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- The Passive Fire Protection Federation, representing many other UK Associations with interests in the passive fire sector
- The European Association for Passive Fire Protection, through which the ASFP represents the UK's passive fire protection industry's interests within the wider European arena
- The Fire Sector Federation, which provides a forum for co-operation between the entire fire sector, the fire service and Government.



In addition, the ASFP in partnership with ConstructionSkills and the Fire Protection Association is delivering industry benchmark standards in passive fire protection through the development of a range of 'up-skilling' training courses.

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Walraven offers fire resistant sleeve

The BIS Pacifyre MK II Fire Sleeve from **Walraven** is a single component fire sleeve ideal for ensuring pipe apertures remain smoke free and fire resistant.



It can be installed around pipes through floors, ceilings, solid and modular walls. It complies with building regulations and can be installed quickly and easily without the need for any special fixing materials.

BIS Pacifyre MK II Fire Sleeves prevent the spread of fire and smoke, while allowing for pipe expansion and contraction. They prevent noise conduction and emit no toxic gases or smoke in the event of a fire.

Because of its high specification and ease of use, the BIS Pacifyre MK II Fire Sleeve has been used in many high profile constructions throughout Europe, such as at the Olympic Velodrome in London and the National Football Stadium in Warsaw, Poland, the host for the 2012 Euro Championship.

The BIS Pacifyre MK II Fire Sleeve is one of the few fire stopping sleeves to offer fire resistance as well as excellent smoke sealing and noise proofing.

For further information visit www.walraven.com/gb/en/fire-protection-systems/ (<http://www.walraven.com/gb/en/fire-protection-systems/>)

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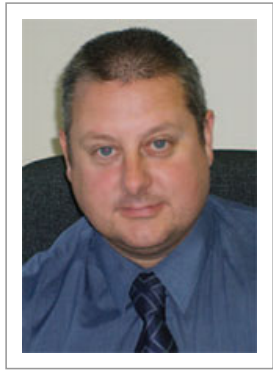
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Exova Warrington certification offers CPR advice

Exova Warrington Certification, part of the global Exova testing group, is warning of the effects of the Construction Products Regulation for manufacturers, distributors, end users, specifiers and architects when it comes into force on 1 July 2013.

Under the CPR, it will become mandatory for manufacturers or the legal entity placing a product on the market to apply CE marking to any product covered by a harmonised European standard (hEN).

"Where a manufacturer chooses to test firestopping products, for example, ablative coated boards, putty and fire stop pillows to a European



Technical Assessment (ETA) which has a clause allowing for CE marking, then the manufacturer will have to also apply a CE mark and produce a Declaration of Performance (DoP) for the product, the same as an harmonised EN standard," said Paul Duggan, certification manager for Exova Warrington Certification.

DoPs are replacing the current Manufacturers' Declarations, which are produced when declaring the performance of the product for ENs or ETAs. If a product available on the market is found not to be in compliance with the requirements of the DoP, then it should be withdrawn or recalled from the market. It is really quite simple: no DoP means no CE marking; no CE marking means no product for market.

Exova Warrington Certification offers expertise in a diverse range of areas including product certification, CE marking, marine certification, installer certification, on-site inspection and fire risk assessor certification.

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Sika adds to Unitherm range



Sika has added the Unitherm Platinum one coat, solvent free system to its Unitherm range of fire protection solutions.

Using epoxy technology, the Sika Unitherm Platinum system is suitable for both interior and exterior use. Certified to BS 476- 21 and EN 13381-8 it offers protection for up to 90 minutes.

It is simple to apply and requires no reinforcement making it ideal for use on structural steelwork including columns, girders and frameworks, along with castellated and complex steel building elements. Unitherm Platinum can also be applied to cantered beams without the risk of cracking after installation, thus preserving the aesthetics

of the steel structure.

Sika Unitherm Platinum offers fast coating and curing. It is touch dry in 12 hours and, after just 24 hours the steel can be moved outside for storage without risk of damage from rain or other adverse weather conditions.

High mechanical impact shock and abrasion resistance means the steel does not need additional protection when being transported or assembled on site. The coating is flexible it can tolerate being knocked, banged or bashed and will show little or no sign of damage, keeping costly post site repairs and unsightly flaking of new structures to a minimum.

As a result, Sika Unitherm Platinum offers substantial overall savings in time and labour, both of which makes savings to the real cost of installation.

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Top quality from Firestopit



Firestopit manufactures and develops a full range of built-in fire protection systems, all of which are manufactured to ISO 9001:2008 and have attained third party certification from Certifire.

The company takes pride in the high level of testing and accreditation offered for its products and provides technical expertise that has been built up through 30 years of experience within the industry, both on site and in dealing with large multi-national conglomerates.

Firestopit supplies products to the UK (tested to BS 476: part 20 & 22), throughout Europe (tested to EN1366: part 3 & 4) and worldwide (tested to EN and UL standards).

Firestopit offers in house training for both installers and specifiers and provides advice on best practice, installation procedures and product information.

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ISOVER HVAC approved by London Underground

The **Saint-Gobain Isover** HVAC range has been approved by London Underground to potentially be used on Crossrail, the biggest engineering project in Europe which will connect 37 stations and create eight new subsurface stations.

All of the Isover HVAC range including; Isover CLIMCOVER, CLIMPIPE Sections and ULTIMATE Protect meet the London



Underground fire safety performance requirements (LU Standard 1-085), and are now included on the London Underground Approved Products Register.

The range also achieves the stringent criteria set for smoke generation and toxicity given in IMO Resolution MSC 61 (67). It offers Euroclass A solutions and is Class O compliant.

In addition to its strong fire credentials, Isover's HVAC solutions are lightweight and easy to install. All products are foil-faced offering an inherent vapour barrier and neat, efficient installation. The Isover HVAC range offers sustainable

insulation solutions with great thermal, acoustic and fire performance and is fully CE Marked to EN 14303, making it the logical choice for everyday applications.

Isover, part of Saint-Gobain Group, develops sustainable insulation solutions which protect both the built environment and the natural environment. Its glass mineral wool products use recycled glass that would otherwise go to landfill, achieving 86 per cent recycled content.

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New appointments at IFC Group

Continued growth in clients, products and services has led **IFC Group** to make two new appointments.

IFC Certification has appointed Phil Sargent as Site Inspection Manager. With 37 years of experience, Phil has specialist knowledge in survey, inspection and certification of fire safety products. He is well known to manufacturers across the UK and abroad having specialist knowledge of; sprayed coatings, board solutions, cavity barriers, partitions, penetration sealing products, ducts, dampers, fire doors, various intumescent products and also active systems.



As well as a long career in manufacturing and familiarity with contracting, he has previously worked as a Senior Site Inspector, Installer Inspector and Company Scheme Operations Manager.

Tim Clements has strengthened IFC Group's Fire Safety Engineering and Fire Safety Strategy team as a Director of Fire Engineering.

With a wealth of fire engineering experience Tim has held senior positions as a building control surveyor in both public and private building control bodies. He has overseen major new and refurbishment developments and has been responsible for a significant number of prestigious and innovative fire engineered solutions internationally, assembling and leading a team of fire safety engineers.

As well as an MSc in Fire Safety Engineering, Tim is a professional member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, the Institution of Fire Engineers and the Association of Building Engineers. He has also been involved in drafting fire safety standards and design guidelines in Custodial Properties and for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office – Fire Safety Code.

For further information about Phil or Tim, or the IFC Group please contact Jeff Brydon on +44 (0)1844 275500

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Chiltern International Fire Announces 2013 Course Dates



Following its two successful events last year, **Chiltern International Fire (CIF)** has announced two further dates in 2013 for its one-day CPD certified course, Fire Protection in Buildings Explained – the Role of Passive Fire Protection Products.

The course, which combines classroom seminars with multiple live fire demonstrations, will be held at CIF's headquarters in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire on 4 June and 22 October.

Delegates will gain an understanding of how passive fire protection products enhance a building's fire resistance, protect both buildings and people, reduce the spread of fire through secondary ignition and limit the spread of flame and smoke.

The course is designed for building contractors, facilities and estates managers, fire engineers, housing associations, local authorities, fire stopping installation companies and individuals designated as the 'Responsible Person' under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order.

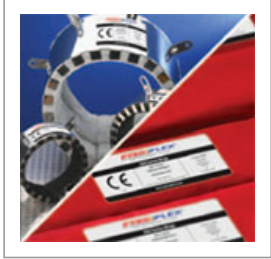
Each course costs £285 plus VAT or £255 plus VAT for TRADA members.

For further information or to book online visit www.chilternfire.co.uk/training, or call 01494 569744

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Pyroplex Leads The Race In Europe



Pyroplex Ltd has applied significant resources to obtain a CE mark for its fire rated pipe collars and pipe wraps, well in advance of the 1st July implementation date of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR).

After this date, all products to be CE-marked will need to demonstrate compliance with a harmonised European product standard (hEN) or European Technical Approval. They can then carry the CE mark at the point of sale or installation.

Since this specialist area of fire sealing products has been subject to many delays in the preparation of the necessary testing procedures and/or European Technical Approval documents, implementation will present a tight schedule that may have some manufacturers struggling, not just in the UK, but across Europe.

Pyroplex took an active role in the drafting process. By committing to it, the company gained a head start in getting its products onto the market bearing the mandatory CE mark. The company is committed to new product development and collaborates with fully accredited test houses worldwide to develop an extensive international testing programmes.

The Pyroplex range of penetration seals comprises pipe collars, covering 25mm to 400mm diameter pipes, and pipe wraps from 55mm to 160mm diameter pipes. Within these ranges, there are individual products with two hour and one hour fire resistance periods.

All Pyroplex Fire Containment Systems have been tested and approved to the highest possible standards. This includes third party approval through leading schemes.

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