release Rate	53.1	53.4	57.4	54.6	kW/m²
Average Specific extinction area	55.9	43.3	68.3	55.8	m²/kg

(according to Specification C1.10 of the Building Code of Australia)

Test orientation: Horizontal

		Specimen			
	1	2	3	Mean	
Irradiance	50	50	50	50	kW/m²
Exhaust flow rate	24	24	24	24	L/sec
Time to sustained flaming	39	35	36	37	sec
Test duration	3600	3600	3600	3600	sec
Peak heat release after ignition	213.1	209.8	223.5	215.5	kW/m²
Average heat at 60 s	157.9	145.0	172.1	158.3	kW/m²
Average heat at 180 s	165.0	164.3	176.4	168.6	kW/m²
Average heat at 300 s	151.3	152.4	160.1	154.6	kW/m²
Total heat released	188.9	190.3	204.3	194.5	MJ/m²
Average effective heat of combustion	14.9	15.5	16.8	15.7	MJ/kg

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Initial thickness	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	mm
Initial mass	111	106	106.2	107.7	g
Mass remaining	8.0	6.3	6.7	7.0	g
Mass percentage pyrolysed	92.8	94.1	93.7	93.5	g
Mass loss	103.0	99.7	99.5	100.7	g
Average rate of mass loss	3.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	g/m².s

The formulaes given in the Building Code of Australia have been shown to give inaccuracies in determination of Group Number for certain materials. Due to this AWTA Product Testing no longer reports Group Numbers. The formulae for calculation of Group number is available from the website of the Australian Building Codes Board. The results reported herein shall not be used to derive a Group Number in accordance with the NCC without undertaking validation of the performance that is predicted.

These test results relate only to the behaviour of the product under the conditions of the test, they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessment of performance under real fire conditions.

Tests were conducted with a simulated airgap, consisting of the sample resting on a 12mm spacer.

Tests were conducted with a wire grid placed over the sample during testing. This was done to contain intumescing sample within the sample holder.

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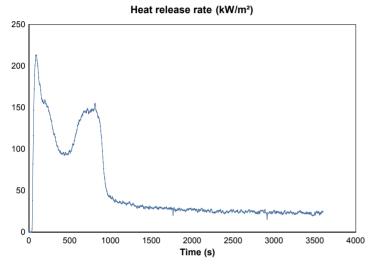
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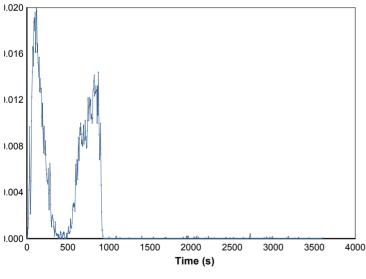
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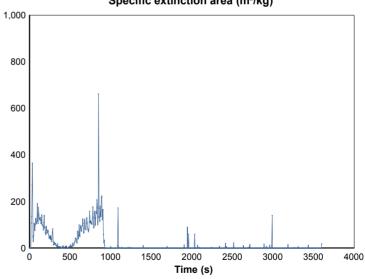
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# Smoke production rate ([m²/s])





Time (s)



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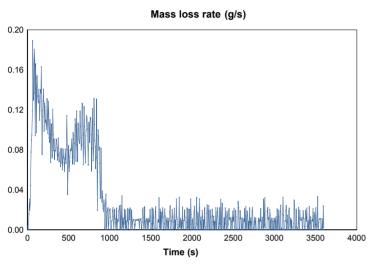
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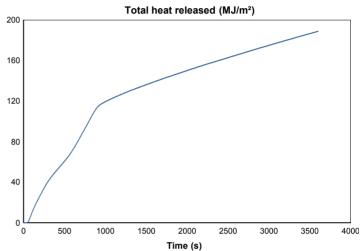
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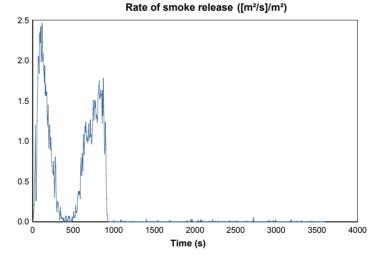
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## Mass (g) 160 120 80 40 0 -40 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 Time (s)



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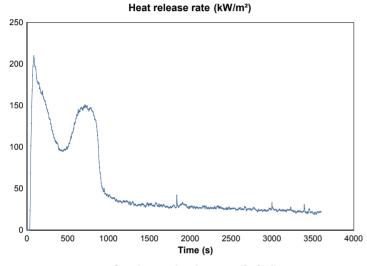
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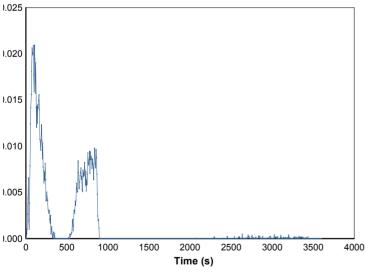
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## Specimen:



## Smoke production rate ([m²/s])



# Time (s) Specific extinction area (m²/kg)

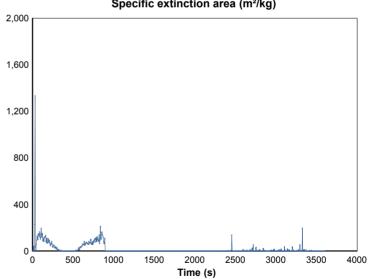
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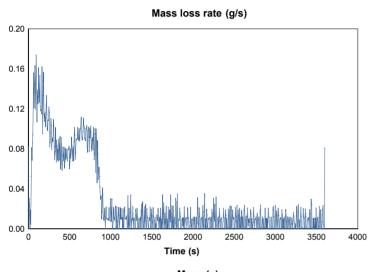
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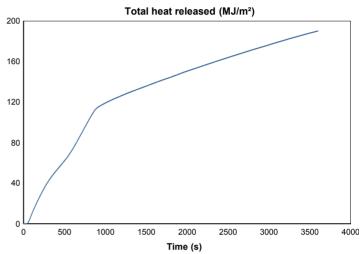
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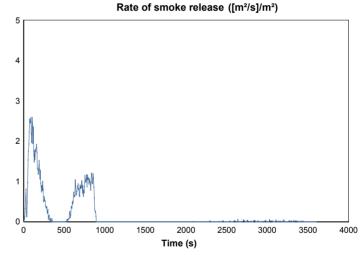
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## Mass (g) 125 100 75 50 25 0 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000 Time (s)



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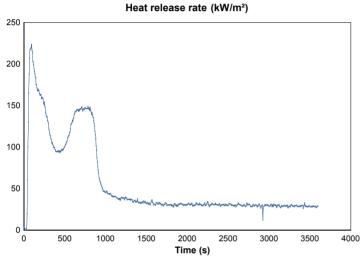
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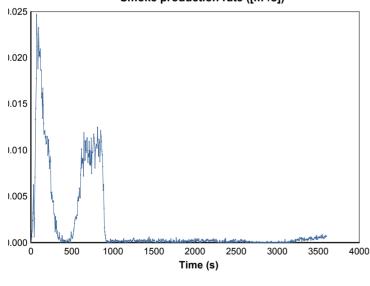
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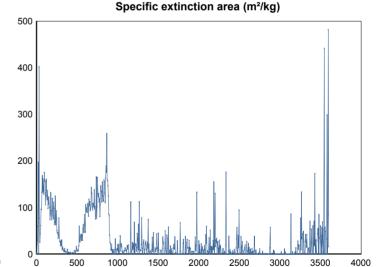


# Effective heat of combustion (MJ/kg) 250 200 150 0 500 1000 1500 2000 2500 3000 3500 4000

Time (s)

## Smoke production rate ([m²/s])





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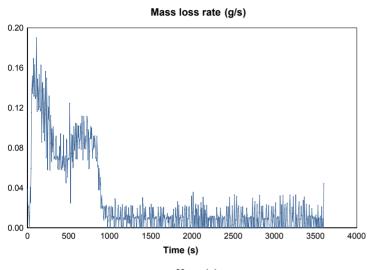
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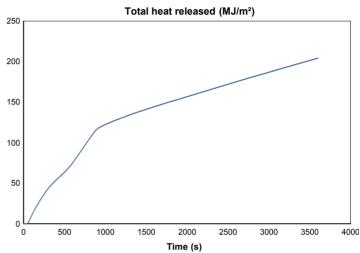
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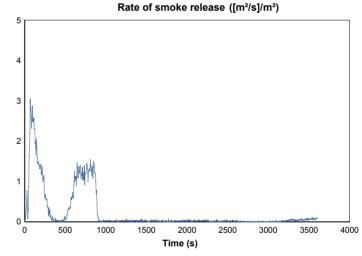
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