





# FIRE TEST REPORT

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THE FIRE RESISTANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 1530.4:2014 OF A CONTROL JOINT AND THREE PERIMETER EDGE SEALS INSTALLED IN A 75 MM THICK HEBEL POWERPANEL SINGLE MESH WALL

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All tests and procedures reported herein, unless indicated, have been performed in accordance with the laboratory's scope of accreditation



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## **TEST SUMMARY**

## **Objective**

To determine the fire resistance of a control joint and edge sealing systems in accordance with AS 1530.4:2014, *Fire-resistance tests for elements of construction: Section 10, Service penetrations and control joints*, with reference to AS 4072.1-2005.

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## **Description of Test Specimen**

The test specimen consisted of a nominally 2,200 mm high x 1,000 mm wide x 75 mm thick Hebel Powerpanel Single Mesh wall. The Hebel panels were arranged to provide a nominally 1,000 mm long x 20 mm high horizontal perimeter edge seal at the top edge, two, nominally 1,100 mm high x 10 mm wide vertical perimeter edge seals and one, nominally 1,100 mm high x 10 mm wide vertical control joint. The apertures were sealed with various joint sealing systems. The specimens were refered A-D.

#### **Date of Test**

30 October 2025

#### **Test Results**

The fire resistance in minutes, in accordance with AS 1530.4:2014, of the three perimeter edge seals and one control joint system installed in a 75 mm thick Hebel Powerpanel Single Mesh wall, was as follows:

Specimen Ref	Edge Seal/ Control Joint Details Width x Depth	Integrity (min)	Insulation (min)	FRL*
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В	Vertical Perimeter Edge Seal 10 mm x 10 mm Backing rod/FulaFlex™ FR - UXF 1.2 mm thick steel angle - EXF	121 NF	121 NF	-/90/90
С	Hebel to Hebel Control Joint 10 mm x 10 mm Backing rod/FulaFlex™ FR - EXF & UXF	121 NF	121 NF	-/90/90
D	Vertical Perimeter Edge Seal Joint 10 mm x 10 mm Backing rod/FulaFlex™ FR - EXF 1.2 mm thick steel angle - UXF	121 NF	121 NF	-/90/90

UXF = Unexposed Face, EXF = Exposed Face

NF = No Failure.

The test was terminated after 121 minutes.



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"Because of the nature of fire resistance testing and the consequent difficulty in quantifying the uncertainty of measurement of fire resistance, it is not possible to provide a stated degree of accuracy of the result."

## **LIMITATION**

The results reported here relate only to the item/s tested.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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## 1. TEST PROCEDURE

The control joint test was conducted in accordance with AS 1530.4:2014, "Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structures, Part 4 *Fire-resistance tests for elements of construction: Section 10, Service penetrations and control joints,* with reference to AS 4072.1-2005 for which the fire resistance of the specimen is the time, expressed in minutes, to Integrity and Insulation failure under one or more of the following criteria.

## 1.1 Integrity Failure Criteria

Failure shall be deemed to occur if;

- a) there is sustained flaming for a period greater than 10 seconds on the unexposed face; or
- b) flames and/or hot gases cause flaming or glowing of the cotton fibre pad.

## 1.2 Insulation Failure Criteria

Failure shall be deemed to occur if:

- a) the maximum temperature at any point on the unexposed surface of the control joint exceeds the initial temperature by 180 K; or
- b) the maximum temperature on the unexposed surface of the surround element, 25 mm from the control joint edge exceeds the initial temperature by 180 K.

# 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE TEST SPECIMEN

#### 2.1 General

The test specimen consisted of a nominally 2,200 mm high x 1,000 mm wide x 75 mm thick Hebel Powerpanel Single Mesh wall. The Hebel panels were arranged to provide a nominally 1,000 mm long x 20 mm high horizontal perimeter edge seal at the top edge, two, nominally 1,100 mm high x 10 mm wide vertical perimeter edge seals and one, nominally 1,100 mm high x 10 mm wide vertical control joint. The apertures were sealed with various joint sealing systems. The specimens were refered A-D.

#### 2.1.1 Conditioning

The wall was assembled by BRANZ on 28 July 2025. The backing rod and FulaFlex™ FR sealant was applied to the four specimens on 7 August 2025. The specimens were kept under ambient laboratory conditions until testing on 30 October 2025.

#### 2.1.2 Specimen Selection

BRANZ was responsible for the construction of the wall assembly using materials supplied by the client, the client was responsible for the selection, supply, and installation of the four specimens.

#### 2.1.3 Drawings and Specification

Client supplied drawings of the specimens are shown in Figure 1 to Figure 4.

Where discrepancies between the dimensions in the report text and those shown in the attached drawings exist, the text takes precedence.



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## 2.2 75 mm Thick Hebel Powerpanel Single Mesh Wall

The nominally 2,200 mm high x 1,000 mm wide x 75 mm thick Hebel Powerpanel Single Mesh wall was constructed from four separate 75 mm thick panel sections. At the top and the bottom of the assembly, the panels were installed into the specimen holder, orientated horizontally, the lower panel was full height (600 mm), the upper panel was cut down to nominally 500 mm high with the un-cut edge positioned to be the lower edge of Specimen A. The panels were installed into the specimen holder using angle brackets on the unexposed face, fixed with M6 x 40 mm long masonry screws 14-10 x 65 mm long Type 17 screws.

Between the upper and lower Hebel panels, two further panels were installed into the specimen holder, orientated vertically, the right-hand side panel (as viewed from the unexposed face) was full width (600 mm), the left-hand panel was cut down to nominally 380 mm wide with the cut edge positioned to be the left-hand edge of Specimen C.

Nominally 10 mm or 20 mm gaps were provided between the specimen holder and the opposing edges of the upper horizontal and the two central vertical panels to form the openings for specimens A, B & D. A nominally 10 mm gap was provided between the two vertical panel edges to form the opening for Specimen C.

Non-specimen, panel to panel butt joints and the perimeter of the assembly were sealed with FulaFlex™ FR sealant.

## 2.3 Specimen Details

#### 2.3.1 **Specimen A, B & D**

The openings for the three perimeter edge seal specimens were positioned at the edges of the Hebel panel assembly such that one long edge of the joint would be opposite to the face of the concrete lined specimen holder. Lengths of 75 mm x 100 mm x 1.2 mm thick mild steel angle were attached to the specimen holder at the joint position, the angles were orientated to be on the opposite face to the backing rod and sealant, the 75 mm leg was against the specimen holder. The angles were fixed using M6 x 40 mm long masonry screws, one screw 75 mm from the ends of the angle and a third at mid width/length. The panels were fixed to the angles using 14-10 x 65 mm long Type 17 screws, one screw 100 mm from the ends of the angle.

The openings were packed with 30 mm x 20 mm foam backing rod from one face, the opposite face to the steel angle. The backing rod was inserted such that it was recessed within the opening by nominally 16 mm (Specimen A) or 10 mm (Specimen B and Specimen D). FulaFlex $^{\text{TM}}$  FR sealant was applied onto the backing rod and trowel finished flush with the face of the Hebel panel.

#### 2.3.2 Specimen C

The opening for the vertical Hebel to Hebel control joint was positioned central of the Hebel panel assembly. The opening was packed with 30 mm x 20 mm foam backing rod from both faces. The backing rod was inserted such that it was recessed within the opening by nominally 10 mm each face. FulaFlex<sup>TM</sup> FR sealant was applied onto the backing rod and trowel finished flush with the face of the Hebel panel.

Table 1 lists the measured dimensions of the control joint system components.



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Table 1: Edge Seal/Control Joint Details

Specimen Edge Seal/		Sealant Location	Sealant Dimensions as Measured (mm)		
Ref	Control Joint System		Width	Depth	Length
Α	FulaFlex™ FR/Backing rod Horizontal perimeter edge	Exposed Face	20	16	1,010
В	FulaFlex™ FR/Backing rod Vertical perimeter edge	Unexposed Face	10	10	1,090
С	FulaFlex™ FR/Backing rod Vertical panel to panel	Both Faces	10	10	1,090
D	FulaFlex™ FR/Backing rod Vertical Perimeter edge	Exposed Face	10	10	1,090

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Figure 1: Client Supplied Drawing - Specimen A - Section View

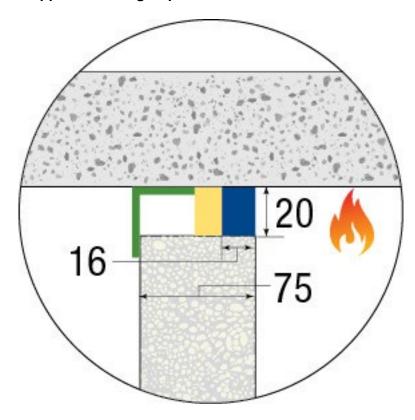
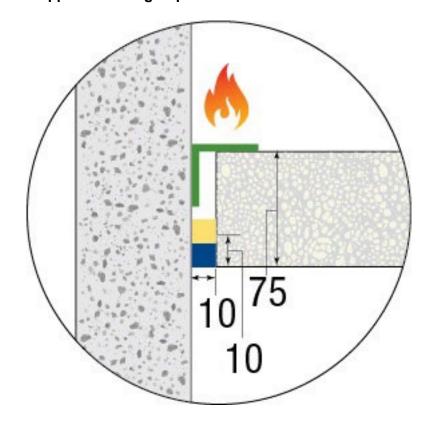


Figure 2: Client Supplied Drawing - Specimen B - Section View





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Figure 3: Client Supplied Drawing - Specimen C - Section View

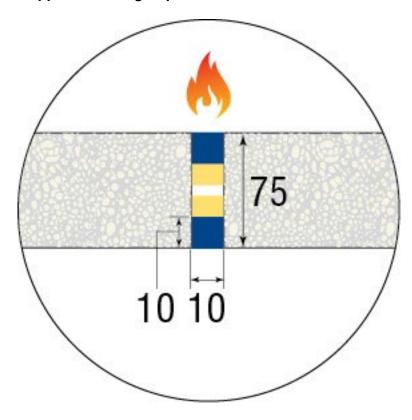
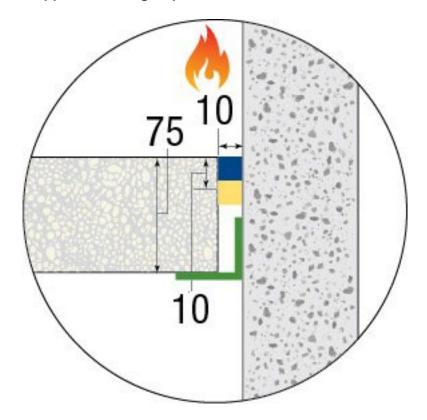


Figure 4: Client Supplied Drawing - Specimen D - Section View





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## 3. TEST CONDITIONS AND RESULTS

#### 3.1 General

The specimen was tested on 30 October 2025, at the BRANZ laboratories at Judgeford, New Zealand, representatives of the client witnessed the test.

The ambient temperature at the beginning of the test was 13°C.

The specimen was placed against the vertical furnace and the temperature and pressure conditions were controlled to the limits defined in AS 1530.4:2014.

The test was terminated after the specimen had been exposed to the standard fire resistance conditions for 121 minutes.

#### 3.2 Furnace Conditions

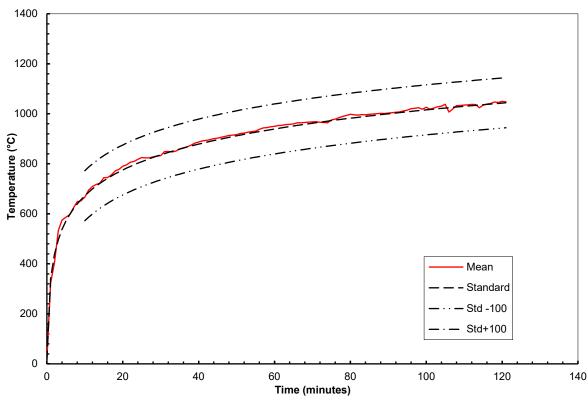
#### 3.2.1 Furnace Temperature Measurement

Temperature measurement within the furnace was made using four mineral insulated metal sheathed (MIMS) chromel-alumel thermocouples uniformly distributed in a vertical plane approximately 100 mm from the exposed face of the specimen.

The furnace thermocouples were connected to a computer-controlled data logging system which recorded the temperatures at 15 second intervals.

Figure 5 shows the furnace temperature curve and the permitted upper and lower limits in accordance with AS 1530.4:2014.

Figure 5: Furnace Temperature



#### 3.2.2 Furnace Control

The percentage deviation of the area under the curve of the furnace mean temperature from the standard temperature/time curve was within the standard requirements.

Figure 6 shows the percentage deviation of the mean furnace temperature from the Standard curve.

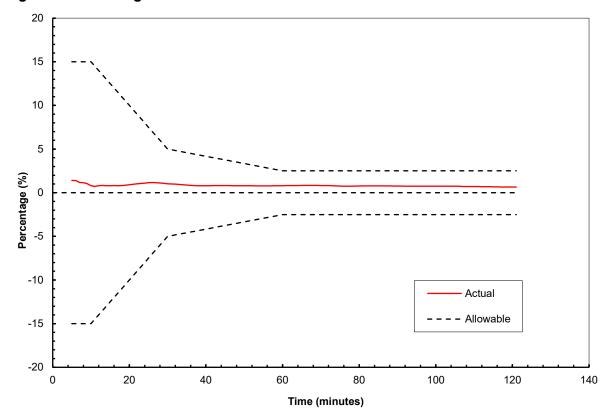


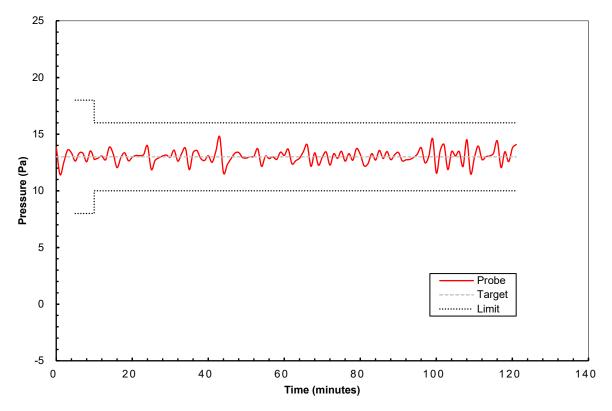
Figure 6: Percentage Deviation from Standard Curve

#### 3.2.3 Pressure Measurements

The furnace pressure was controlled to be 15 Pa at mid-height of the vertical specimens as defined in the test standard. This corresponds to a pressure of 13 Pa at the pressure probe which was 250 mm below mid height of the vertical specimens. The differential pressure was monitored using a micromanometer connected to a computer-controlled data acquisition system which recorded the pressure at 15 second intervals.

Figure 7 shows the pressure measured at the probe during the test.

Figure 7: Mean Furnace Pressure



In summary the furnace conditions complied with the test standard.

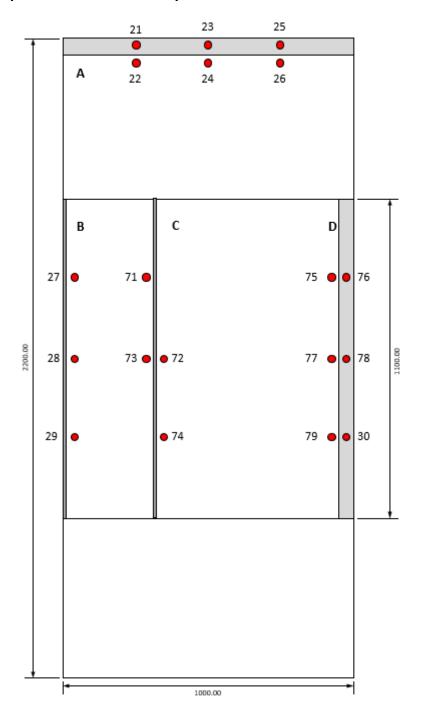
## 3.3 Specimen Temperature Measurement

The temperature on the unexposed face of the control joint specimens and the wall was measured with chromel-alumel thermocouples attached to the specimens. The arrangement consisted of thermocouples placed as specified in clause 10.5 of the test standard AS 1530.4:2014.

The locations of the thermocouples are shown in Figure 8.

Figure 9 to Figure 12 show the temperature rise of each specimen.

**Figure 8: Unexposed Face Thermocouple Positions** 



Unexposed Face Maximum Rise Thermocouple

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Figure 9: Specimen A - Temperature Rise

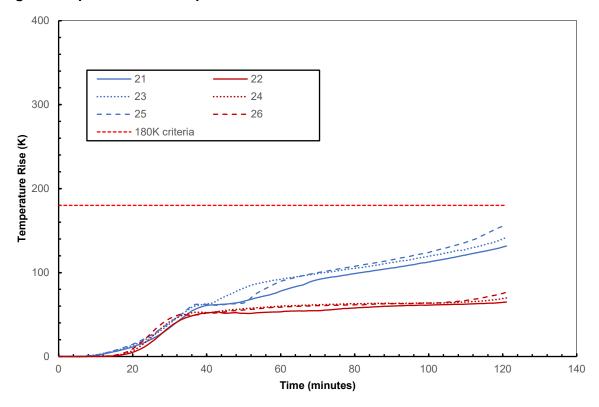


Figure 10: Specimen B - Temperature Rise

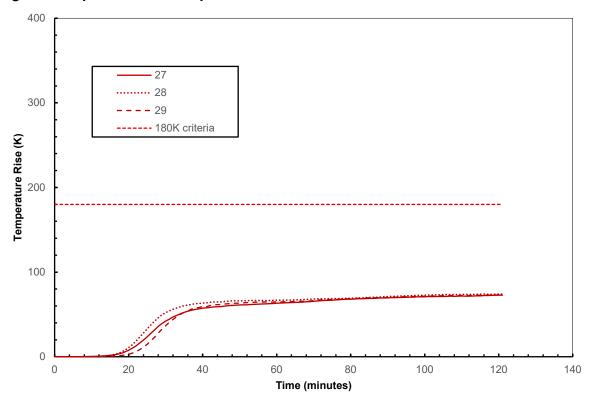


Figure 11: Specimen C - Temperature Rise

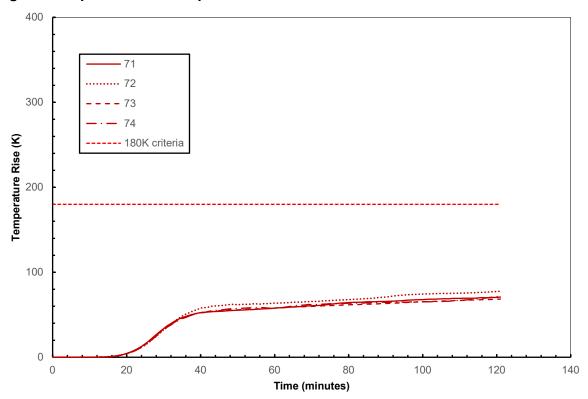
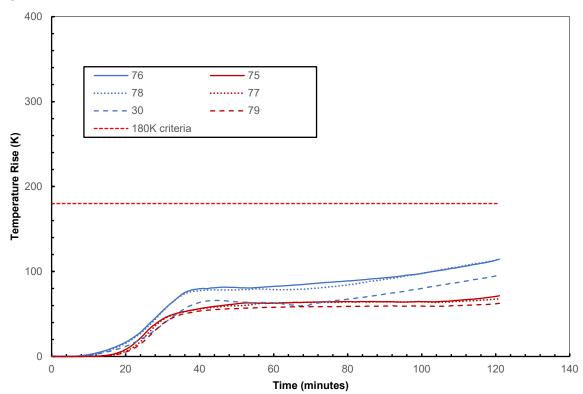


Figure 12: Specimen D - Temperature Rise



## 3.4 Specimen Integrity

Integrity failures were recorded as follows in Table 2

**Table 2: Specimen Integrity** 

Specimen Ref	n Time (minutes) Until Integrity Failure Occurred		
Α	121 - No failure		
В	121 - No failure		
С	121 - No failure		
D	121 - No failure		

## 3.5 Specimen Insulation

Insulation failures were recorded as follows in Table 3

**Table 3: Specimen Insulation** 

Specimen Ref	Time (minutes) Until Failure Occurred (T>180K)
Α	121 - No failure
В	121 - No failure
С	121 - No failure
D	121 - No failure

#### 3.6 Observations

Observations related to the Integrity performance of the specimens were at the times stated in minutes and seconds as shown in Table 4.

U = Observations from the unexposed face.

E = Observations from the exposed face.

**Table 4: Observations** 

Time (Min:Sec)	Test Face	Observations	
00:00	-	The test commences.	
20:00	U	Smoke issue commences at the non-specimen butt joint between the upper and central Hebel panels.	
00.00		'	
30:00	U	The sealant on Specimen B has started to swell/expand.	
45:00	U	Smoke issue is increasing.	
		Cracks are forming in the Hebel panels, one crack is located in the lower	
55:00	U	panel with another crack in the right-hand vertical panel, 75 mm below TC75	
	and running across to Specimen C.		
58:00	U	The sealant on Specimen C has started to swell/expand.	
60:00		The specimens continue to maintain Integrity.	
60.00	U	Further cracking of Hebel panels, a vertical crack from between TC24 &	
68:00 U		TC26, running down to the non-specimen butt joint.	
90:00	-	The specimens continue to maintain Integrity.	
121:15	-	The specimens continue to maintain Integrity, the test is discontinued.	



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## 4. SUMMARY

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В	Vertical Perimeter Edge Seal 10 mm x 10 mm Backing rod/FulaFlex™ FR - UXF 1.2 mm thick steel angle - EXF	121 NF	121 NF	-/90/90
С	Hebel to Hebel Control Joint 10 mm x 10 mm Backing rod/FulaFlex™ FR - EXF & UXF	121 NF	121 NF	-/90/90
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## 5. PERMISSIBLE VARIATIONS

In accordance with AS 1530.4:2014 clause 10.12, the permissible variations that are relevant to the tested sealing systems reported in test report FP20542-02-1 are as follows.

#### 5.1 General

The results of the fire test contained in the test report are directly applicable, without reference to the testing authority, to similar constructions where the following changes have been made.

#### **5.1.1** Separating Elements

Results obtained may be applied to the performance of a system in concrete, masonry, or solid gypsum blocks of greater or equal thickness to that of the tested prototype.

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# **PHOTOS**

Photo 1: The Unexposed Face of the Assembly Prior to Testing



Photo 2: The Unexposed Face of the Test Assembly After a Duration of 30 Minutes



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Photo 3: The Unexposed Face of the Test Assembly After a Duration of 60 Minutes

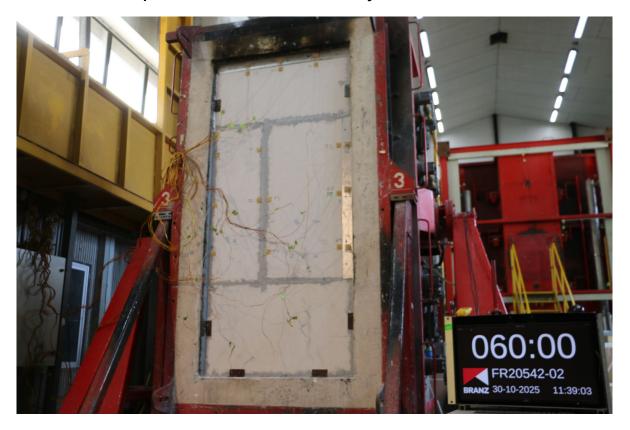


Photo 4: The Unexposed Face of the Test Assembly After a Duration of 90 Minutes





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Photo 5: The Unexposed Face of the Test Assembly After a Duration of 120 Minutes

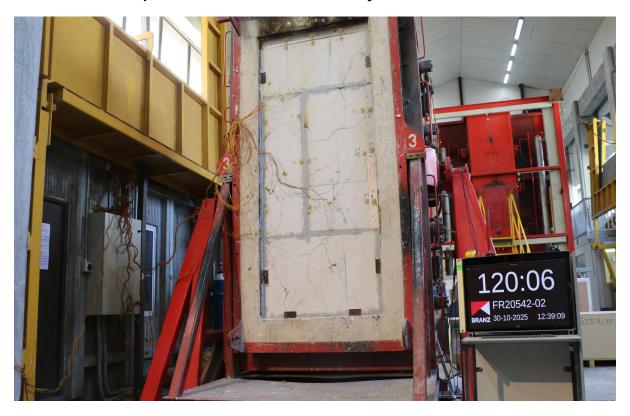


Photo 6: The Exposed Face of the Test Assembly Immediately After Testing





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