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3rd party Accredited Hardware Protection

FlexiFire is a brand of Graphite-based intumescent, manufactured by Vanquish Hardware Protection Ltd. FlexiFire is the only graphite-based intumescent that has secured 3rd party accreditation through IFC (International Fire Consultants Ltd) specifically for hardware protection under the SDP20 Intumescent Seal & Hardware Protection Kits scheme.

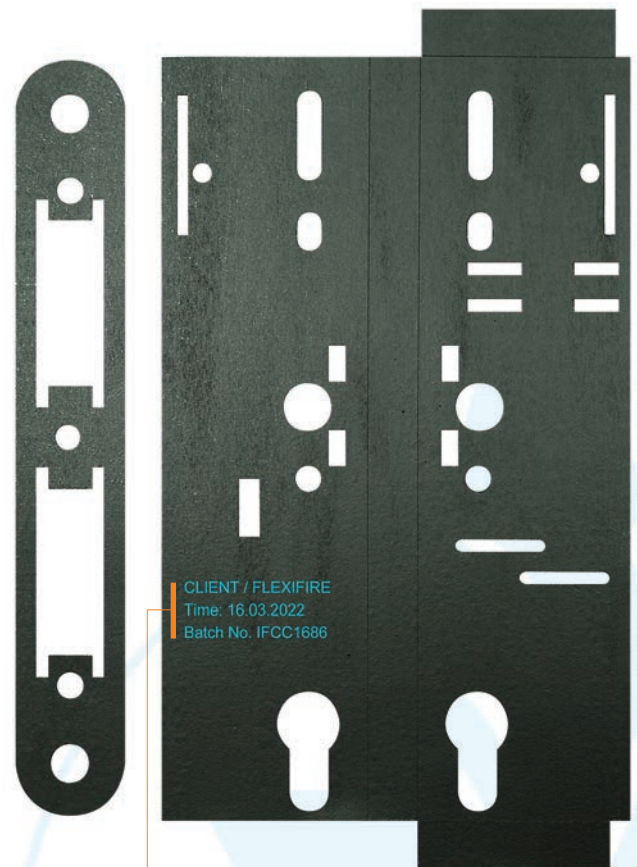
IFC is a UKAS certified accreditation body and covers initial testing and includes audits to assess the consistency of production.

The advantage of 3rd party accreditation

- Graphite Intumescent is not manufactured to the same specification across manufacturers. E.g. there is no minimum requirement for graphite content.
- Expansion ratios and activation temperatures of different compounds vary greatly which affects the insulation properties and the level of protection against heat transfer.
- All accredited products must be clearly printed on which ensures complete traceability after installation.
- The print must include, time and date of manufacture, the batch number of raw materials and the IFC certificate number.
- This ensures that rigorous quality control measures are followed and that FlexiFire will always react as stated by the manufacturer.
- The IFC certification provides a field of application based on test evidence, this includes 30 and 60 minute applications to BS EN 1643:1 standard.
- The IFC certificate number for FlexiFire is IFCC1686 and can be found on www.ifccertification.com

How can this benefit you?

- Purchasing intumescent kits with full traceability print allows the end user to be confident that what they're fitting has been successfully tested to the relevant standards
- Fire door inspectors can easily identify the intumescent and check it's compliance to the test evidence
- Our manufacturing facilities are audited annually so strict production procedures must be followed
- Batch testing of all materials is carried out which ensures materials react as specified.



Example Certification Details

1. Client / FlexiFire
2. Time / Date Stamp
3. Batch No. / IFC Certificate No.

FLEXIFIRE | HS Technical Data

Description

FlexiFire HS is an extruded flexible sheet PVC compound containing intercalated graphite. Upon heating it creates an intumescent thermal barrier, ideal for the use in hardware protection. The material is flexible for ease of application enabling it to mold to the shape of the hardware. FlexiFire HS is dark grey/ black in colour.

Application

All ironmongery installed on a fire door must be fitted without compromising the integrity of the complete fire door assembly. FlexiFire HS is an ultra-thin, high-performance intumescent sheet that offers high levels of expansion and insulation, preventing heat transfer. Designed for use on ironmongery rebated into timber doorsets, such as:

- Locks and latches
- Flush bolts
- Concealed door closers

Properties

- FlexiFire HS will expand up to 20 times its original volume
- When heated to approximately 180°C graphite located at the surface begins to exfoliate increasing progressively as the temperature increases.
- 0.8mm FlexiFire is suitable for 30 & 60 minute timber applications
- Excellent temperature insulation before and after exfoliation
- Safe to handle and easy to use (no PPE required)
- Completely non-toxic, non-fibrous and dust free
- Self extinguishing binder
- Totally inert
- Unaffected by moisture, humidity, atmospheric pollution and other common industrial and household chemical substances.

Thickness

Manufactured in various thicknesses to meet customer requirements:

- 0.8mm (+0.1/-0.1mm)
- 1.0mm (+0.1/-0.1mm)
- 2.0mm (+0.1/-0.1mm)

Custom thickness available upon request

Testing

FlexiFire HS has been extensively tested to the latest British and European standards as follows:

- BS476 part 22: 1987 - 30 and 60 minute rating
- BSEN 1634-1: 2014 - 30 and 60 minute rating

Validation Testing

Every batch of FlexiFire HS material undergoes rigorous on-site validation testing to ensure it meets the minimum requirements as described below.

Thickness Testing

Each batch of FlexiFire HS is measured for thickness using a calibrated vernier. The reading must not exceed the following tolerances:

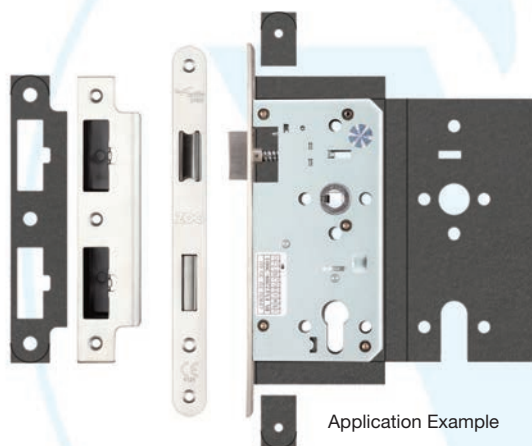
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Expansion Testing

Every batch of FlexiFire HS will have two test samples cut enabling both the activation point and expansion ratio to be measured.

The tolerances of the test are set out below:

Activation Temperature	180° (+/-10°)
Expansion Ratio	>10x Volume



Application Example

Material Safety Data

Composition/Information on Ingredients

Chemical Nature:

Thermoplastic element composition containing intercalated graphite in a synthetic compound with the addition of fillers and process oils. Supplied with an acrylic self-adhesive backing on request.

Possible Hazards

Not subject to decree of hazardous substances.

Critical hazard of Man and Environment: Not Applicable.

First Aid Measures

On skin contact: Not applicable.
On contact with eyes: Not applicable.
On ingestion: Not applicable.
If inhaled: Not applicable in solid state.

Fire Fighting Measures

Suitable Extinguishing Media:

Water, foam, powders and dry extinguishing media.

Special Protective Equipment:

Suitable forms of PPE (Personal protective equipment). Avoid inhalation of smoke or fumes. In the event of a fire, contact the appropriate emergency services for assistance.

Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precaution:

In the event of a fire ensure sufficient ventilation.

Environmental Precaution:

Do not discharge the product into drains or water courses, ensure materials are disposed of in accordance with Local Authority regulations and/or Government Legislation.

Method for cleaning up: No special measures necessary.

Handling and Storage

Handling: No special requirements.
Storage: Store dry in a cool place (not above 35°C).

Exposure Controls and Personal Protection

Respiratory protection: Not applicable.
Hand Protection: Not applicable.
Eye Protection: Not applicable.
Skin Protection: Not applicable.

Physical and Chemical Properties

Form	Solid
Colour	All colours
Odour	Acidic
Density	1.3 specific gravity

Stability and Reactivity

Temperature tolerance: Thermal decomposition above 180°C.

Hazardous decomposition Products: Thermal decomposition fumes contain Hydrogen Chloride. However, the activated graphite is effective at removing aromatic particles from smoke emissions.

Toxicological Information

Acute Toxicity: Not applicable in solid state.

Ecological Information

General Advice: Observe the legal provisions regarding the prevention of ground water and surface water as well as air. Do not discharge products into natural waters without pre-treatment.

Disposal Considerations

Recommendations: Disposal of by special means in accordance with local regulations e.g. suitable deposition.

Transport Information

Transport Hazards: No regulations apply for the transport of this material. Not classified as hazardous for road, rail, sea or air transport.

Regulatory Information

Labelling according to EEC directives:

National Legislation/Regulations	Not applicable
VbF Classifications	None
Water Hazard Class	Not applicable

Additional Information

The information contained herein is based upon the present state of our knowledge. Recipients of our products must take responsibility for observing existing laws and regulations.