

# Advisory report regarding Fairview Vitracore G2 bonded aluminium panel with respect to NCC 2019 volume 1 clause C1.9

## Advisory Report

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# 1 Introduction

This report confirms the extent the available test evidence can be used for the determination of the compliance of Vitracore G2 with respect to NCC 2019 Volume 1 clause C1.9 Part e (vii).

Product	Vitracore G2
Layer 1 - (exposed face)	30-µm thick surface finish
Layer 2	0.7-mm aluminium sheet
Layer 3	0.1-mm thick adhesive film
Layer 4	0.3-mm thick corrugated profiled aluminium core, expanded to 2.6 mm
Layer 5	0.1-mm thick adhesive film
Layer 6	0.5-mm thick aluminium face finished with 10-µm thick surface finish

## 2 Supporting Data

### 2.1 CSIRO Certificate of Test numbered FNE11459C

On 12 August 2015, this Division conducted a fire test on “Vitracore G2” to AS/NZS 1530.3-1999. Certificate of Test numbered FNE11459C, issued 31 October 2015 by CSIRO and details the test results. The results of this test were:

Ignitability Index:	0
Spread of Flame Index:	0
Heat Release Index:	0
Smoke Developed Index:	1

“Vitracore G2” is an aluminium bonded panel comprising of 5 layers:

- Layer 1: 0.7-mm thick aluminium face finished with a 30-µm thick surface finish;
- Layer 2: 0.1-mm thick adhesive film;
- Layer 3: 0.3-mm thick corrugated profiled aluminium core, expanded to 2.6 mm;
- Layer 4: 0.1-mm thick adhesive film;
- Layer 5: 0.5-mm thick aluminium face finished with a 10-µm thick surface finish.

### 2.2 CSIRO Certificate of Test numbered FNC11476B

On 3 September 2015, this Division conducted a fire test on Vitracore G2 panel incorporating a corrugated profiled aluminium core with aluminium outer skins” to AS 1530.1-1994. Certificate of Test numbered FNC11476B, issued 12 September 2015 by CSIRO and details the test results. The maximum furnace temperature rise was 11.0°C for all specimens, the maximum temperature rise for the specimen surface thermocouple was 5.4°C for all specimens and the duration of sustained flaming was 0 seconds. The material is NOT deemed COMBUSTIBLE according to the test criteria specified in Clause 3.4 of AS 1530.1-1994.

The Vitracore G2 – is an aluminium bonded incorporating a corrugated profiled aluminium core with aluminium outer skins. It comprises of 3 layers:

- Layer 1: 0.7-mm thick aluminium face;
- Layer 3: 0.3-mm thick corrugated profiled aluminium core, expanded to 2.6 mm;
- Layer 5: 0.5-mm thick aluminium face.

## 3 Analysis of Test Evidence

### 3.1 AS/NZS 1530.3-1999 Performance

#### *Material as a Whole*

With reference to Certificate of Test in accordance with AS/NZS 1530.3-1999 numbered FNE11459C issued by CSIRO. The report details the test result for Vitracore G2 as a whole. When tested, the Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the panel did not exceed 0 and 3 respectively.

### 3.2 AS 1530.1-1994 Performance

#### *Non-Combustibility of layers other than adhesive*

CSIRO Certificate of Test FNC11476B shows that the aluminium layers of the “Vitracore G2” are not deemed combustible when tested to the requirements of AS 1530.1-1994. Clause 1.4 of AS 1530.1-1994 states that that “...The test method is not applicable to products which are coated, faced or laminated. In such cases, tests may be carried out separately on the individual materials from which the product is formed...”. The face, core and reverse face aluminium layers were not tested separately to AS 1530.1. However, these layers all comprise the same aluminium material, therefore testing them in one test meets the requirement to test the materials that form this panel.

### 3.3 NCC 2019 Volume 1 clause C1.9

The relevant part of this clause is part (e) (vii)

#### **C1.9 Non-combustible building elements**

- e) The following materials may be used wherever a *non-combustible* material is *required*:
- i) Plasterboard.
  - ii) Perforated gypsum lath with a normal paper finish.
  - iii) Fibrous-plaster sheet.
  - iv) Fibre-reinforced cement sheeting.
  - v) Pre-finished metal sheeting having a *combustible* surface finish not exceeding 1 mm thickness and where the *Spread-of-Flame Index* of the product is not greater than 0.
  - vi) *Sarking-type materials* that do not exceed 1 mm in thickness and have a *Flammability Index* not greater than 5.
  - vii) Bonded laminated materials where—
    - A) each lamina, including any core, is *non-combustible*; and
    - B) each adhesive layer does not exceed 1 mm in thickness and the total thickness of the adhesive layers does not exceed 2 mm; and
    - C) the Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the bonded laminated material as a whole do not exceed 0 and 3 respectively.

## 4 The relevance of test data to NCC Clause C1.9

### 4.1 Each Laminate is Non-Combustible – Clause C1.9 (e)(vii)(A)

With reference to the discussion in Section 3.2 of this report it is confirmed that when the aluminium facing and the core of Vitracore G2 when tested in isolation in accordance with AS 1530.1 1994, they meet the requirements of AS 1530.1 1994 Clause 3.4 for non-combustibility.

Based on the above it is confirmed each lamina is non-combustible.

### 4.2 Each adhesive layer does not exceed 1mm in thickness and a total of 2mm – Clause C1.9 (e)(vii)(B)

With reference to the proposed construction specification in Section 1 of this report, it is confirmed the product includes adhesive layers that are less than 1mm thick and less than 2mm in total thickness.

### 4.3 The Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the laminated material as a whole does not exceed 0 and 3 respectively - Clause C1.9 (e)(vii)(C)

With reference to the discussion in Section 3.1, it is confirmed that the Spread-of-Flame Index and the Smoke-Developed Index of the material do not exceed 0 and 3 respectively.

## 5 Conclusion

Considering the discussion in Section 4 of this report, it is confirmed there is sufficient evidence for a determination of compliance with NCC 2019 Volume 1 clause C1.9 Part e (vii), and consequently, according to Part C1.9 confirm the products may be used where non-combustible materials are required.

It is understood by CSIRO that determination of compliance with NCC 2019 Volume 1 clause C1.9 Part e (vii) is to be undertaken by the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

## 6 Term of validity

This report will lapse on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Should you wish us to re-examine this report with a view to the possible extension of its term of validity, would you please apply to us three to four months before the date of expiry. This Division reserves the right at any time to amend or withdraw this report in the light of new knowledge.

## 7 Limitations

This report is prepared for the report client listed on page 1 and applies to the nominated materials and forms of construction. Any modifications, changes or amendments to the referenced standards or Building Regulations may invalidate the findings of this report.

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