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SALT SPRAY TESTING OF DOOR HARDWARE SAMPLE

INTRODUCTION

The finished sample was submitted to the laboratory for Salt Spray Corrosion Resistance Testing in accordance with the relevant specifications.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

Description: 1 off. Bronze Letterbox Assembly
Finish: Lacquered Bronze Coated / Zn Die Cast Substrate

Specifications: Salt Spray Test in accordance with BS EN ISO 9227:2012 & BS EN 1670:2007

Test Duration: 480 – 1008 Hours Exposure

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Sample Receipt Date: 24/01/2019

Salt Spray Test (BS EN ISO 9227:2012)

The photograph in fig 1 is showing the as- received condition of the sample prior to test, the sample was then exposed to a neutral 5% Salt Spray for a test period of 480 – 1008 hours with examinations after every 24 hours, revealed the following observations:-

Bronze Letterbox Assembly

24 Hours

The flap section and outer frame section showed no evidence of corrosion product.

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96 – 192 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses.

The outer frame section showed a very slight amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, (see photograph after 96 hours).

264 – 360 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses.

The outer frame section showed a slight amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the flap section and the outer frame section exhibited a moderate loss of the protective film, (see photographs after 264 hours).

432 – 480 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses less than 1.5mm.

The outer frame section showed a slight / moderate amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the flap section and the outer frame section exhibited a significant loss of the protective film, (see photograph after 480 hours).

504 - 528 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses less than 1.5mm.

The outer frame section showed a slight / moderate amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the flap section and the outer frame section exhibited a significant loss of the protective film.

600 – 696 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses less than 1.5mm.

The outer frame section showed a moderate amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the flap section and the outer frame section exhibited a significant / excessive loss of the protective film.

768 - 864 Hours

The flap section showed isolated corrosion spots and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the channel recesses less than 1.5mm.

The outer frame section showed a moderate amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the flap section and the outer frame section exhibited an excessive loss of the protective film.

936 - 1008 Hours

The flap sample showed evidence of 2 x corrosion spots (2.0mm Ø) and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the small channel recess and 1 x corrosion spot (4.0mm Ø) and leaching white corrosion product / staining from the large channel recess.

The outer frame sample showed a moderate amount of white corrosion product / staining from the end interface joint, the outer frame edges showed white corrosion product / staining from the underside of the sample.

The significant surfaces exhibited an excessive loss of the protective film, (see photographs after 1008 hours).

COMMENTS

The flap section and the outer frame section exhibited a loss of the protective film, however this is not classed as a corrosion, and however in our opinion with the protection coating film breakdown after 264 hours, it would be not considered cosmetically appealing.

Introduction of BS EN 1670:2007: Corrosion protection alone is not specified in any of the six essential requirements of the construction product directive, but is an implicit requirement for durability.

This standard provides for the corrosion resistance of all building hardware, classified according to application.

Wherever reference is made to classes they are considered to be technical classes and not classes according to article 3(2) of the Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC).

CONCLUSION

The finish applied to the Bronze Letterbox Assembly (Appearance) tested, **satisfied** 480 hours Salt Spray Test Requirement to British Standard Specification, BS EN.1670:2007, Grade 5.

The mechanism applied to the Bronze Letterbox Assembly (Function) tested, **satisfied** 480 hours Salt Spray Test Requirement to British Standard Specification, BS EN.1670:2007, Grade 5.

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FIG 1



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly prior to Salt Spray Test

FIG 2



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 96 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 3



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 264 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 4



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 264 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 5



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 480 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 6



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 1008 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 7



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 1008 hours Salt Spray Test

FIG 8



Photograph showing the condition of the Bronze Letterbox Assembly after 1008 hours Salt Spray Test