



Fire hazard and the design and use of fire tests

Risque d'incendie et conception et utilisation des essais au feu

Foreword

Technical Report 6585 was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 92, *Fire tests on building materials, components and structures*, and approved by the majority of its members. It was published in the form of a Technical Report rather than as an International Standard due to the urgent need for an authoritative document to widen knowledge about the role of fire testing in the control of fire hazard and about the adequacy and limitations of some fire tests.

However, the whole question of fire tests in relation to fire hazard is one in which considerable controversy still exists and some aspects of this Technical Report were not entirely accepted by all member bodies. For example, some important questions of terminology are unresolved. Nevertheless it is considered to provide a general and much needed overall insight into the main considerations that should be kept in mind when fire tests are being prepared, are being discussed or are being used.

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