

**3852 Interlude was tested and met the following flammability requirements:**

CA TB 117-2013



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#### Client's Identification:

Style: Interlude 3852. Composition: 100% Polyurethane. Finish: Advanced Protective Topcoat, Polyester Knit back. Weight: 21 oz/Lyd 54".

Test Category: Cigarette Ignition    Product Category: Upholstery    Specifier: ACT    LE 2020; V 7/21 DK    PC: 24H    dl/SM

TEST PERFORMED: California Technical Bulletin 117-2013 - Requirements, Test Procedure and Apparatus for Testing the Smolder Resistance of Materials Used in Upholstered Furniture (June 2013 Version; V 1/19)

Section 1, Cover Fabric Test (Upholstery cover material is the outermost layer of fabric or related material used to enclose the main support system or upholstery materials, or both, used in the furniture item.) --

As cited by the ACT Voluntary Performance Guidelines (December 2021)

REFERENCE: ASTM E1353-08ae1

IGNITION SOURCE: SRM 1196a Cigarette

#### SPECIMEN TEST COMPOSITE:

Upholstery Cover Material: As described in "Client's Identification".

Standard Substrate Material: Non-FR polyurethane foam, density  $1.8 \pm 0.05$  lbs./ft<sup>2</sup>

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TEST: Miniature cushions are prepared using the client's cover fabric over the standard filling material. The vertical or back cushions measure 8" x 8" x 2". The horizontal or seat cushions measure 8" x 5" x 2".

A lighted cigarette is placed in the crevice formed by the vertical cushion and the horizontal cushion.

The test is terminated at 45 minutes if smoldering is no longer observed.

Test measurements and observations are recorded.

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**PASS/FAIL/REPEAT CRITERIA:** A material is considered to pass or fail based on the following criteria:

1. A single mock-up test specimen fails to meet the requirements of this test procedure if any of the following criteria occurs:
  - a) The mock-up test specimen continues to smolder after the 45-minute test duration.
  - b) A vertical char length (measured as specified in step 11.9 of ASTM E1353-08ae1) of more than 1.8 inches (45 mm) develops on the cover fabric.
  - c) The mock-up test specimen transitions to open flaming.
2. The cover fabric passes the test if three initial mock-up specimens pass the test, i.e., the cigarettes burn their entire length and the mock-ups are no longer smoldering.
3. If more than one initial specimen fails, the cover fabric fails the test.
4. If any one of the three initial specimens fails, repeat the test on additional three specimens.
5. If all three additional specimens pass the test, the cover fabric passes the test. If any one of the additional three specimens fails, the cover fabric fails the test.

**DISCUSSION:** The current version of California Technical Bulletin 117-2013 has no provision to recognize cigarettes that self-extinguish prior to burning their entire length. However, ASTM E1353 does recognize this phenomenon.

The SGS North America report evaluates replacement cigarettes as follows:

If a cigarette self-extinguishes (SE) before burning its entire length, a new cigarette is placed into the test. If the new (replacement) cigarette self-extinguishes or burns its entire length, the result for that specimen will then be evaluated as if the cigarette burned its entire length when assigning the "Passing/Failure" conclusion.

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## RESULTS:

|                              | Specimen # | Char Length<br>(inches) | SE<br>(Yes/No) | SB45<br>(Yes/No) | TOF<br>(Yes/No) |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Initial                      | 1          | 0.8                     | No             | No               | No              |
|                              | 2          | 0.0                     | Yes            | No               | No              |
|                              | 3          | 0.0                     | Yes            | No               | No              |
| Replacement:<br>(If needed)  | 1          | NR                      | NR             | NR               | NR              |
|                              | 2          | 0.0                     | Yes            | No               | No              |
|                              | 3          | 0.6                     | No             | No               | No              |
| Repeat Tests:<br>(If needed) | 1          |                         |                |                  |                 |
|                              | 2          |                         |                |                  |                 |
|                              | 3          |                         |                |                  |                 |

## EXPLANATION:

Initial: These are the first 3 cigarettes where the results could be sufficient to draw a test conclusion.

Replacement: If any of the initial cigarettes self-extinguish before burning their complete length, a new test is conducted with a fresh cigarette.

Repeat Test: Depending on the initial or replacement results, 3 repeat tests might be required to draw a conclusion.

## CODES USED:

SE = Cigarette self-extinguished; See "Discussion"  
 SB45 = Smolder beyond 45 minutes  
 TOF = Transitions to open flaming  
 MNR = Measurement not recorded as smoldering exceeded 45 minutes or specimen transitioned to open flames.  
 EC = Escalating smoldering combustion: Extinguished by technician at: (mm:ss) \_\_:\_\_ due to unsafe conditions.  
 NR = Not required to be tested

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## CONCLUSION:

The above results reported for the initial and/or replacement cigarettes are sufficient to indicate:

☒ Passing; ☐ Failure; ☐ Repeat test on 3 additional specimens

The results after conducting the repeat tests indicate:

☐ Passing; ☐ Failure

REMARKS: None.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above results were obtained after testing specimens in accordance with the procedures and equipment specified above.

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