

(i) The calorimeters must be a total heat flux, foil type Gardon Gage of an appropriate range such as 0–5 Btu/ft²-sec (0–5.7 W/cm²), accurate to $\pm 3\%$ of the indicated reading. The heat flux calibration method must comply with paragraph VI(b)(7) of this appendix.

(6) *Instrumentation*. Provide a recording potentiometer or other suitable calibrated instrument with an appropriate range to measure and record the outputs of the calorimeter and the thermocouples.

(7) *Timing device*. Provide a stopwatch or other device, accurate to $\pm 1\%$, to measure the time of application of the burner flame and burnthrough time.

(8) *Test chamber*. Perform tests in a suitable chamber to reduce or eliminate the possibility of test fluctuation due to air movement. The chamber must have a minimum floor area of 10 by 10 feet (305 by 305 cm).

(i) *Ventilation hood*. Provide the test chamber with an exhaust system capable of removing the products of combustion expelled during tests.

(c) *Test Specimens*.

(1) *Specimen preparation*. Prepare a minimum of three specimen sets of the same construction and configuration for testing.

(2) *Insulation blanket test specimen*.

(i) For batt-type materials such as fiberglass, the constructed, finished blanket specimen assemblies must be 32 inches wide by 36 inches long (81.3 by 91.4 cm), exclusive of heat sealed film edges.

(ii) For rigid and other non-conforming types of insulation materials, the finished test specimens must fit into the test rig in such a manner as to replicate the actual in-service installation.

(3) *Construction*. Make each of the specimens tested using the principal components (*i.e.*, insulation, fire barrier material if used, and moisture barrier film) and assembly processes (representative seams and closures).

(i) *Fire barrier material*. If the insulation blanket is constructed with a fire barrier material, place the fire barrier material in a manner reflective of the installed arrangement. For example, if the material will be placed on the outboard side of the insulation material, inside the moisture film, place it the same way in the test specimen.

(ii) *Insulation material*. Blankets that utilize more than one variety of insulation (composition, density, etc.) must have specimen sets constructed that reflect the

insulation combination used. If, however, several blanket types use similar insulation combinations, it is not necessary to test each combination if it is possible to bracket the various combinations.

(iii) *Moisture barrier film*. If a production blanket construction utilizes more than one type of moisture barrier film, perform separate tests on each combination. For example, if a polyimide film is used in conjunction with an insulation in order to enhance the burnthrough capabilities, also test the same insulation when used with a polyvinyl fluoride film.

(iv) *Installation on test frame*. Attach the blanket test specimens to the test frame using 12 steel spring type clamps as shown in figure 7. Use the clamps to hold the blankets in place in both of the outer vertical formers, as well as the center vertical former (4 clamps per former). The clamp surfaces should measure 1 inch by 2 inches (25 by 51 mm). Place the top and bottom clamps 6 inches (15.2 cm) from the top and bottom of the test frame, respectively. Place the middle clamps 8 inches (20.3 cm) from the top and bottom clamps.