

Certifire

Introduced by Warrington Certification Ltd (WCL), Certifire is an independent 3rd party scheme which assures performance, quality, reliability and traceability of fire protection products and systems.

Designed to give confidence to specifiers, enforcement authorities and building owners/occupiers, the Certifire mark is recognised by many regulatory authorities worldwide as an international mark of fire safety.

Choosing a product that carries the mark of a reputable 3rd party certification body gives assurances as to the performance of the products. Using certified products correctly installed, provides a powerful demonstration that due diligences have been served.

Products that are included within Certifire scheme are required to undergo independent 3rd party performance testing on an annual basis.

The producing factory will also undergo stringent Factory Production Control audits annually, carried out by WCL.

Any products to be included within Certifire scheme must be independently sample selected by WCL, prior to initial fire/performance testing.

The requirements are based on those of CE Marking, but whereas the CE mark reflects compliance with minimum regulatory requirements, Certifire is product certification at a higher level, thus giving the regulator, specifier, customer and end-user confidence with regards to the stated performance of the product and provides an informed choice when purchasing or selecting the product.

Additional requirements are ISO9001:2000 certification, independent audit testing and a comprehensive field of application document based on carefully chosen tests.

On successful inclusion to the Certifire scheme, a certificate is issued by WCL for each product family. The certificate will include the product reference for all products covered, including any authorised accessories (where applicable).

A complete field of application can be found within the certificate, including, full classification gained under relevant harmonised European Standard (hEN), a Matrix of approved Fire Door type, and scope of approval for each product listed, including relevant intumescent protection requirements and door type coverage.

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What are the benefits to Manufacturers? – For manufacturers of fire protection products and systems, Certifire offers the opportunity to differentiate products and processes from non certified equivalents thus helping to access markets worldwide.

What are the benefits to Specifiers? – For architects, specifiers, contractors and building owners, Certifire provides assurance that fire protection products and systems correctly installed will perform as required. Therefore avoiding costly mistakes and dramatically reducing risk.

The importance of schemes like Certifire is recognised in Approved Document B of the Building Regulations (ADB). The document makes a clear recommendation for the use of 3rd party certificated products and systems.

To assist in the specification of correct fire protection products and systems, Warrington Certification have a dedicated Technical Directory on their website.

The WCL Technical Directory is the reference point for not only selecting passive fire protection products and systems, but also for security. End users can be assured that listed products are fit for purpose.

The online Certifire Register is a comprehensive guide which lists all certificated products and systems. It includes the complete field of application for products thus enabling the specifier or enforcement authority to check the suitability of a product for the intended end-use application.

It is a live database, all historical Certifire certificates are listed, however, only current and valid product certificates are available to view and download.

It is recommended that the register be visited at the time of writing specification to revalidate individual products field of application, as many manufacturers carry out additional testing or introduce new products all the time.

WCL Technical Directory can be found online: <http://www.warringtoncertification.com/>