SECTION 26 0507

FIRESTOPPING FOR ELECTRICAL WORK

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

A. Through-penetration firestopping in fire-rated construction.

B. Through-penetration smoke-stopping in smoke partitions.

1.2 RELATED SECTIONS

A. Conduit: Section 26 0533.

1.3 REFERENCES

A. Underwriters Laboratories

1. UL Fire Resistance Directory
2. UL 1479: Through Penetration Firestops.

B. American Society for Testing and Materials Standards:

1. ASTM E 814: Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Through-Penetration Firestops.

1.4 DEFINITIONS

A. Assembly: Particular arrangement of materials specific to given type of construction described in referenced documents.

B. Barriers: Time-rated fire walls, smoke barrier walls, time-rated ceiling/floor assemblies and structural floors.

C. Firestopping: Methods and materials applied in penetrations and unprotected openings to limit spread of heat, fire, gasses and smoke.

D. Penetration: Opening or foreign materials passing through or into barrier or structural floor such that full thickness of rated materials is not obtained.

E. Sleeve: Metal fabrication or pipe section extending through thickness of barrier and used to permanently guard penetration. Sleeves are described as part of penetrating system in other sections and may or may not be required.

F. System: Specific products and applications, classified and numbered by the rating agency to close specific barrier penetrations.

1.5 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

A. Design requirements:

1. Fire-rated construction: Maintain barrier and structural floor fire resistant ratings including resistance to cold smoke at all penetrations.

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2. Smoke barrier construction: Maintain barrier and structural floor resistance to cold smoke at all penetrations.

1.6 SUBMITTALS

A. Product data: Manufacturer's specifications and technical data including the following:

1. Detailed specification of construction and fabrication.
2. Manufacturer's installation instructions.

B. Shop drawings: Submit firestop assemblies and devices for all openings and through penetrations in fire-rated construction. Indicate dimensions, description of materials and finishes, general construction, specific modifications, component connections, anchorage methods, hardware, and installation procedures, plus the following specific requirements.

1. Details of each proposed assembly identifying intended products and applicable rating agency classification.
2. Manufacturer or manufacturer's representative shall provide qualified engineering judgments and drawings relating to conditions where rated assemblies do not exist.

C. Quality control submittals:

1. Statement of qualifications.

D. Certifications: Letters or forms showing acceptance by local authorities for systems without acceptance by a rating agency.

1.7 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Products and assemblies shall be tested and labeled by an independent, nationally recognized testing and labeling authority.

B. Installer's qualification: Firm experienced in installation or application of systems similar in complexity to those required for this project, plus the following:

1. Acceptable to or licensed by manufacturer, state, or local authority where applicable.
2. At least 2 years' experience with systems.
3. Successfully completed at least 5 projects of comparable scale, using these systems.

C. Local and state regulatory requirements: Obtain acceptance for proposed assemblies not conforming to specific rating agency classifications or rated assemblies.

D. Materials shall have been tested to provide fire rating at least equal to that of the construction in which they are to be installed.

E. VOC content: Field-applied adhesives and sealants, limits per South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Rule No. 1168.

1.8 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

A. Packing and shipping:

1. Deliver products in original unopened packaging with legible manufacturer's identification.
2. Coordinate delivery with scheduled installation date, allow minimum storage at site.

B. Storage and protection: Store materials in a clean, dry, ventilated location. Protect from soiling, abuse, moisture and freezing when required. Follow manufacturer's instructions.

1.9 PROJECT CONDITIONS

A. Existing conditions:

1. Verify existing conditions and substrates before starting work. Correct unsatisfactory conditions before proceeding.
2. Proceed with installation only after penetrations of the substrate and supporting brackets have been installed.

B. Environmental requirements:

1. Furnish adequate ventilation if using solvent.
2. Furnish forced-air ventilation during installation if required by manufacturer.
3. Keep flammable materials away from sparks or flame.
4. Provide masking and drop cloths to prevent contamination of adjacent surfaces by firestopping materials.
5. Comply with manufacturing recommendations for temperature and humidity conditions before, during and after installation of firestopping.

1.10 WARRANTY

A. General project warranty and correction period, as required in general conditions and Division 01, requires repair or replacement of materials or systems which fail in joint adhesion, co-adhesion, abrasion resistance, weather resistance, extrusion resistance, migration resistance, stain resistance, or general durability or appear to deteriorate in any other manner not clearly specified by submitted manufacturer's data as an inherent quality of the material for the exposure indicated.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 ACCEPTABLE MANUFACTURERS

A. Acceptable manufacturers and products: Those listed in the UL Fire Resistance Directory for the UL System involved, or rated for the application by Warnock Hersey or by another acceptable rating agency.

2.2 THROUGH-PENETRATION FIRESTOPPING OF FIRE-RATED CONSTRUCTION

A. Provide systems or devices listed and labeled by a rating agency, and conforming to the construction type, penetrant type, annular space requirements and fire rating involved in each separate instance. The system shall be symmetrical for wall applications. Systems or devices shall be asbestos-free.

1. Additional requirements: Firestopping shall withstand the passage of cold smoke either as an inherent property of the system, or by the use of a separate product included as a part of the rated system or device, and designed to perform this function.
2. Additional requirements: Firestopping sealants shall be red in color to facilitate field verification of firestopping application.

2.3 SMOKE-STOPPING AT SMOKE PARTITIONS

A. Through-penetration smoke-stopping: Any system complying with the requirements for through-penetration firestopping in fire-rated construction is acceptable, provided that the system includes the specified smoke seal or will provide a smoke seal. The length of time of the fire resistance may be disregarded.

2.4 ACCESSORIES

A. Fill, void or cavity materials and forming materials: Classified for firestopping use, or included in a rated firestopping assembly, by a rating agency.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

A. Verification of conditions: Examine areas and conditions under which work is to be performed and identify conditions detrimental to proper or timely completion.

1. Verify barrier penetrations are properly sized and in suitable condition for application of materials.
2. Do not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

A. Clean surfaces to be in contact with penetration seal materials, of dirt, grease, oil, loose materials, rust, or other substances that may affect proper fitting, adhesion, or the required fire resistance.

3.3 INSTALLATION

A. Provide firestop devices or assemblies for every opening and penetration in floors or fire-rated construction.

B. Install penetration seal materials in accordance with printed instructions of the rating agency and in accordance with manufacturer's instruction.

C. Ensure an effective smoke barrier in each sealed penetration. Install smoke stopping as specified for firestopping.

D. Protect materials from damage on surfaces subject to traffic.

E. Where large openings are created in walls or floors to permit installation of conduits, cables, or other items, close unused portions of opening with firestopping material tested for the application.

3.4 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

A. Examine penetration seals to ensure proper installation before concealing or enclosing them.

B. Keep areas of work accessible until inspection and acceptance by applicable authorities.

C. Before substantial completion, patch and repair firestopping cut or penetrated by other construction work.

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3.5 ADJUSTING AND CLEANING

A. Clean up spills of liquid components.

B. Neatly cut and trim materials as required.

C. Remove equipment, materials and debris, leaving area in undamaged, clean condition.

END OF SECTION