

# PAM CPD

## **FIRE SAFETY & BUILDING CODES FOR EXTERNAL CLADDING SYSTEM**

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**Built 1974**



**new façade cladding 2016**



**June 2017**

## **Grenfell Tower, London**





**completed 2011**



**Torre Dei Moro, Milan**

**August 2021**



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2.20 Flashover

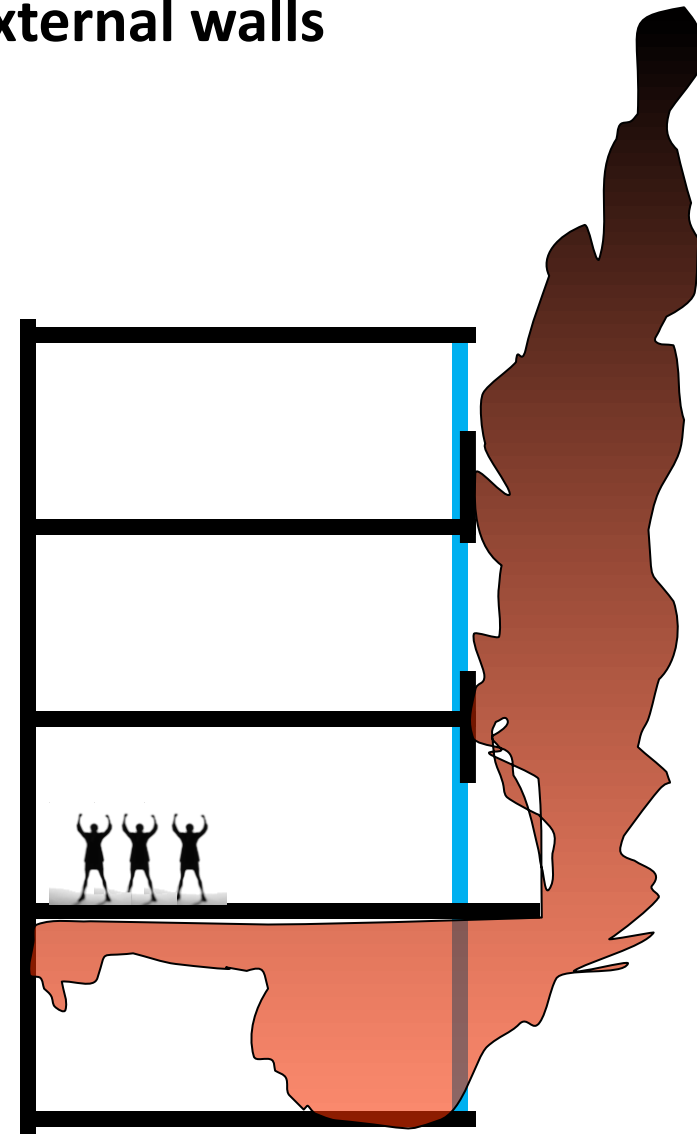
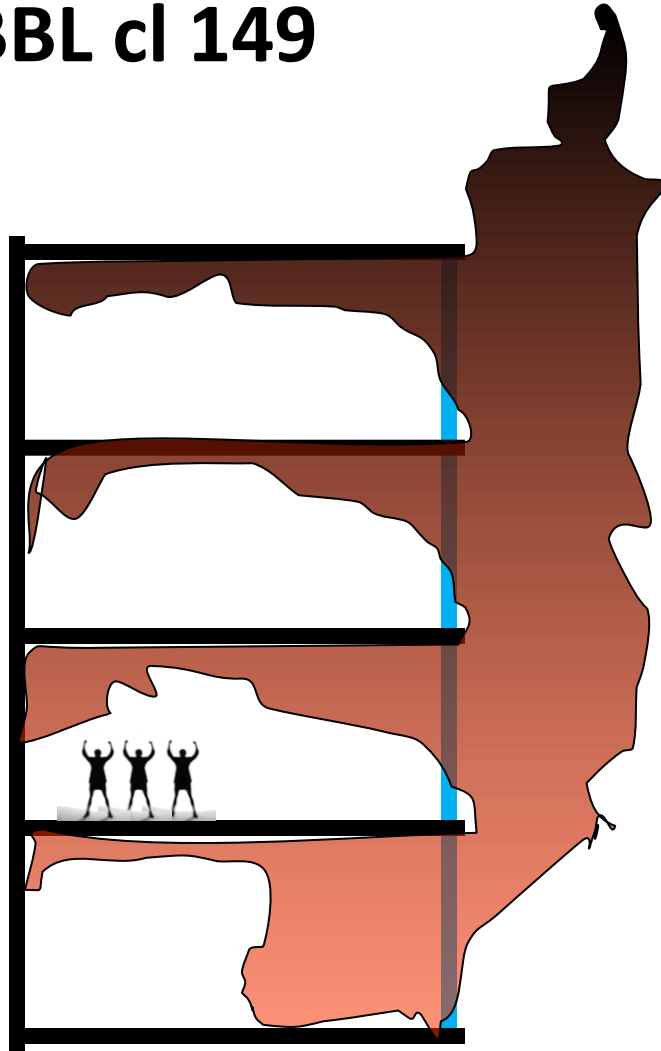
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5.20 Flameout

## An apartment fire in Benidorm, Spain

# Horizontal and vertical barriers of external walls

## UBBL cl 149



900mm vertical or  
750mm horizontal barrier



# External wall cladding system



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SEPERTI SENARAI EDARAN

YS Dato'/Tuan,

**PERINTAH TETAP KETUA PENGARAH BILANGAN 5 TAHUN 2021:  
PEMASANGAN *EXTERNAL CLADDING SYSTEM* PADA DINDING  
LUAR BANGUNAN**

Saya dengan hormatnya merujuk kepada perkara di atas.

2. Dimaklumkan bahawa, bersama-sama ini disertakan Perintah Tetap Ketua Pengarah Bilangan 4 Tahun 2021 yang bertajuk **Perintah Tetap Ketua Pengarah Bilangan 5 Tahun 2021: Pemasangan *External Cladding System* Pada Dinding Luar Bangunan.**

3. Perintah Tetap Ketua Pengarah (PTKP) ini penting bagi dijadikan garis panduan kepada pegawai-pegawai bomba dan pihak *industry players* tentang kaedah dan tatacara amalan terbaik yang berkaitan dengan penggunaan *external cladding system* pada dinding luar bangunan.

4. Sehubungan dengan itu, semua permohonan untuk mendapat sokongan dari Jabatan ini yang dikemukakan oleh pihak *Prinsipal Submitting Person* (PSP) hendaklah diproses menurut Perintah Tetap Ketua Pengarah (PTKP) ini.

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'CEPAT DAN MESRA'



## CLADDING SYSTEM YANG DIPASANG PADA DINDING LUAR BANGUNAN

5. JBPM telah menetapkan bahawa mana-mana *cladding system* yang dipasang hendaklah berasaskan kepada keperluan berikut:

above 18m height  
Full scale test  
BS 8414

5.1 Bagi bangunan yang melebihi 18 meter tinggi diukur dari aras perkakas bomba hendaklah menggunakan bahan tidak mudah terbakar (non-combustible materials) dan telah diuji serta mematuhi *performance criteria* berdasarkan BS 8414.

below 18m height  
Material test  
Class 0  
BS 476 part 6&7

5.2 Bagi bangunan yang ketinggiannya kurang 18 meter, *cladding* yang dipasang hendaklah dari jenis kelas 0 berdasarkan BS 476: Part 6 & 7.

5.3 Penentuan ujian *cladding system* dari bahan kelas 0 dan ujian *performance criteria* (full-scale test) adalah seperti di Lampiran A.

## PERAKUAN BAHAN PEPASANGAN KESELAMATAN KEBAKARAN BAGI CLADDING

1984

# UBBL 2021

## 144. Cladding on external wall.

- (1) Any cladding on any external walls, if such cladding is situated less than 2 metres from any point on the relevant boundary, shall comply with the requirements for Class O.

above 18m height  
Full scale test  
BS 8414

- (2) Any cladding on any external wall, if such cladding is situated more than 2 metres from any point on the relevant boundary and the building is less than 18 metres in height, shall comply with the requirements for Class O in by-law 204 except that the cladding may be timber of a thickness not exceeding 25 mm or of a material having a surface which, when tested in accordance with BS 476: Part 6: 1968, has an index of performance not exceeding twenty.

below 18m height  
Material test  
Class O  
BS 476 part 6&7

## 144. Cladding on external wall.

- (1) Any cladding on any external wall situated less than 2 metres from any point on the relevant boundary or if the building is more than 18 metres in height, the cladding shall be constructed entirely of non-combustible materials and when tested, shall demonstrate compliance in accordance with BS 8414.

- (1) Any cladding on any external wall, if such cladding is situated more than 2 metres from any point on the relevant boundary and the building is less than 18 metres in height, the cladding shall have a surface complying with the requirements for Class O when tested in accordance with in by-law 204



# 144

## CLADDING ON EXTERNAL WALL

### UBBL 144(1)

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- in accordance with BS 8414.

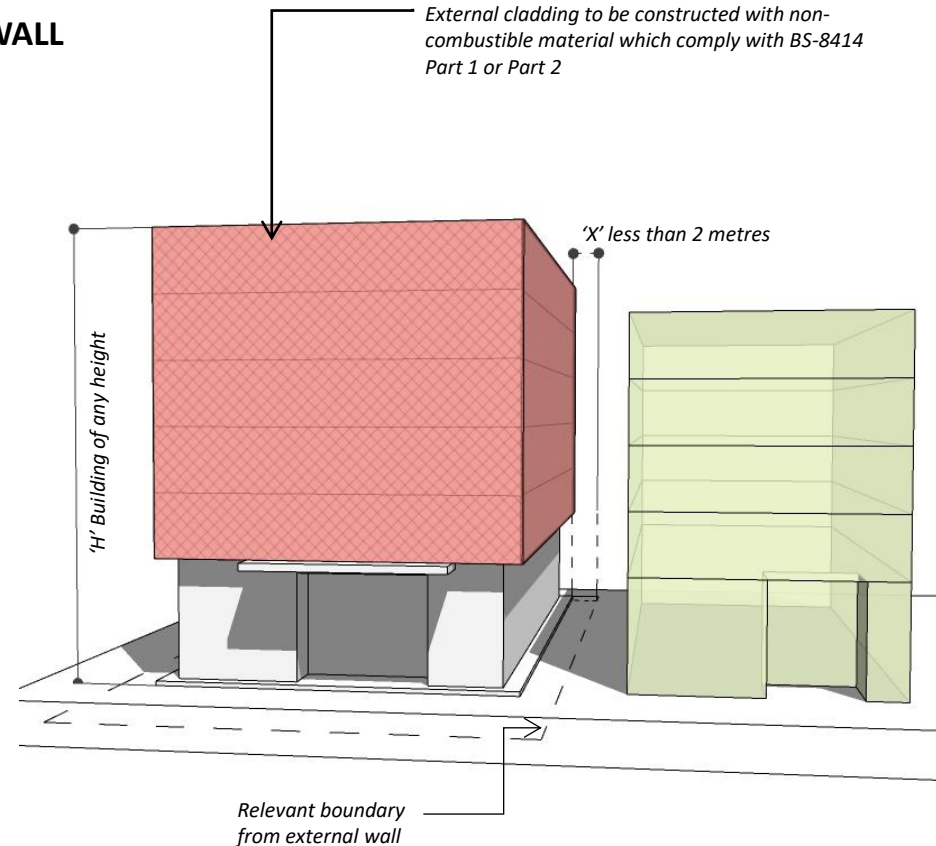


Diagram 4.5.8

Schematic of external cladding of building <18m height

**< 2m from boundary OR  
> 18m height, comply with BS8414**

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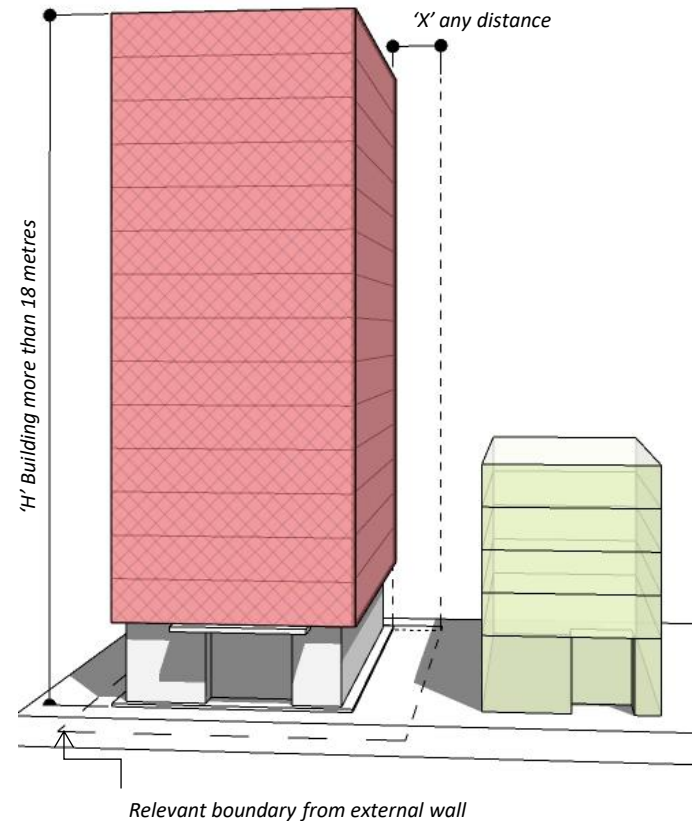


Diagram 4.5.9

Schematic of external wall of building >18m height

**< 2m from boundary OR  
> 18m height, comply with BS8414**

## CLADDING ON EXTERNAL WALL

**UBBL 144(2)**

- Any cladding on any external wall, if such a cladding is situated more than 2 metres from any point on the relevant boundary and the building is less than 18 metres in height, the cladding shall have a surface complying with the requirements for Class O when tested and in accordance with by-law 204.

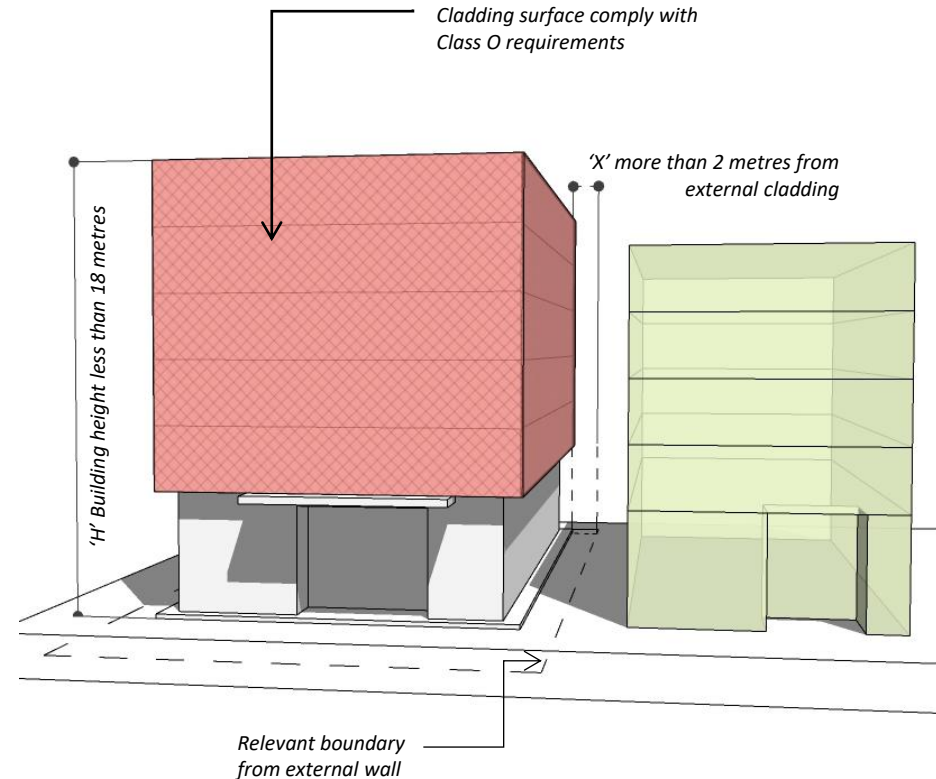


Diagram 4.5.10

Schematic of external cladding of building &lt;18m height

**> 2m from boundary AND  
< 18m height, comply with Class O**



**Class 0**

## BS 476 part 6 Fire Propagation Test



## BS 476 part 7 Surface Spread of Flame Test





## UBBL 204 : Spread of flame classification

Class 1- flame  
does not spread  
beyond this line  
at any point in  
the test by 1.5  
mins and 10  
mins



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# UBBL 204 : Spread of flame classification

BS 476-7

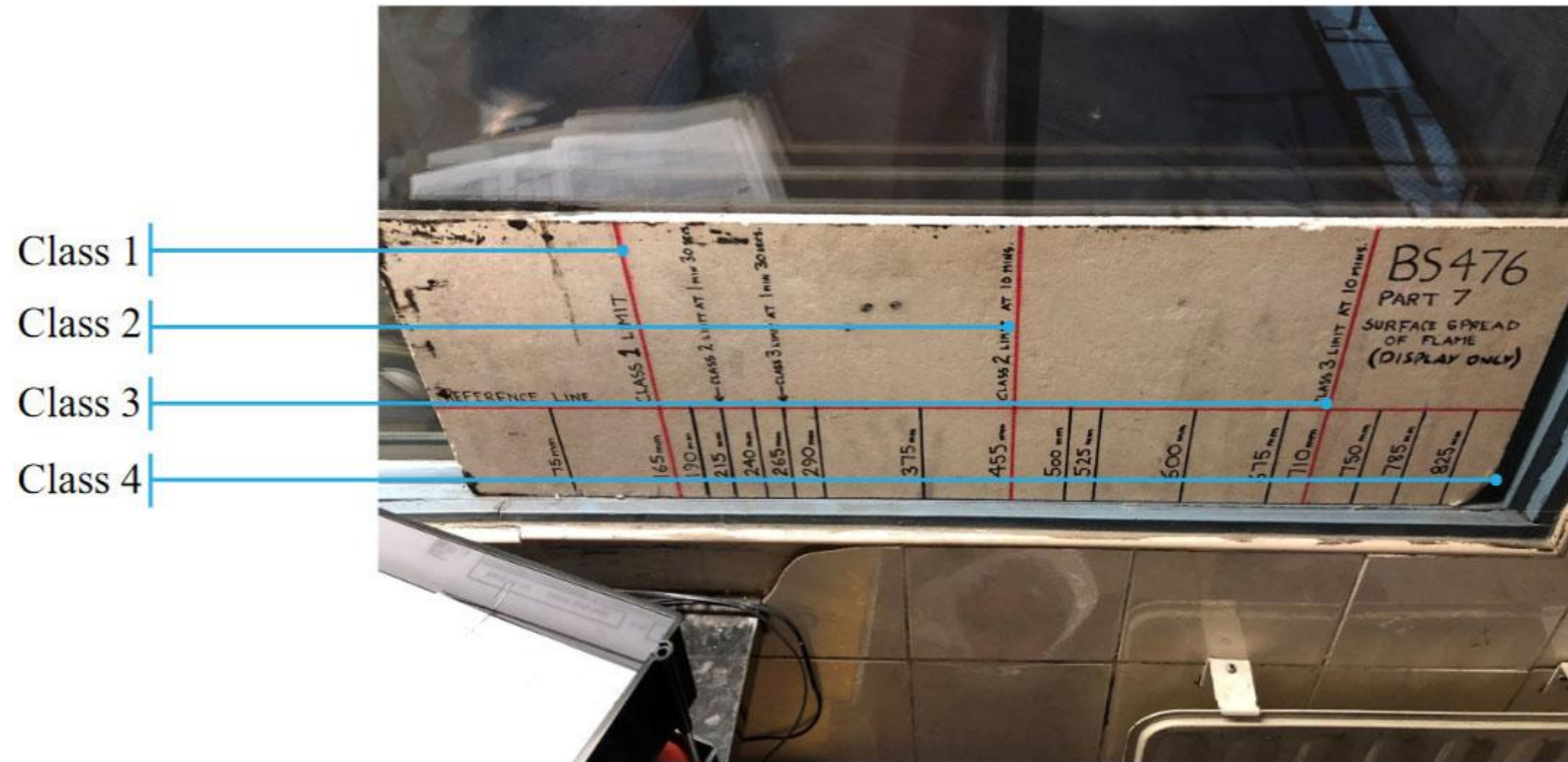


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# UBBL

## 204. Classification of restriction of flame over surface wall and ceiling

(a) Any reference to a surface being **Class O** shall be construed as a requirement that

(i) The material of which the wall or ceiling is constructed shall be **non-combustible** throughout; **or**

(ii) the surface material, or if it is bonded throughout to a substrate, the surface material in conjunction with the ~~substrate, shall when tested in~~

accordance with **BS 476: Part 6** and **Part 7** have **an index of performance not exceeding 6.**

(b) Any reference to a surface being of a class other than Class O shall be construed as a requirement that the material of which the wall or ceiling is constructed shall comply with the relevant test criteria as to surface spread of flame specified in relation to that class in BS 476: Part 1: Clause 7.

(c) In relation to a requirement that a surface shall be of a class not lower than a specified class, Class O shall be regarded as the highest class followed in descending order by Class 1, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4.



## UBBL 203 : Spread of flame classification

<b>Classification of spread of flame</b>				
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Spread of flame at 1.5 min</b>		<b>Final spread of flame</b>	
	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Limit for one specimen in sample</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Limit for one specimen in sample</b>
	mm	mm	mm	mm
Class 1	165	165 + 25	165	165 + 25
Class 2	215	215 + 25	455	455 + 45
Class 3	265	265 + 25	710	710 + 75
Class 4	Exceeding the limits for class 3			

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# So, what is “Class 0” ?

Class 0 is not a fire test classification, but is a definition in the UBBL.

For a material to be defined as “Class 0”, it has to:

- 1) achieve a Class 1 fire rating from BS476 Part 7 – Surface spread of flame
- 2) achieve an index of  $i_1$  = less than 6 from BS476 Part 6 Fire propagation.

**BS 8414**

# CLADDING ON EXTERNAL WALL

## INTRODUCTION OF BS 8414 TEST METHOD

- The uncontrollable fire spread on the facade of high-rise buildings have illustrated the importance of adequately testing external wall systems on a realistic scale.
- The BS 8414 test methods were developed by the Building Research Establishment (BRE). They evaluate whether a cladding system subject to fire breaking out of an opening (such as a window) in an external wall, will result in excessive fire spread up the outside of the building and the potential for fire to re-enter at a higher level.
- This test method is used to evaluate the design of a cladding system installed on the external walls and it is different from BS 476 which only conduct fire test on building materials and structures separately.
- This test is carried out in specialist laboratories such as SIRIM QAS International, and are performed on full-scale systems rather than small-scale samples which are carried out by BS 476 tests.
- It documents the fire propagation response of a complete cladding system as well as the conditions of elements of the cladding system such as cladding sheets, fixings, joints, corner flashing, insulation, fire stop and cavities at the end of the test.
- It does not cover the performance of doors, windows, balconies, or ancillary penetrations installed on the external walls. It also does not cover the exposure to radiant heat from the fire developed on the cladding to adjacent building.



# CLADDING ON EXTERNAL WALL

## BS 8414 IS A TWO PART STANDARD:

- **1. BS 8414-1:2015+A1\_2017**

- This test method is to document the fire performance characteristics of non-loadbearing external cladding systems, rain screen over cladding systems, and external wall insulation systems when fixed to, and supported by, a masonry substrate and exposed to an external fire under controlled conditions.
- The peak fire exposure is intended to be representative of an external fire source or a fully developed (post-flashover) fire in a room venting from an aperture that exposes the cladding to the effects of external flames.
- This part of BS 8414 is solely intended to give an indication of fire spread across or within an external cladding system.

- **2. BS 8414-2:2015+A1\_2017**

- This test method is to document the fire performance characteristics of non-loadbearing external cladding systems when fixed to, and supported by, a structural steel frame and exposed to an external fire under controlled conditions.
- The peak fire exposure is intended to be representative of an external fire source or a fully developed (post-flashover) fire in a room venting from an aperture that exposes the cladding to the effects of external flames.
- This part of BS 8414 is solely intended to give an indication of fire spread across or within an external cladding system.

# CLADDING ON EXTERNAL WALL

- BS 8414 is a large-scale system test that mimics a fire breaking out of a window and exposing a cladding system to a severe fire.
- The cladding system must be tested to the full test duration of 60 minutes without any early termination of the test. The 60 minute test measures and evaluates fire spread and mechanical performance, including a 30 minute observation to evaluate propagation behaviour post exposure.
- Performance criteria for assessing cladding systems tested using BS 8414 are as follows:
  - **1. External Fire Spread**
    - Failure due to external fire spread is deemed to have occurred if the temperature rise above start temperature,  $T_s$  of any of the external thermocouples at level 2 exceeds 600°C for a period of at least 30 seconds, within 15 minutes of the start time,  $t_s$ .
  - **2. Internal fire spread**
    - Failure due to internal fire spread is deemed to have occurred if the temperature rise above start temperature,  $T_s$  of any of the internal thermocouples at level 2 exceeds 600°C, for a period of at least 30 seconds, within 15 minutes of the start time  $t_s$ .
  - **3. Visible flaming**
    - Failure of the system is deemed to have occurred if visible flaming, which exceeds the confines of the test rig either vertically or laterally during the full 60 minute test period, is observed. For the purposes of this clause, visible flaming is defined as a continuous flame which is observed for more than 60 seconds duration (i.e. not intermittent or glowing)

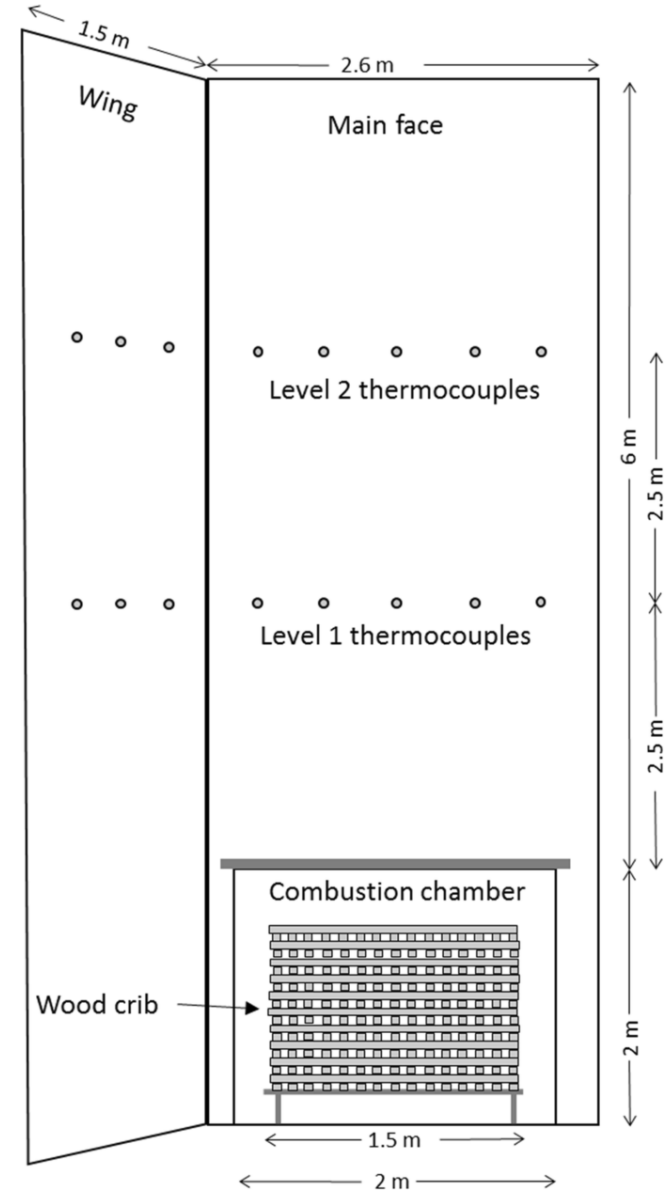


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Diagram 4.5.11

Schematic of standard requirement for  
Test Apparatus

**BS 8414 TEST FOR EXTERNAL CLADDING**

- **4. Mechanical performance**

- Failure will be deemed to have occurred if there is collapse of the system or part thereof, flaming or not, onto the floor of the test facility outside the designated crib collapse zone, see note 1, within the duration of the full 60 minute test period.

- **5. Burning debris and pool fires**

- Failure is deemed to occur if burning debris or a pool fire develops on the floor of the test facility, outside the designated crib collapse zone, see note 1.
- Burning debris is defined as visible flaming for more than 60 seconds duration (i.e. not intermittent or glowing) within the duration of the full 60 minute test period.
- *Note 1: The crib collapse zone is defined as a 2.4m x 1.2m positioned centrally on the centre line of the hearth opening (2.4m length parallel to the face of the hearth).*

- **6. Additional Requirement**

- Where system burn-through occurs so that fire reaches the internal surface, failure is deemed to have occurred if continuous flaming, defined as a flame with a duration in excess of 60 seconds, is observed on the internal surface of the test specimen at or above a height of 0.5m above the combustion chamber opening within 15 minutes of the start time  $t_s$ .

**Only for  
Part 2 Test**

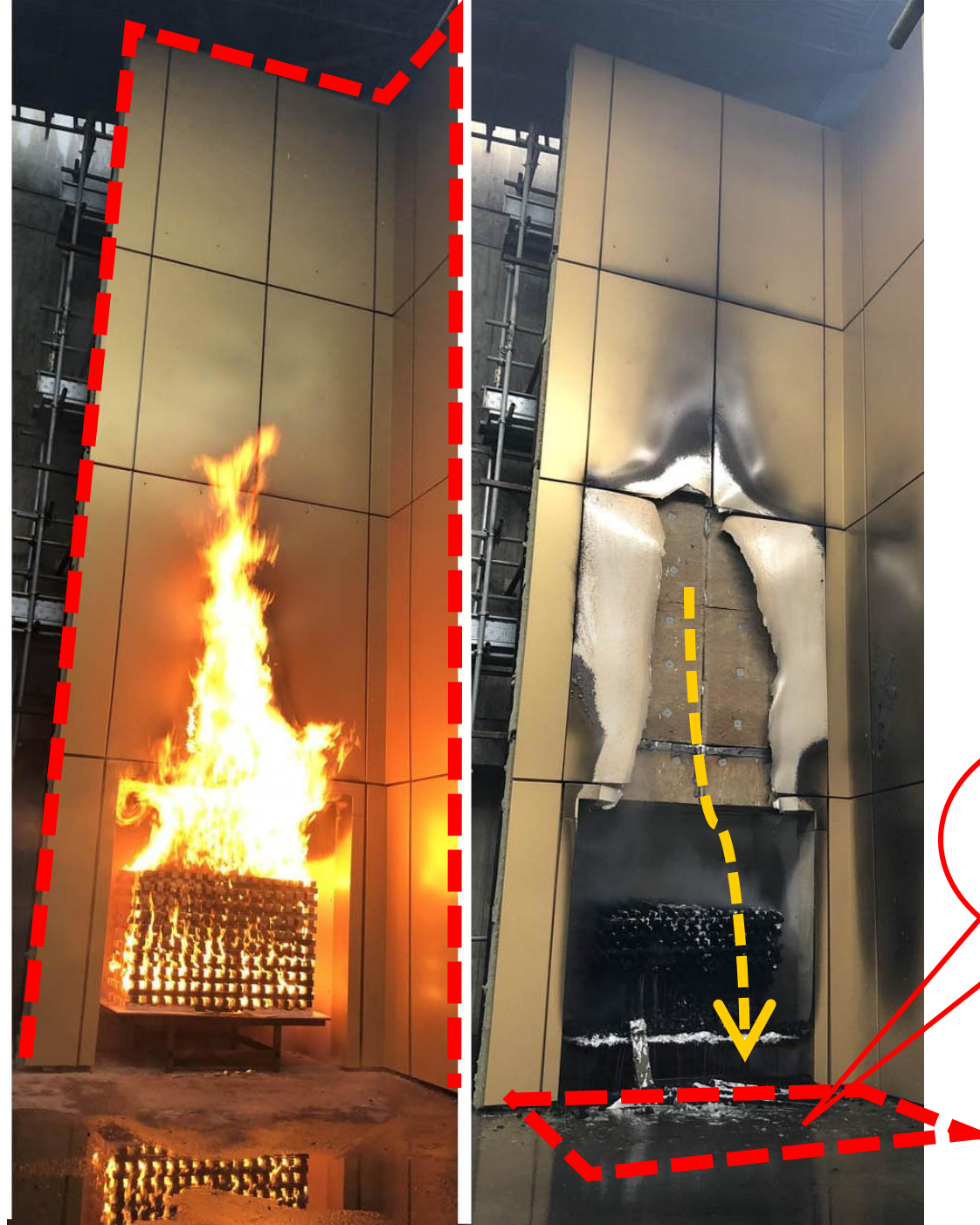


SIRIM Test Facility for BS8414

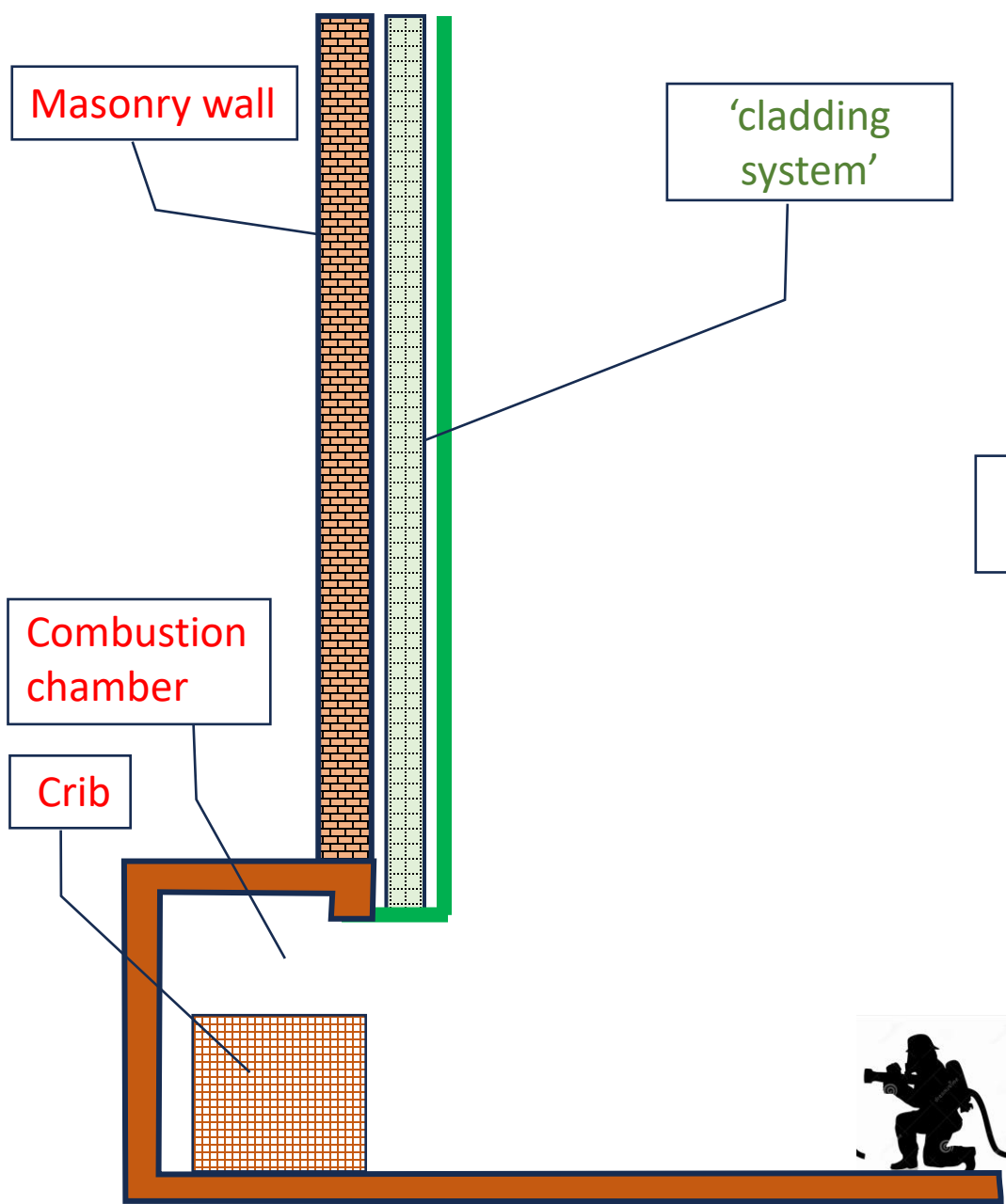


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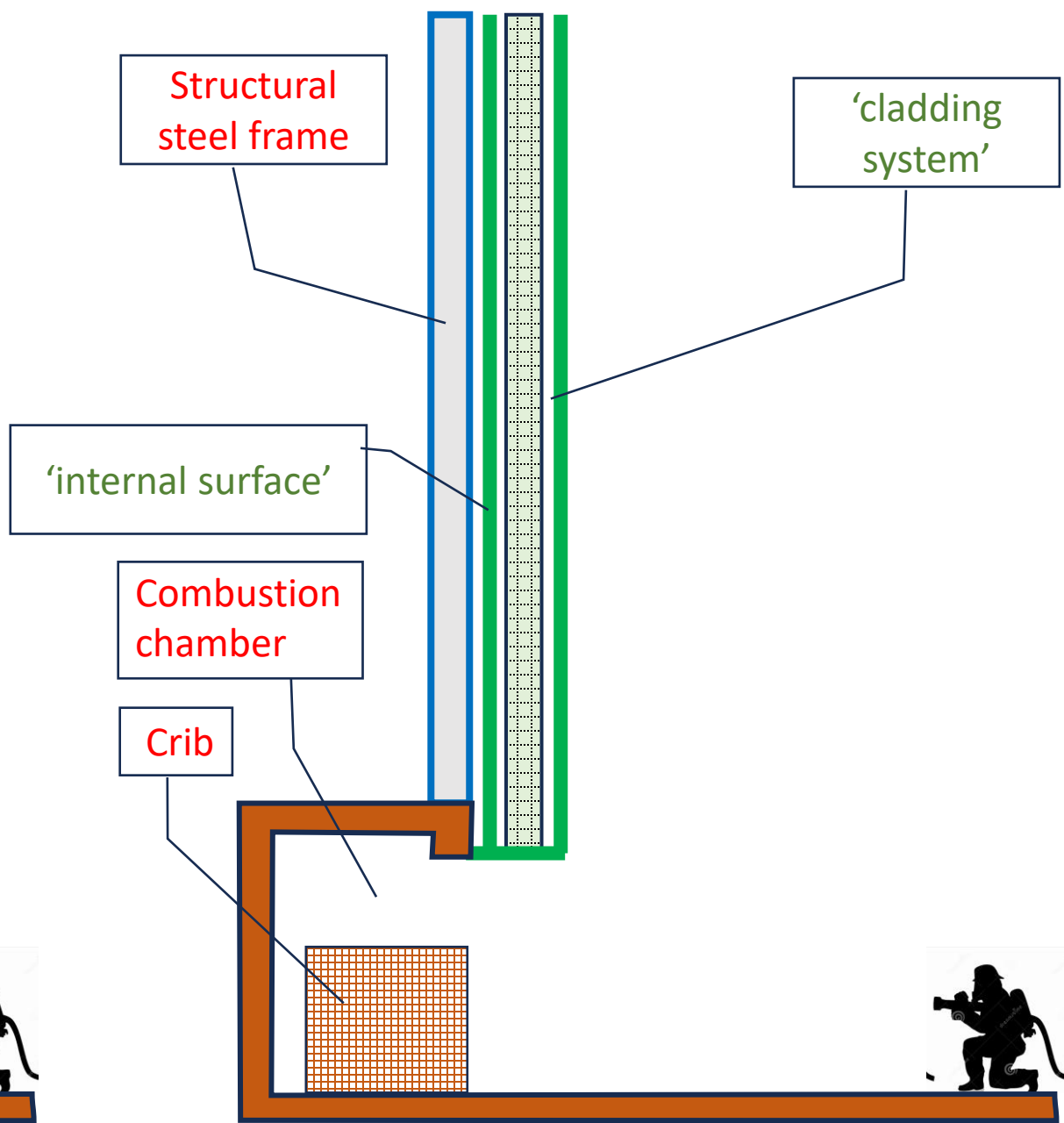




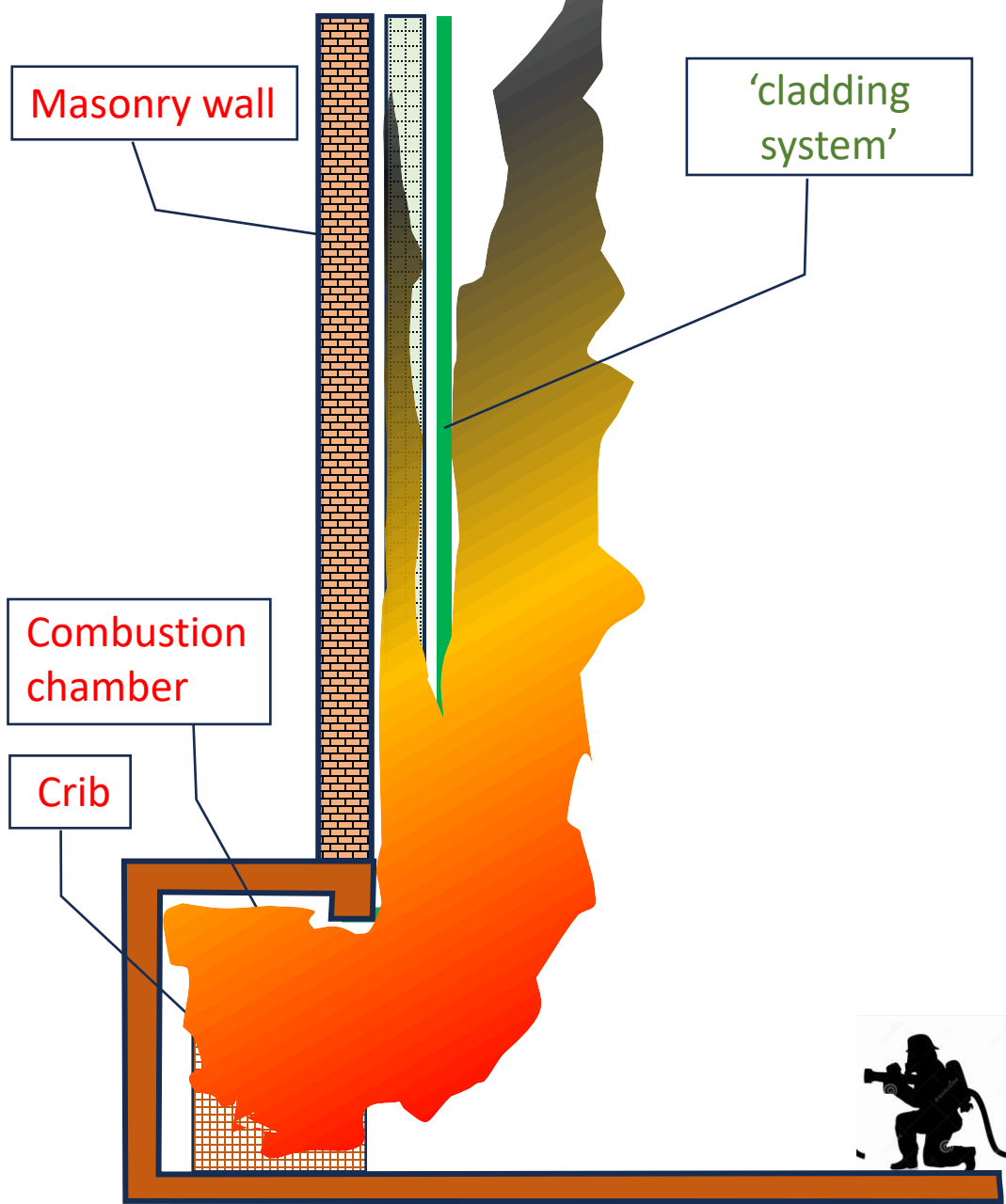
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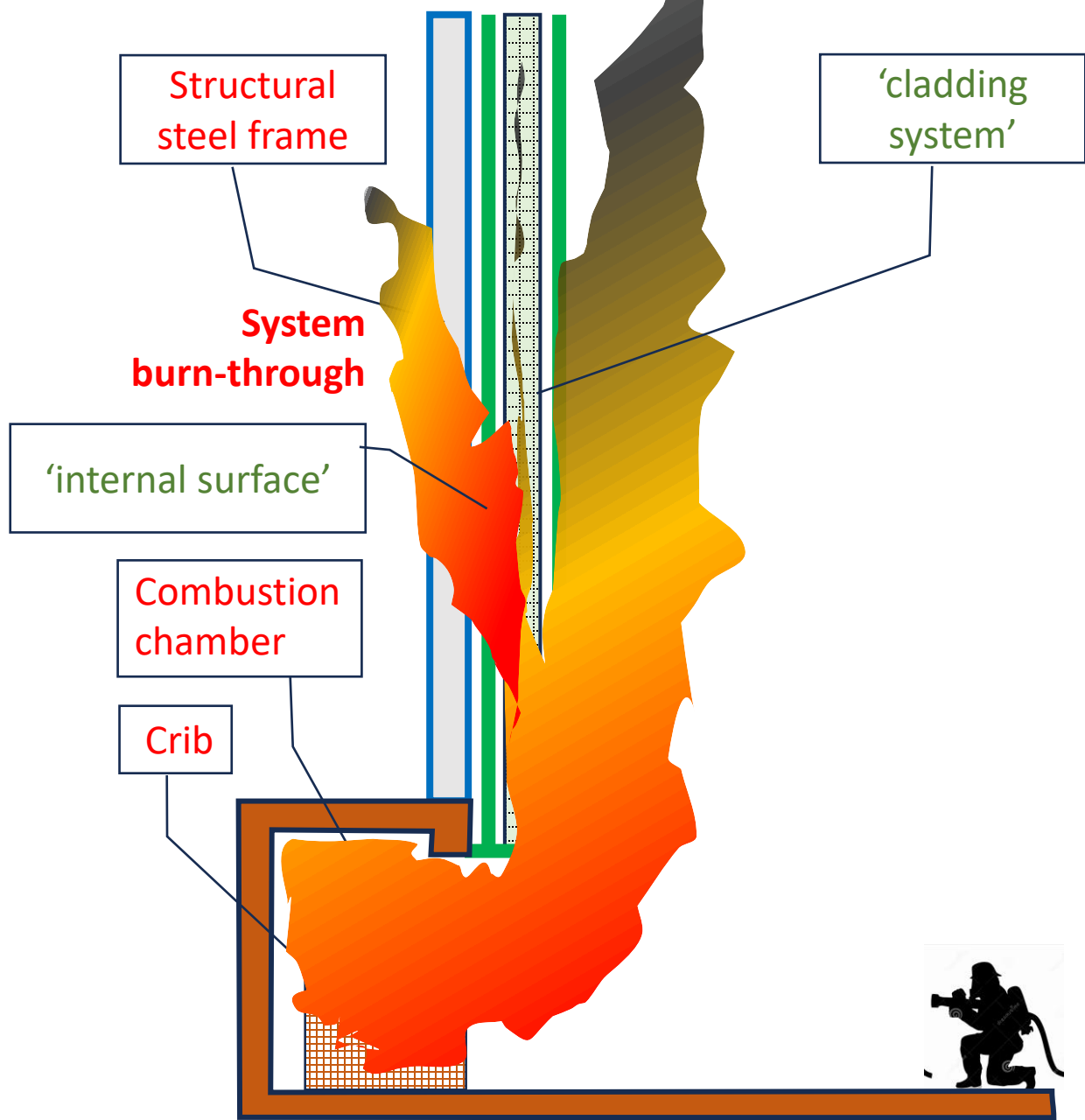
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**BS 8414-2**



**BS 8414-1**



**BS 8414-2**





**Extruded polystyrene XPS**

**Rockwool**

**PIR**

**Rockwool**

# Case study





4mm THK. NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
CORE ALUM. COMPOSITE PANEL  
CLADDING

DOTTED LINE INDICATE 2Hr  
ROCK WOOL FIRE STOP  
INSTALLED VERTICALLY

4mm THK. NON-COMBUSTIBLE  
CORE ALUM. COMPOSITE PANEL  
CLADDING

ROCK MOUNT FIRE STOP  
INSTALLED HORIZONTALLY

13.52mm THK. \_\_\_\_\_  
LAMINATED VISION GLASS

4mm THK, NON-COMBUSTIBLE CORR.  
ALUM. COMPOSITE PANEL CLADDING

RC LEDGE TO ENGR'S  
DETAIL

~~CLADDING DETAIL REFER TO~~  
~~DETAIL C~~ ~~ES~~

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ALUM. COMPOSITE PANEL CLADDING

OUTSIDE

### CLADDING CAVITY FIRE BARRIER

A 4F / C2F  
+18.100

+17.500  
P 2F

OUTSIDE

### CLADDING CAVITY FIRE BARRIER

A 2F / C1F  
+11.200

+10.600  
P 1F

OUTSIDE

A GF / CGF  
+4.300

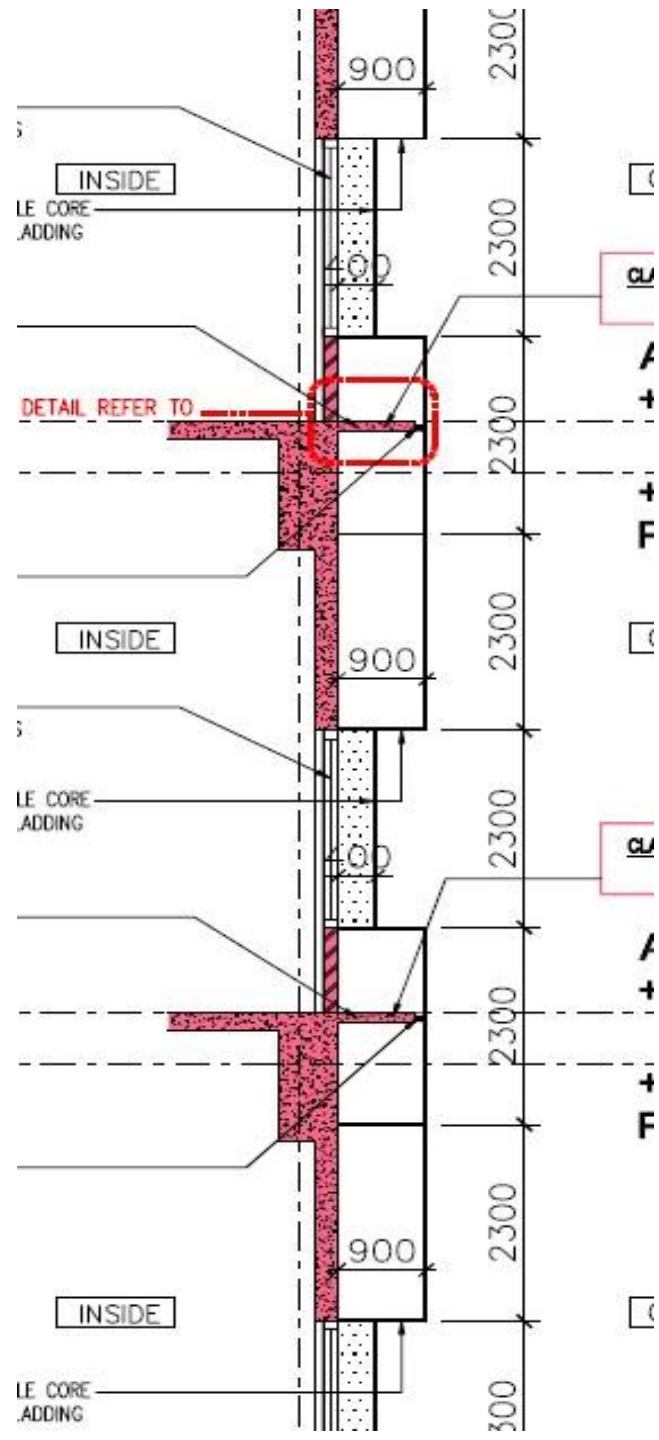
+3.700  
P GF

1 CLADDING 2: PANDANGAN TIPIKAL

NOTE & SPECIFICATION:  
4MM THK. NON-COMBUSTIBLE CORE ALUMN. COMPOSITE PANEL CLADDING SYSTEM TO  
SPECT'S DETAIL.  
**ALL ACCORDANCE TO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH BS 8414**

## 1 CLADDING 2: KEF









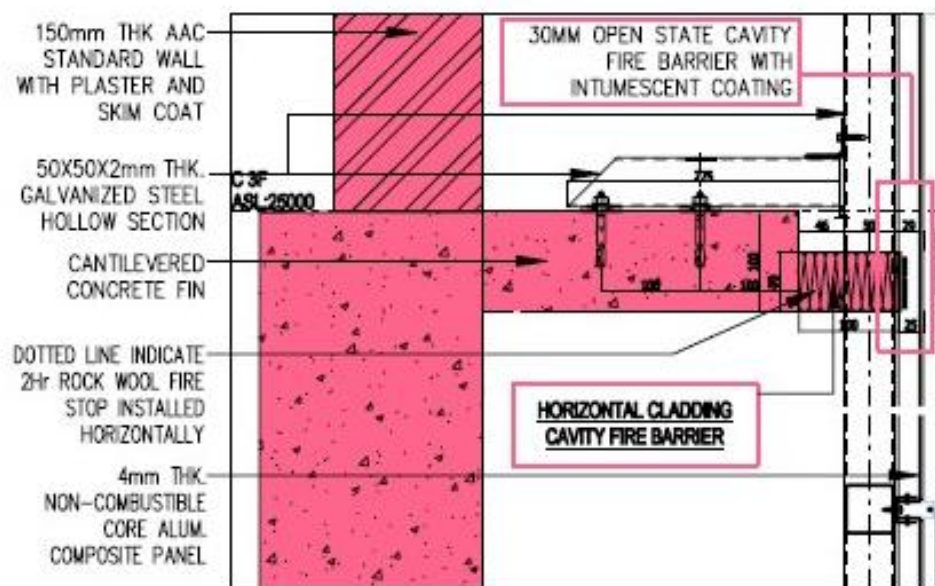
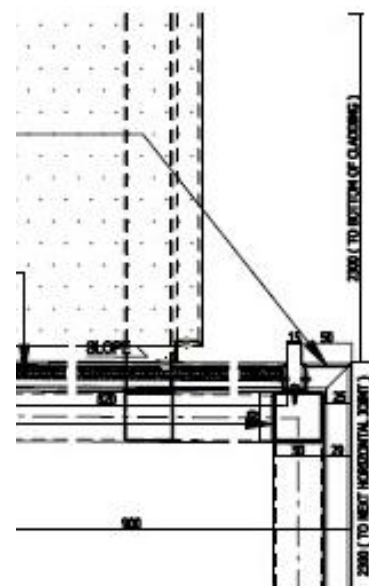
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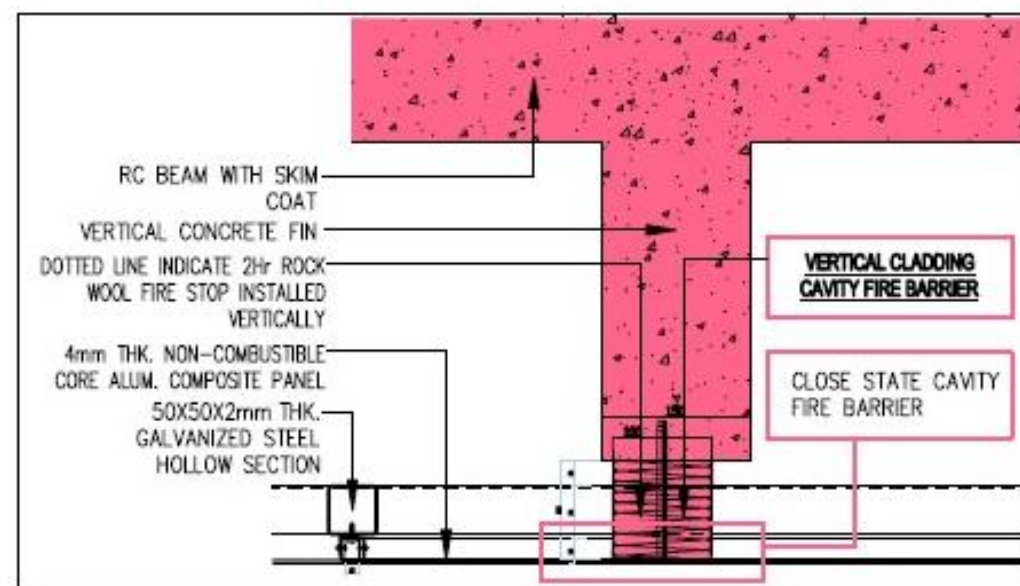
**1 CLADDING 2: KERATAN TIPIKAL X-X**

*Skala 1:100*



**1 CLADDING 2: PERINCIAN C**

*Skala 1:10*



**1 CLADDING 2: PERINCIAN D**

*Skala 1:10*

**2: PERINCIAN B**

*Skala 1:10*

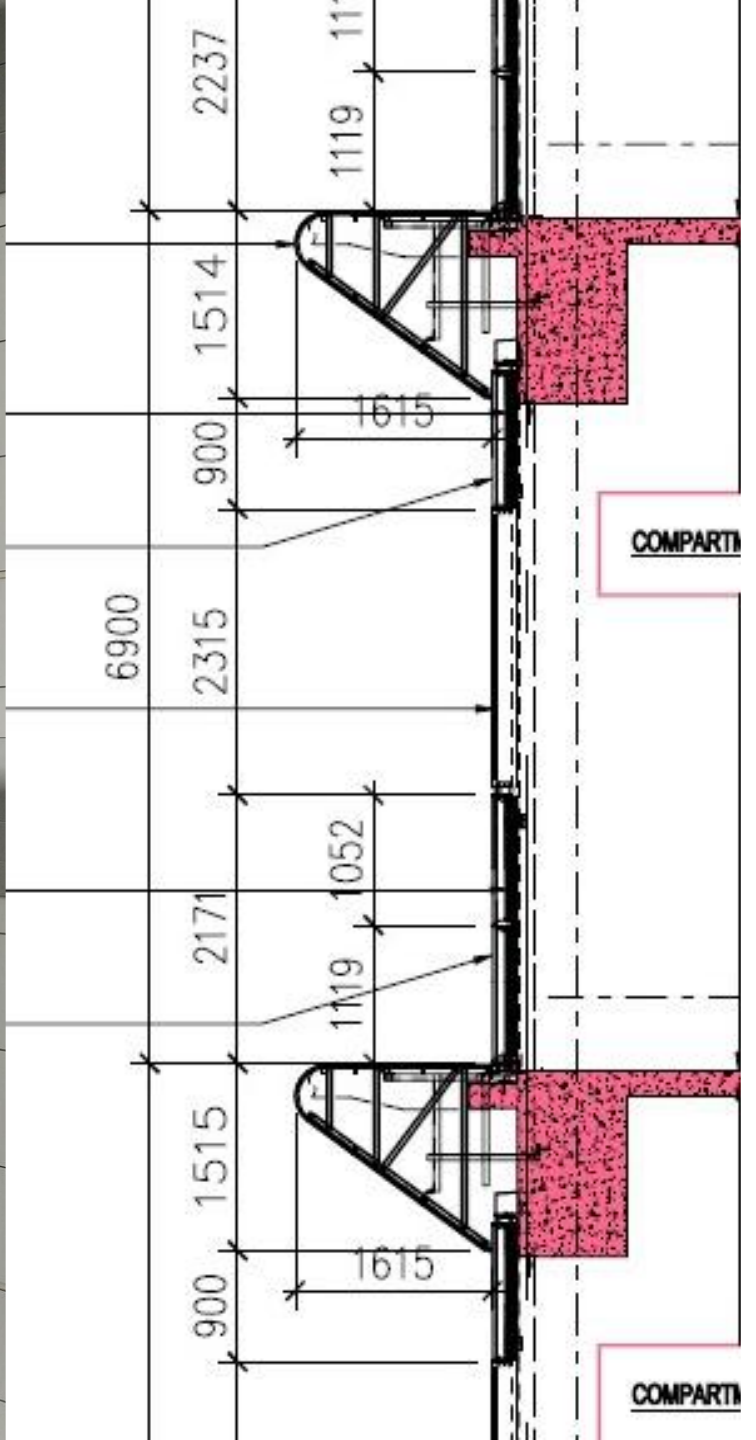
















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