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March 23, 1965

To: All Regional Sales Managers
All Area Sales Managers
All Salesmen

General Sales Bulletin #20-65

Subject: 5/8" THICK BESTWALL FIRESTOP

Re: Southern Building Code Congress Report #6344

Cc: Mr. R.I. Fredericks Paoli
Mr. K.A. McCaskill Paoli

By: G.C. Moore /ghp

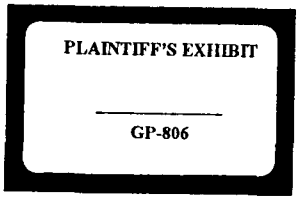
File - Wallboard Manual Section 10

Attached are two (2) copies of the subject Committee on Compliance Approval Report dated October 10, 1963. This is a reissue of a previous Report #6280.

You will note that this Report has dropped the Underwriters' Retardant Report #R2717-23 and the following have been included. 1) Floor and Ceiling Construction, Report #R2717-26 or UL Design #13 for 1½ Hours. 2) Under Floor and Ceiling Construction, Report #R2717-27 or UL Design #69 for 2 Hours. 3) Partition System using 5/8" Firestop vinyl clad with the Neslo "Z" stud, covered under Report #T-2406 for 2 Hours.

Destroy the old Approval Report #6280.

Additional copies of this sheet are available upon request. The Official Test Reports are available when Building Officials require them for their approval and record.



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BROWN-MARX BUILDING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

REPORT: 6344

APPROVED: 10-10-63

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ON

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ARDMORE, PENNSYLVANIA

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DESCRIPTION:

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USES:

Wall, floor and ceiling assemblies, for load bearing and non-load bearing with fire retardant properties. Framing consists of metal or wood studs, bar joist or wood joist for load bearing and non-load bearing assemblies and no frames for non-load bearing partitions.

SUBSTANTIATING DATA:

1. Manufacturers literature.
   (a) Sweet's insert 1963—Bestwall Gypsum Wallboard —Form BW-62250.
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Underwriter Retardant	2889	8/5/47	Loadbe: ring Partition	Wood studs	1 hr.
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REFERENCES TO SOUTHERN STANDARD BUILDING CODE:

Chapter X—Fire Resistance Rating for Materials and Construction.

IDENTIFICATION:

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All Bestwall Firestop sheets shall carry a face marking in the center of the board, repeated every five feet "⅝" (or ½") Bestwall Firestop Type "X".

COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

The Committee on Compliance in review of the data submitted finds that, in their opinion, ⅝" thick Bestwall Firestop Constructions meet the provisions of the Southern Standard Building Code as follows:

(A)—⅝" Bestwall Firestop in single layer application in the construction as detailed in the fire test reports meets the provisions in the Southern Standard Building Code where 1 hour fire resistance, load bearing or non-load bearing, combustible or incombustible wall and partition or floor and ceiling construction is required.

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(G)—Joints may be taped or untaped depending on the erectors desires since the taping of joints has no effect on the retardant ratings.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee recommends that ⅝" thick Bestwall Firestop uses and limitations as set forth in this Report be approved by the Southern Building Code Congress.

LIMITATIONS:

That Bestwall Firestop shall be made under Underwriters Inspection Service, listed by Underwriters Laboratories and carry the U. L. Manifest on the end bundling tape.

PERIOD OF APPROVAL:

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