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# ASTM E 1354 Caloric Content Determination of "Moniflex as manufactured by Isoflex AB"

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### **SPECIFICATIONS OF ORDER**

Determine Effective Heat of Combustion according to ASTM E 1354 and derive Caloric Content, as per our Proposal# 11-006-08128 RV1-S accepted September 22, 2011.

*Note: This report supersedes 11-002-682(E) issued November 28, 2011. It is revised herein by request to reference the sample thickness in the identification section of the report.*

### **IDENTIFICATION**

Cellulose based insulation material, approximately 20 mm in thickness, identified as "Moniflex as manufactured by Isoflex AB".

(Exova sample identification number 11-002-S0682)

### **SUMMARY OF TEST PROCEDURE**

Each specimen is mounted into a holder and placed horizontally below a cone-shaped radiant heat source which has been previously calibrated to emit a predetermined heat flux. Testing can occur with or without a spark ignition source. The test is performed in ambient air conditions, while a load cell continuously monitors specimen weight loss.

Exhaust gas flow rate and oxygen concentration are used to determine the amount of heat release, based on the observation that the net heat of combustion is directly related to the amount of oxygen required for combustion. The relationship is that approximately  $13.1 \times 10^3$  kJ of heat are released per 1 kg of oxygen consumed.

In addition to rate of heat release, other specified measurements include mass-loss rate, time to sustained flaming and smoke obscuration.

**TEST RESULTS****ASTM E 1354-11**Standard Test Method for Heat and Visible Smoke Release Rates  
for Materials and Products Using an Oxygen Consumption Calorimeter

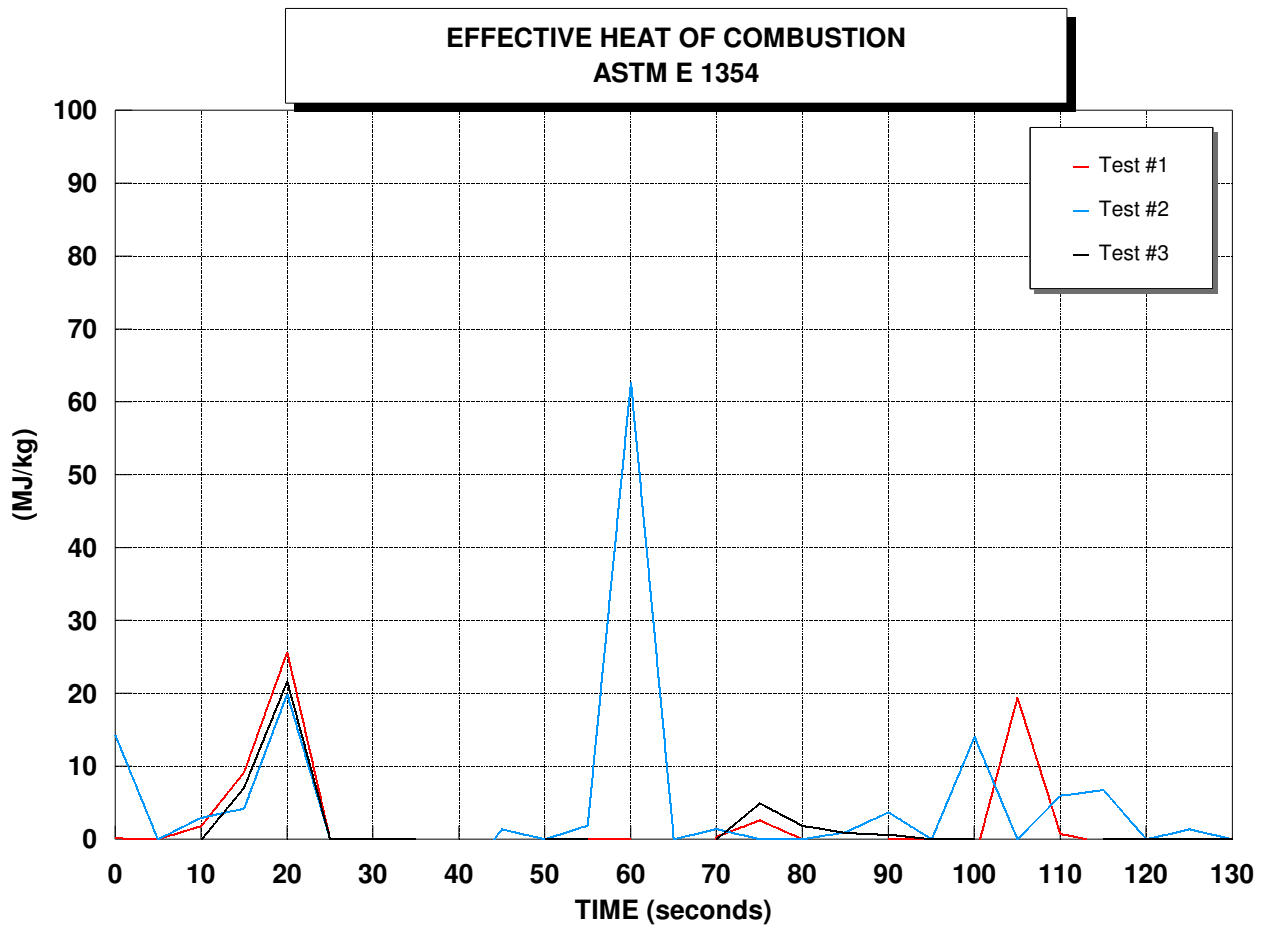
Testing was performed on October 31 and November 10, 2011 with the sample in the horizontal configuration, utilizing the specimen edge frame and also the specified spark ignition source.

	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average
Heat Flux (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	50	50	50	
Exhaust Flow Rate (l/s)	24	24	24	
Specimen Thickness (mm)	19.0	19.0	19.0	
Initial Mass (g)	2.5	2.6	2.5	
Mass at Sustained Flaming (g)	2.2	2.6	2.3	
Final Mass (g)	0.07	0.16	0.04	
Total Mass Loss (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.25
Peak Specific Mass Loss Rate (g/s·m <sup>2</sup> )	22.90	26.69	22.98	24.19
Average Mass Loss Rate (g/s·m <sup>2</sup> )	18.42	40.34	7.46	22.07
Time to Ignition (s)	9	10	9	9
Time to Flame-out (s)	28	24	40	31
Time of Peak Rate of Heat Release (s)	20	20	20	20
Peak Rate of Heat Release (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	443.7	484.2	360.1	429.4
Average Rate of Heat Release (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	63.9	64.3	61.7	63.3
Total Heat Released (MJ/m <sup>2</sup> )	4.00	3.63	3.59	3.74
Average Effective Heat of Combustion (MJ/kg)	15.37	14.02	12.12	<b>13.84</b> *
Average Effective Heat of Combustion (BTU/lb)	6620.3	6039.5	5218	<b>5959</b> *
Caloric Content (MJ/kg)	13.93	12.52	12.49	<b>12.98</b> **
Caloric Content (BTU/lb)	6000.5	5393.7	5377.8	<b>5591</b> **
Peak Extinction Area (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)	770.5	972.8	163.9	635.7
Average Extinction Area (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)	87.2	91.4	72.0	83.5

\* Total heat produced per unit mass of material consumed

\*\* Total heat produced per unit mass of material tested

**TEST RESULTS (continued)**

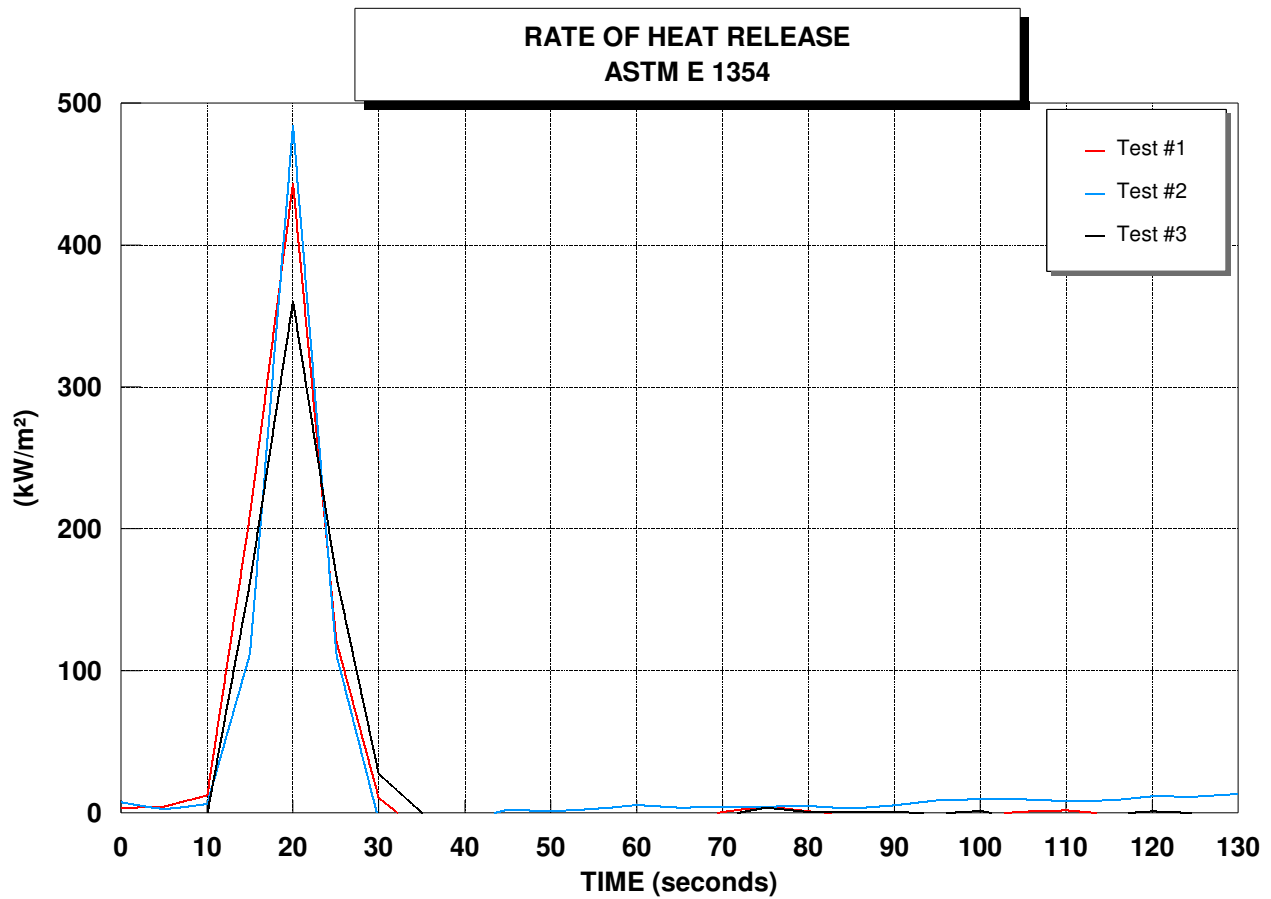


	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average
Average Heat of Combustion (MJ/kg)*	15.37	14.02	12.12	13.84
Heat of Combustion @ 60 s (MJ/kg)**	14.58	12.72	13.11	13.47
Heat of Combustion @ 180 s (MJ/kg)**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heat of Combustion @ 300 s (MJ/kg)**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

\* Averaged over the period starting when 10% of the ultimate mass loss occurred and ending at the time when 90% of the ultimate mass loss occurred.

\*\* Averages, or projected averages over the 60, 180 or 300 second periods starting when 10% of the ultimate mass loss occurred.

**TEST RESULTS (continued)**

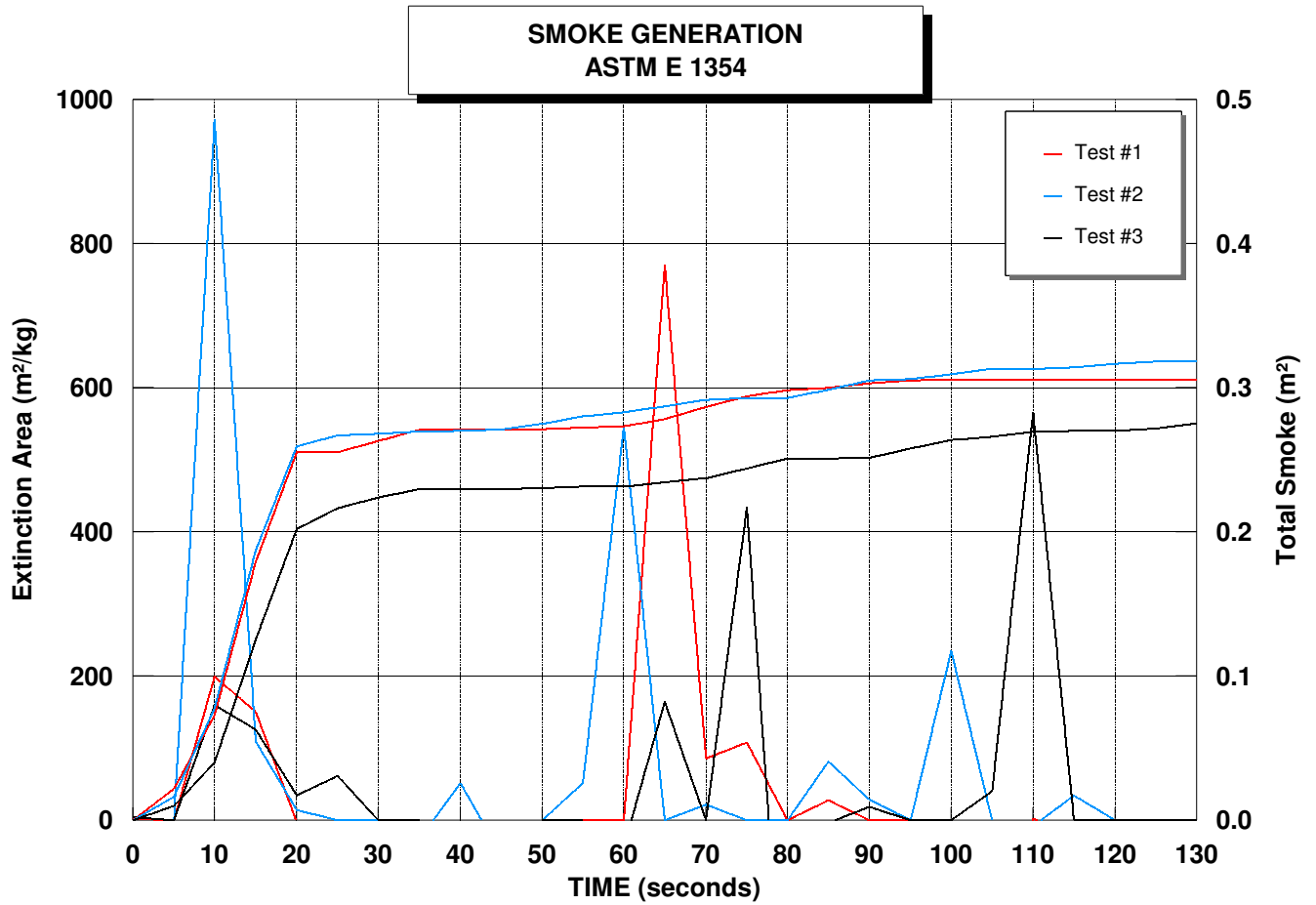


	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average
Peak Rate of Heat Release (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	443.7	484.2	360.1	429.4
Average Heat Release Rate (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )*	63.9	64.3	61.7	63.3
Heat Release Rate @ 60 s (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )**	58.4	59.3	56.2	58.0
Heat Release Rate @ 180 s (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )**	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Heat Release Rate @ 300 s (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )**	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

\* Averaged over the test period (from ignition to flameout).

\*\* Averages, or projected averages over the first 60, 180 or 300 seconds after ignition.

**TEST RESULTS (continued)**

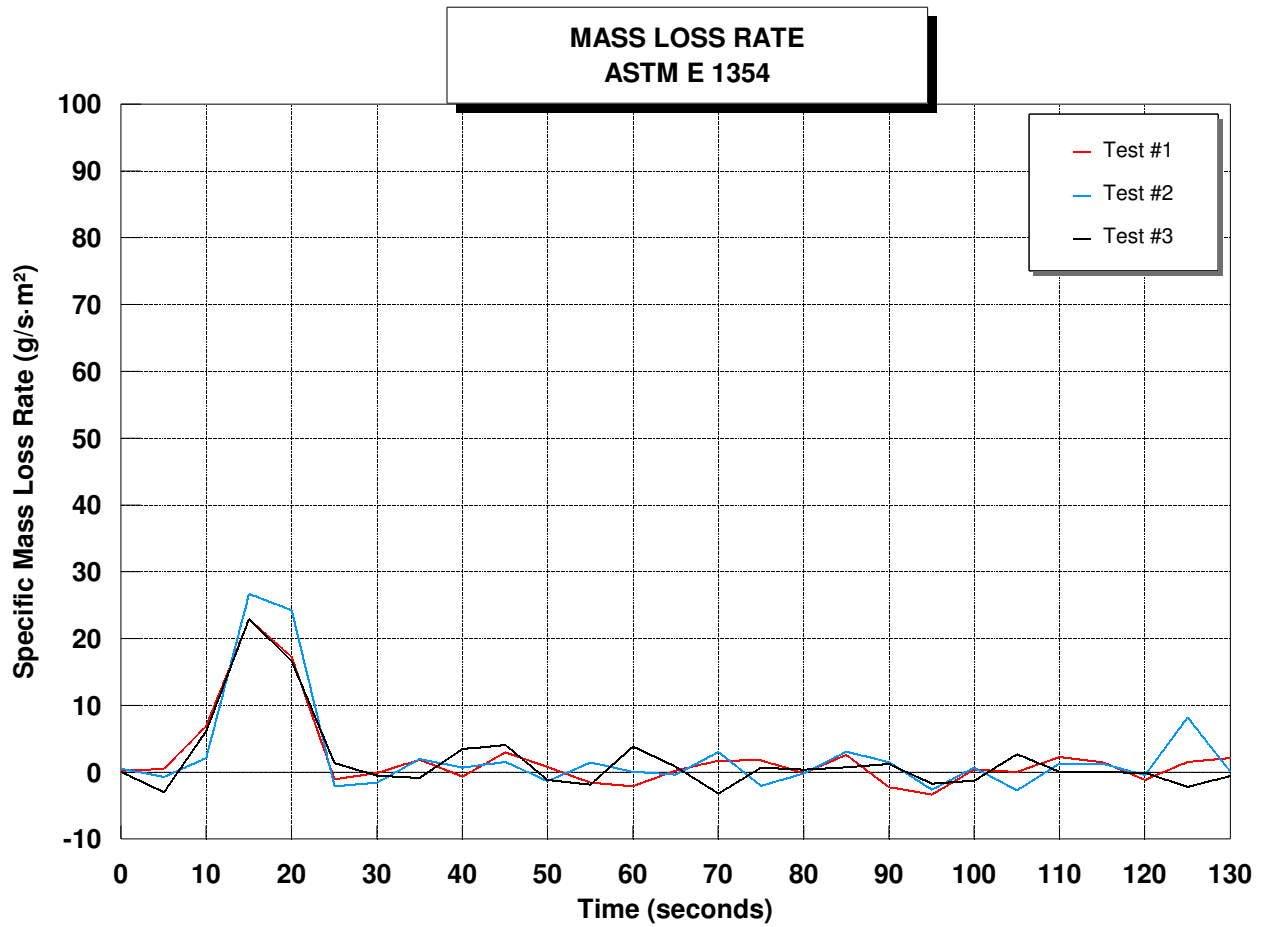


	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average
Peak Extinction Area (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)	770.5	972.8	163.9	635.7
Average Extinction Area (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)*	87.2	91.4	72.0	83.5
Extinction Area @ 60 s (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)**	86.8	84.2	79.3	83.4
Extinction Area @ 180 s (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)**	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extinction Area @ 300 s (m <sup>2</sup> /kg)**	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Smoke (m <sup>2</sup> )	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2

\* Averaged over the test period (from ignition to flameout).

\*\* Averages, or projected averages over the first 60, 180 or 300 seconds after ignition.

**TEST RESULTS (continued)**



	Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Average
Peak Mass Loss Rate (g/s·m <sup>2</sup> )	22.90	26.69	22.98	24.19
Avg. Specific Mass Loss Rate (g/m <sup>2</sup> ·s)*	18.42	40.34	7.46	22.07
Mass Loss Rate @ 60 s (g/s)**	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04
Mass Loss Rate @ 180 s (g/s)**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mass Loss Rate @ 300 s (g/s)**	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

\* Averaged over the period starting when 10% of the ultimate mass loss occurred and ending at the time when 90% of the ultimate mass loss occurred.

\*\* Averages, or projected averages over the 60, 180 or 300 second periods starting when 10% of the ultimate mass loss occurred.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The cellulose based insulation material identified in this report, affords an average Effective Heat of Combustion of 13.84 MJ/kg (5959 BTU/lb) of consumed material when tested according to ASTM E 1354 at an imposed heat flux of 50 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. Based on the initial mass of each specimen, this calculates to an overall average Caloric Content of 12.98 MJ/kg (5591 BTU/lb).

**Note: This is an electronic copy of the report. Signatures are on file with the original report.**

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**APPENDIX**

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**ASTM E 1354 Definitions**

## **ASTM E 1354 DEFINITIONS**

In evaluating the data produced by the oxygen consumption (cone) calorimeter, the following definitions and comments are offered:

<u>Effective Heat of Combustion</u>	This is the measured heat release divided by the mass loss for a specified time period and represents, therefore, the calorific value of the consumed portion only of the tested material. Caloric content under the test conditions can be derived by dividing the total heat released by the original mass of the material under test. It generally differs from the theoretical heat of combustion, since the latter involves complete combustion - a phenomenon which rarely takes place in an actual fire.
<u>Time to Ignition</u>	Also known as ignition delay time, this parameter provides a measure of a material's propensity to ignition as measured by the time to sustained ignition at a given heat flux. It can also be considered to be related to the volatility of the degradation products and the time required to achieve a critical fuel concentration in the vapour phase. This gasification rate is temperature dependent: the higher the imposed heat flux the shorter the time to ignition.
<u>Heat Release Rate (HRR)</u>	HRR is the heat evolved per unit time and is highly dependent on applied heat flux: the higher the flux the greater the HRR. HRR curves can fluctuate significantly with time and it is generally considered that the average HRR can be a better predictor of full-scale fire performance than the peak value.
<u>Total Heat Release</u>	This is the integrated area under the HRR curve over the test period, expressed in MJ/m <sup>3</sup> . If one knows the surface area of a material used in a room or transit vehicle, this value is more properly used to estimate "potential heat load" than is the more commonly used "caloric content" based upon the weight of material used.
<u>Mass Loss Rate</u>	This is roughly correlatable with heat release rate because it is the rate at which the test material is degraded to produce combustible fuels. The peak mass loss rate and average mass loss rate are derivative terms generated by the load cell.
<u>Extinction Area</u>	This refers to the "yield" of smoke which is, through mathematical manipulation, expressed as an area per unit mass.

In addition to average values for the test, data averaged to the 60, 180 and 300 second marks after ignition are also typically provided. Where materials burn for different lengths of time, for example, it is more technically sound to compare the average heat release rates over the first 1, 3 or 5 minutes of burning than to compare the test average results which encompass differing time periods.