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Foreword

This document (EN 3844-1:2011) has been prepared by the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe - Standardization (ASD-STAN).

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the test method for the determination of the vertical flame propagation and after flame time of non metallic materials.

This test method is also used for testing non metallic materials which have to meet the test criteria for the vertical Bunsen burner test:

— with a flame application time of 60 s;

— with a flame application time of 12 s.

It is used for evaluation of non metallic materials or constructions used in the interiors of aerospace vehicles but may be used in other applications as specified in applicable procurement and regulatory documents.

This standard should be used to measure and describe the properties of non metallic materials, products or assemblies in response to heat and flame under controlled laboratory conditions and should not be used to describe or appraise the fire hazard or fire risk of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions. However, results of this test may be used as elements of a fire risk assessment which takes into account all of the factors which are pertinent to an assessment of the fire hazard of a particular end use.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ASTM-D 5025, *A laboratory burner used for small-scale burning test on plastic materials* [1)]

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
time of flame application
length of time for which the burner flame is applied to the specimen

3.2
after flame time
time in seconds for which the specimen continues to flame after the burner flame has been removed from the specimen

3.3
after flame time of drips
time in seconds that any flaming material continues to flame after falling from the specimen to the bottom of the chamber

1) Published by: ASTM National (US) American Society for Testing and Materials http://www.astm.org/.

3.4
burn length
distance in millimetres from the original specimen edge to the farthest evidence of damage of the test specimen due to that area's combustion, including areas of partial consumption, charring, or embrittlement, but not including areas sooted, stained, warped or discoloured, nor areas where material has shrunk or melted away from the heat

4 Principle of method

Testing is performed on a specimen that is held vertical. A burner flame, having defined parameters, is applied to the specimen for a defined period of time. The after flame time and the burn length is measured. The occurrence of drips and their after flame time is measured.

5 Designation

EXAMPLE

Description block	Identity block
VERTICAL BUNSEN BURNER TEST	EN3844-1A

Number of this standard

Code for flame application time (see Table 1)

Table 1

Time of flame application s	Code
60	A
12	B

6 Test apparatus

6.1 Test cabinet

Tests shall be conducted in a draught-free cabinet, like shown in Figure 1. Details and dimensions of the test cabinet are given in Figure 2.

1 mm thick metal sheet shall be used for the bottom surface of the cabinet.

It is recommended to paint the entire inside back wall of the cabinet mat black to facilitate the viewing of the test specimen. A mirror may be located on the inside back surface to facilitate observation of the hidden surface.

It is suggested that the cabinet be located inside an exhaust hood to facilitate clearing the cabinet of smoke and fumes after each test.

Cabinets of bigger dimensions may be used if it has been proven that similar results are obtained.

6.2 Specimen holder

A specimen holder shall be provided, such that the exposed area of the specimen is 50 mm × 305 mm. An example for a construction is given in Figure 3.

The specimen holder shall be fabricated of corrosion-resistant metal.

A comb can be used for testing of small items, which cannot be mounted in the specimen holder, see Figure 4.

6.3 Burner

6.3.1 Burner type

The burner shall be a Bunsen or Tirril type, have a 9,5 mm inside diameter barrel, and shall be equipped with a needle valve to adjust the gas flow rate and thereby adjust the flame height.

The burner shall have no air supplied either directly or by aspiration. The Bunsen burner defined in ASTM-D 5025 has been found acceptable.

6.3.2 Burner fuel

Bottled methane gas shall be used as burner fuel. Natural gas is also acceptable if it contains more than 90 % methane.

6.3.3 Plumbing for gas supply

The necessary gas connections and the applicable plumbing are shown in Figure 5. A control valve system with a delivery rate designed to furnish gas to the burner under a pressure of at least 5 kPa at the burner inlet shall be installed between the gas supply and the burner.

6.3.4 Flame height indicator

There shall be a flame height indicator spaced 25 mm from the burner barrel and extending above the burner, as shown in Figure 6. The indicator shall have two prongs, 8 mm in length, marking the distances, 22 mm and 38 mm above the top of the burner. When the flame is properly adjusted, then the tip of the flame shall be at the 38 mm prong and for pure methane the tip of the inner cone of the flame will be at the 22 mm prong. The flame height indicator shall be removable.

6.4 Timer

One or more stop-watches or other timers, calibrated and graduated to the nearest 0,1 s, shall be used to measure the time of the flame application, the after flame time and the after flame time of drips.

6.5 Ruler

A ruler or a scale, calibrated and graduated to the nearest 1 mm, shall be used to measure the burn length.

7 Test specimens

7.1 Number of specimens

At least three specimens shall be prepared and tested.

7.2 Specimens orientation

For materials which may have anisotropic flammability properties (i.e. different properties in different directions, such as machine and cross-machine direction for extruded materials, warp and weft for woven fabrics, etc.), the specimens shall be tested in both directions.

The values for every direction have to be averaged and reported separately.

7.3 Specimens size

The specimens shall be a rectangle of at least 75 mm × 305 mm.

8 Conditioning

Condition specimens at (23 ± 2) °C and at (50 ± 5) % relative humidity for min. 24 h. Remove only one specimen at a time from the conditioning environment immediately before being tested.

9 Burner adjustment

— Assure that the air supply to the burner is shut off.

— Open the stopcock in the gas line fully.

— Light the burner.

— Adjust the gas flowrate to produce a flame height of 38 mm.

10 Test procedure

Make sure that the test cabinet is essentially draught free.

Place the burner at least 76 mm away from the test position.

Mount the specimen into the specimen holder so that the clamped edges are held securely. One short edge of the specimen has to be flush with the open end of the specimen holder.

Insert the specimen holder into the cabinet and assure that the vertical distance between the burner orifice and the bottom surface of the specimen is 19 mm (see Figure 7).

Make sure of the verticality of the specimen.

Close the cabinet door, and keep it closed during the test.

Place the burner in test position.

Start the timer as soon as the burner is in test position.

If not otherwise defined in the customer's specification the test position is defined as follows:

The burner is positioned under the specimen such that the flame impinges on the midpoint of the lower edge of the test side, defined in the test specification (see Figure 7).

Depending on the customer's specification apply the flame for 12 s or 60 s and then withdraw it by moving the burner approximately 76 mm away from the test position.