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TEST REPORT

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REPORT OF AIR LEAKAGE TESTS ON MANTHORPE G912/48 JOIST SEAL USED WITHIN BLOCKWORK WALLS, TESTED TO A METHOD BASED ON MOB PF2 PS/SPU, & CIBSE DOCUMENT TM23: 2000

INTRODUCTION

CERAM Building Technology was requested by the client, Manthorpe Building Products, to undertake air leakage tests on a new end detail for joists. For comparative purposes tests were also under taken on the current NHBC detailing, embedded timber to masonry joist hangers, and a control wall (blockwork only)

METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION

Each detailing was built into a 2 ½ long x 4 high wall using a designation (iii) mortar and was allowed to cure for 28 days under polythene sheeting. A 1.1m x 0.9m x 0.6m Plywood box, incorporating a 1.1m x 0.9m opening, with all joints made airtight was sealed around the wall such that the external face of the wall was open.

METHOD OF TEST

A fan was connected up-to the sample and run up to achieve a pressure of 50Pa measured using an electronic manometer. The airflow into the sample was then measured and used to calculate the air leakage rate.

RESULTS

Sample	No of Samples	Air Pressure (Pa)	Air Leakage (litres/sec)		Air Leakage (m^3/h)	
			Panel	Per Detail	Panel	Per Detail
NHBC Detailing	4	50	1.10	0.27	3.96	0.99
Manthorpe G912/48 Joist Seal	4		0.61	0.15	2.18	0.54
JHMI Timber to Masonry Joist Hangers	2		0.33	0.16	1.18	0.59
Control wall	~		0.19	~	0.68	~

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