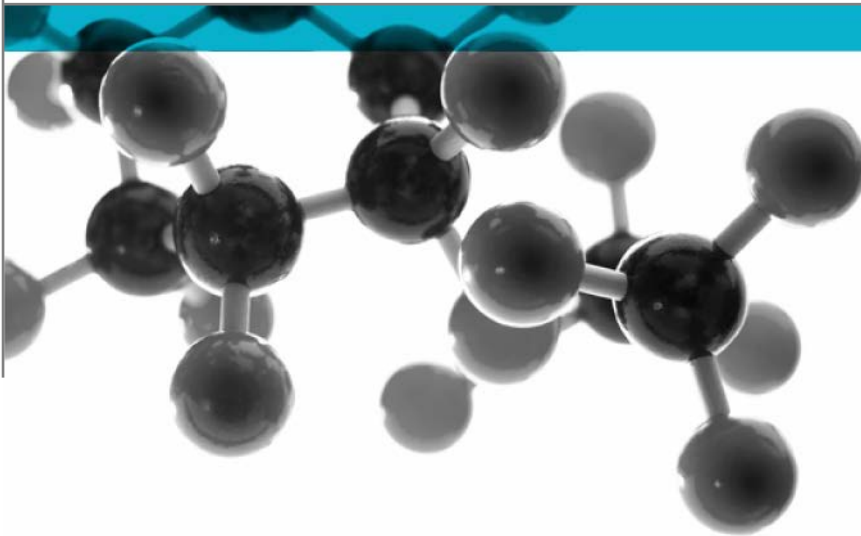


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# Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 302



## Flammability Of Motor Vehicle Interior Materials

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## Executive Summary

**Objective** To determine the performance of the following product when tested in accordance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 302.

Generic Description	Product reference	Thickness	Weight per unit area
Polyvinyl chloride	"BMF0100"	4mm	10kg/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Please see page 5 of this test report for the full description of the product tested</b>			


**Test Sponsor** WSBL Ltd., Durbar Mill, Hereford Road, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB1 3JU

**Test Results:** Clause S4.3 of FMVSS No. 302 specifies that a material "shall not burn, or transmit a flame front across its surface, at a rate of more than 102mm per minute. However, if a material stops burning before it has burned for 60 seconds from the start of timing, and has not burned more than 51mm from the point where timing has started, it shall be considered to meet this requirement".


**The material, as tested, therefore meets the above requirements.**

**Date of Test** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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## Test Details

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<b>Purpose of test</b>	<p>To determine the flammability of the material when it is tested in accordance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 302, Flammability of Interior Materials - Passenger Cars, Multi-purpose Passenger Vehicles, Trucks and Buses.</p> <p>The test was performed in accordance with the test procedure specified in section S5 of Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 302 and this test report should be read in conjunction with that Standard.</p>
<b>Fire test study group/EGOLF</b>	<p>Certain aspects of some fire test specifications are open to different interpretations. The Fire Test Study Group and EGOLF have identified a number of such areas and have agreed Resolutions which define common agreement of interpretations between fire test laboratories which are members of the Groups. Where such Resolutions are applicable to this test they have been followed.</p>
<b>Instruction to test</b>	<p>The test was conducted on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the request of WSBL Ltd., the sponsor of the test.</p>
<b>Provision of test specimens</b>	<p>The specimens were supplied by the sponsor of the test. <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> was not involved in any selection or sampling procedure.</p>
<b>Conditioning of specimens</b>	<p>The specimens were received on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014.</p> <p>Prior to the test the specimens were conditioned for at least 24 hours in an atmosphere having a temperature of 21°C and a relative humidity of 50%.</p>
<b>Test procedure</b>	<p>The specimens were tested with one of two identical faces downward to the test flame, in accordance with the test procedure specified in the standard, the gas supplied to the Bunsen burner being natural gas.</p>
<b>Specimen orientation</b>	<p>The product did not have a directional production quality, therefore, the test was conducted in a single direction and the results of these tests have been reported.</p>

## Description of Test Specimens

The description of the specimens given below has been prepared from information provided by the sponsor of the test. All values quoted are nominal, unless tolerances are given.

Generic type	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
Product reference	"BMF0100"
Name of manufacturer	WSBL Ltd
Thickness	4mm (stated by sponsor) 4.48mm (determined by <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> )
Weight per unit area	10kg/m <sup>2</sup> (stated by sponsor) 10.63kg/m <sup>2</sup> (determined by <b>Exova Warringtonfire</b> )
Colour reference	"Black"
Flame retardant details	<b>See Note 1 Below</b>
Brief description of manufacturing process	FCM twin screw extrusion line

**Note 1: The sponsor of the test has confirmed that no flame retardant additives were utilised in the production of the product.**

## Test Results

**Results of test** The burn rate was calculated using the formula:

$$B = 60 D/T$$

where B = Burn rate in mm per minutes  
 D = Length of the flame travels in mm, and  
 T = Time in seconds for the flame to travel D mm

Specimen No.	Time for flame to reach the first measuring point (seconds)	Time for flame to reach the final measuring point (seconds)	Burning time, T (seconds)	Distance burnt, D (mm)	Burning Rate (mm/min)
1	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0
2	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0
3	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0
4	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0
5	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0
6	Did not reach	Did not reach	0	Not applicable	0

### Conclusions

Clause S4.3 of FMVSS No. 302 specifies that a material "shall not burn, or transmit a flame front across its surface, at a rate of more than 102mm per minute. However, if a material stops burning before it has burned for 60 seconds from the start of timing, and has not burned more than 51mm from the point where timing has started, it shall be considered to meet this requirement".

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### Applicability of test result

The test results relate only to the behaviour of the test specimens of the product under the particular conditions of test; they are not intended to be the sole criterion for assessing the potential fire hazard of the product in use.

The test results relate only to the specimens of the product in the form in which they were tested. Small differences in the composition or thickness of the product may significantly affect the performance during the test and may therefore invalidate the test results. Care should be taken to ensure that any product which is supplied or used is fully represented by the specimens which were tested.

### Validity

The specification and interpretation of fire test methods are the subject of ongoing development and refinement. Changes in associated legislation may also occur. For these reasons it is recommended that the relevance of test reports over five years old should be considered by the user. The laboratory that issued the report will be able to offer, on behalf of the legal owner, a review of the procedures adopted for a particular test to ensure that they are consistent with current practices, and if required may endorse the test report.

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