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M.S.T.C. TEST REPORT T13-00978/0001A

This report replaces report T13-00978-0001 issued on the 20/12/13

Company:	Subpro Pty. Ltd.
Sample Description:	Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – woven white poly prop inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm
Intended Use:	Non-Defined Applications – with reference to Ventilating Sheet [Refer MDG3608, Sections 7 (- and 4.2)]
Sample No.:	T13-00978/0001



SUMMARY

The material **complied** with the Fire Resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.1.

The material **complied** with the Oxygen Index requirements of MDG3608, 7.2.1.3.

The material **did not comply** with the Electrical Resistance requirements for 'General Applications' of MDG3608, 7.2.2.1.

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FIRE RESISTANCE – 1kW Burner Flame Test

Sample:

Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – white, inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm

Test Date:

11th of December, 2013

Results:

Test No.	Persistence of Flame (s)	Persistence of After Glow (s)
1	0*	0
2	0*	0
3	0*	0
4	0*	0
5	0*	0
6	0*	0
Mean	0 s	0 s

* Indicates that the material shrivelled sufficiently to remove itself from the visible burner flame.

Note:

- Sample sizes: 360 mm x 50 mm.
- 20 s flame duration.

Method of Analysis:

MDG3608, Appendix C2.1 – One Kilowatt Burner Flame Test

(– adapted from NCB Specification 245:1985, Appendix 2 – Spirit Burner Flame Test procedure)

Any variation from Standard/Test Method:

None. A 1kW Barthel burner conforming to the requirements of IEC 60695-11-2 was used.

Requirements:

The material shall fail the test if any of the following occur:

- If at any time:
 - A flame on two or more test pieces extends above the marker, or
 - a glow on two or more test pieces extends above the marker.
- If after the burner flame has been removed:
 - the mean persistence time of the flame of the six test pieces exceeds 3 seconds, or the persistence time of the flame on any test piece exceeds 10 seconds, or
 - the mean persistence time of the glow of the six test pieces exceeds 10 seconds, or if the persistence time of the glow on any test piece exceeds 30 seconds.

Sample Status:

Due to the shrivelling of each test piece away from the burner flame, no definite statement can be made in respect to the compliance of the material against the Fire Resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.1.1.

FIRE RESISTANCE - Spirit Lamp Test

Sample:

Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – white, inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm

Test Date:

11th of December, 2013

Results:

Test No.	Persistence of Flame (s)	Persistence of After Glow (s)	Extent of Shivel (mm)
1	0*	0	10.0
2	0*	0	10.5
3	0*	0	9.0
4	0*	0	9.5
5	0*	0	10.5
6	0*	0	9.0
Mean	0 s	0 s	10 mm

* Indicates that the material shrivelled out of contact with the flame during the flame application period.

Note:

- Sample sizes: 360 mm x 75 mm.
- 10 s flame duration.
- Samples tested as received.

Method of Analysis:

MDG3608, Clause C3.1.

(– adapted from NCB Specification 245:1985, Appendix 3 - Spirit Lamp Test procedure)

Any variation from Standard/Test Method:

None.

Requirements:

The material shall fail the test where any of the following occur:

- (1) the mean persistence time of the flame of the six test pieces exceeds 6 seconds, or the persistence time of the flame on any single test piece exceeds 12 seconds; or
- (2) the mean persistence time of the glow of the six test pieces exceeds 10 seconds, or if the persistence time of the glow on any single test piece exceeds 30 seconds.

Should the material shrivel away such that the flame does not make contact with the material for the entire application time, the test shall be deemed invalid and the Follow-Up Flame Test shall be performed.

Sample Status:

Due to the shrivelling of each test piece away from the burner flame, no definite statement can be made in respect to the compliance of the material against the Fire Resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.1.2.

The 'Follow-Up' fire resistance flame test was therefore applied to the material.

FIRE RESISTANCE – ‘Follow-Up’ Flame Test

Sample:

Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – white, inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm

Test Date:

11th of December, 2013

Results:

Test No.	Persistence of Flame (s)	Persistence of After Glow (s)	Extent of Shrink (mm)
1	5	0	280
2	0	0	300
3	2	0	350
4	0	0	360
5	1	0	360
6	0	0	360
Mean	< 2 s	0 s	335 mm

Notes:

- Spirit lamp raised steadily so that it remained in contact with the test piece - i.e. the material was not allowed to shrink away from the flame.
- Duration of flame application: 15 s.
- Tested at ambient 22°C and 67% relative humidity
- Sample sizes: as supplied - 360 mm x 75 mm.

Method of Analysis:

MDG3608, Clause C4.1 [– adapted from NCB Specification 245:1985, Appendix 4 - ‘Follow Up’ Flame Test (Revised Method)].

Any variation from Standard/Test Method:

None.

Requirements:

The material shall fail the test where any of the following occur:

- (1) the mean persistence time of the flame of the six test pieces exceeds 60 seconds or the persistence time of the flame on any one test piece exceeds 80 seconds;
- (2) the mean persistence time of the glow of the six test pieces exceeds 60 seconds, or if the persistence time of the glow on any single test piece exceeds 80 seconds; or
- (3) the material is completely consumed.

Sample Status:

The material complied with the Fire Resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.1.2.

The material **complied** with the Fire Resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.1.

ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE (SURFACE)

Sample:

Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – white, inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm

Test Dates:

12th and 16th of December, 2013

Results:

Test Piece	Electrical Resistance (MΩ)			
	As received		Samples cleaned & conditioned	
	Upper Surface	Lower Surface	Upper Surface	Lower Surface
1	20.1	33.9	> 20,000	> 20,000
2	31.8	28.5	> 20,000	> 20,000
Mean	26.0 MΩ	31.2 MΩ	> 20,000 MΩ	> 20,000 MΩ

Notes:

- Surface of test areas cleaned prior to testing as specified by test method; samples then conditioned at 22°C with 50% relative humidity for > 2 hours in an unrestrained state.
- Samples tested at ambient temperature of 22°C with 50% relative humidity.
- Sample sizes: #1 - 310 mm x 335 mm; # 2 = 375 mm x 325 mm.
- Conductivity solution was applied between the electrodes and the sample material.
- Tested at 21°C and 67% relative humidity.

Method of Analysis:

MDG3608, Clause C5 – *Electrical Resistance of Flat Surfaces Test* [– adapted from NCB Specification 245:1985, Appendix 5 - *Electrical Resistance of Flat Surfaces Test*.

Any variation from Standard/Test Method:

None.

Requirements:

The average value of the electrical resistance on both the upper and lower surfaces of the sheeting shall not be greater than 300 MΩ (300 x 10⁶ ohms), and shall remain so in use.

Sample Status:

The material complied with the electrical resistance requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.2.1.

The material **complied** with the *Electrical Resistance* requirements of MDG3608, 4.2.2.

OXYGEN INDEX

Sample:

Subpro Underground Gas Bag (SPM1) – white, inflatable borehole plug bag; approx.. 90 gsm

Test Date:

16th of December, 2013

Results:

	% O ₂
Oxygen Index	28.2

Notes:

- Oxygen concentrations are percentage by volume.
- Propagating ignition [ISO4589-2:1996 ignition 'Procedure B']
- Sample size: 140 mm x 50 mm [ISO4589-2:1996 test specimen form: V (– flexible sheet)]
- The result relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens under the conditions of the test and these results shall not be used to infer the fire hazards of the materials in other forms or under other fire conditions.
- Tested in ambient 22.5°C, 61% relative humidity.
- Samples conditioned at 23°C and 50% relative humidity for >88hrs.

Method of Analysis:

ISO 4589-2:1996(E) Determination of Burning Behaviour by Oxygen Index – Part 2 Ambient-temperature test.

Any variation from Standard/Test Method:

No.

Requirements:

- The calculated oxygen index shall not be less than 28%
- When the material is re-tested at a later stage, the result shall be within ± 3 points of that originally obtained, but in no case shall be less than 28%.

Sample Status:

The material **complied** with the requirements for Oxygen Index of MDG3608, 7.2.1.3.