

Save life, prevent fire, use Anutone

All products are fire-rated to perform in an emergency



People killed while trying to escape from fire in a multilevel building. People hospitalised due to smoke ingestion while escaping from a multiplex on fire. These have been recent headlines, unfortunate and unnecessary.

Unnecessary because if walls and ceilings systems carried the proper fire-rating it would have retarded flame spread and

provided enough time for people to escape or arrive to help. Of course, there are other factors too like furnishings and flooring. But walls and ceilings play a major roll as electrical wiring is concealed behind these, and short circuiting is almost always the cause for fire in buildings.

Most project teams look at fire rating of the product only while what is needed is a

holistic approach and a check on the fire rating of the system. Often the product is fire-rated but to cut costs, the supporting suspension is local or not fire-rated, and as a result the ceiling installed does not perform in case of fire. It is another matter that the product though specified as FR is substituted in the last moment in favour of non-FR due to various considerations.

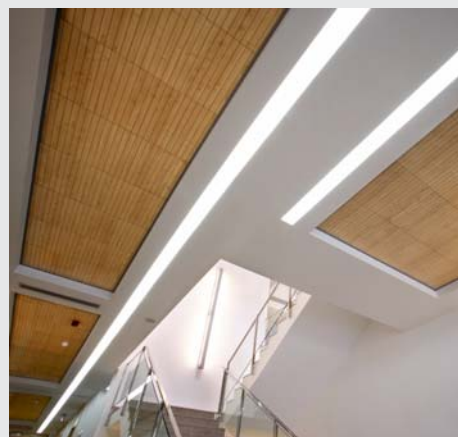
FIRE



REACTION TO FIRE

- Flaming - ISO 1182
- Ignitability - BS 476 Part 5
- Fire propagation - BS 476 Part 6
- Surface spread - BS 476 Part 7
- Smoke density - ASTM E662

A case in point is one of our most popular products, Slats. The FR grade can be more expensive by 25% and so it may be specified but in the last minute at the project execution stage non-FR is favoured. The risk is not to the project team but the space users! Hence it is necessary to sensitise the ecosystem to adopt safe fire and life safety practices in the selection and installation of wall and ceiling systems. Not just the product but the system!



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