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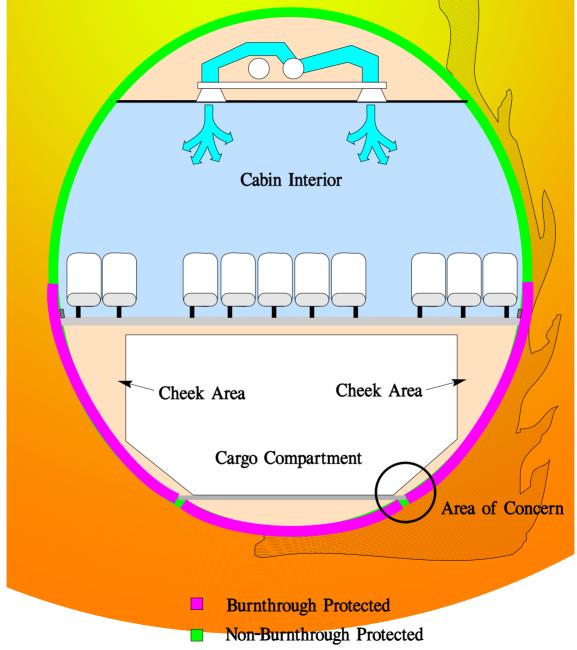
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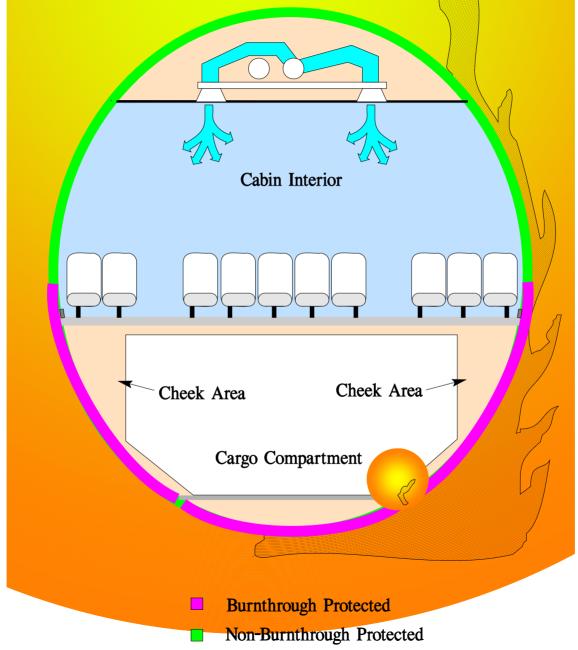
Insulation blankets in burnthrough-protected area of fuselage not 100% connected or contiguous.

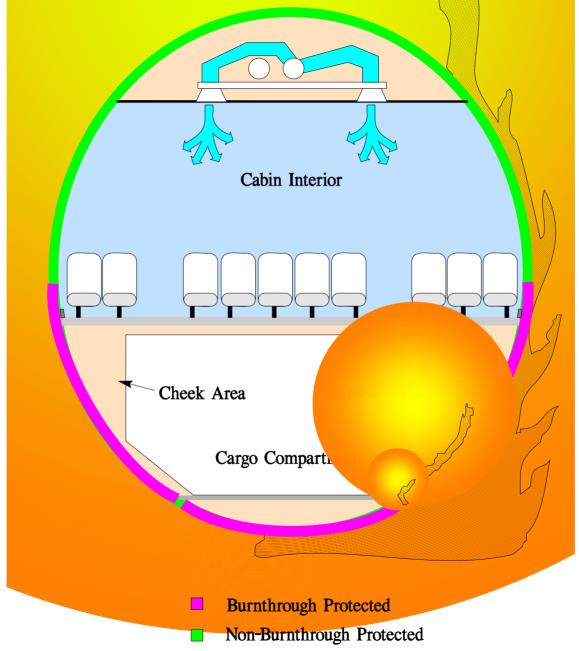
Discontinuities such as slots, gaps, holes, pass-throughs, and other openings can exist in the burnthrough protected area of the fuselage.

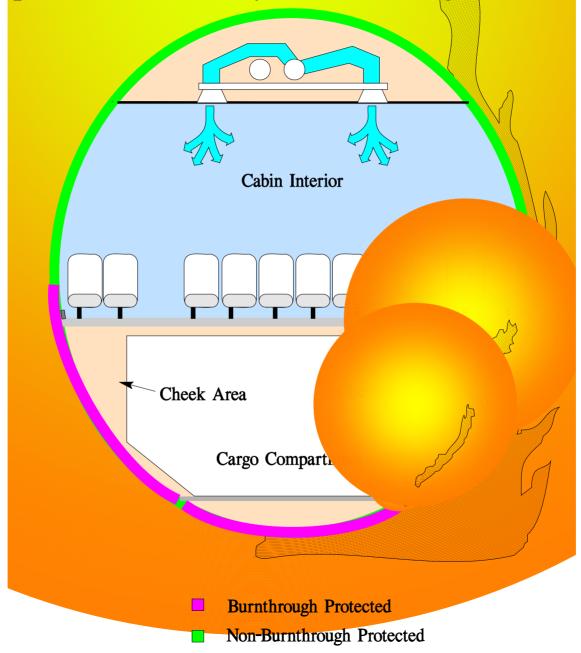
Investigation to focus on what is acceptable level of discontinuities to ensure safety.

Findings of investigation to be implemented into advisory material.

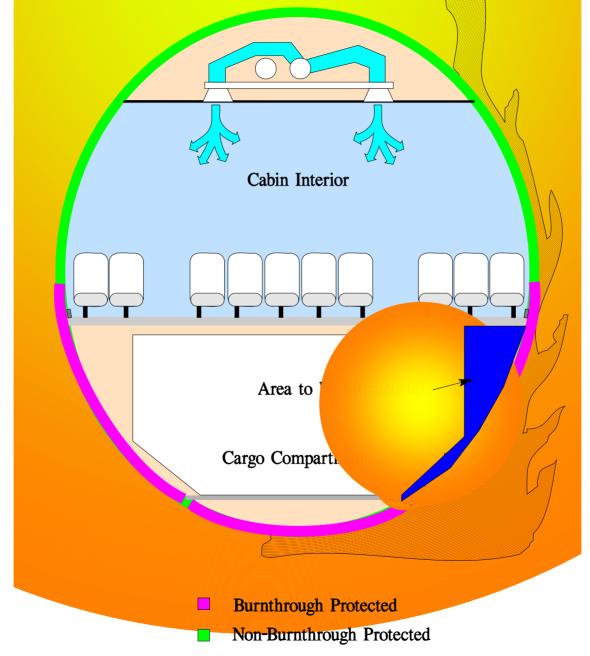




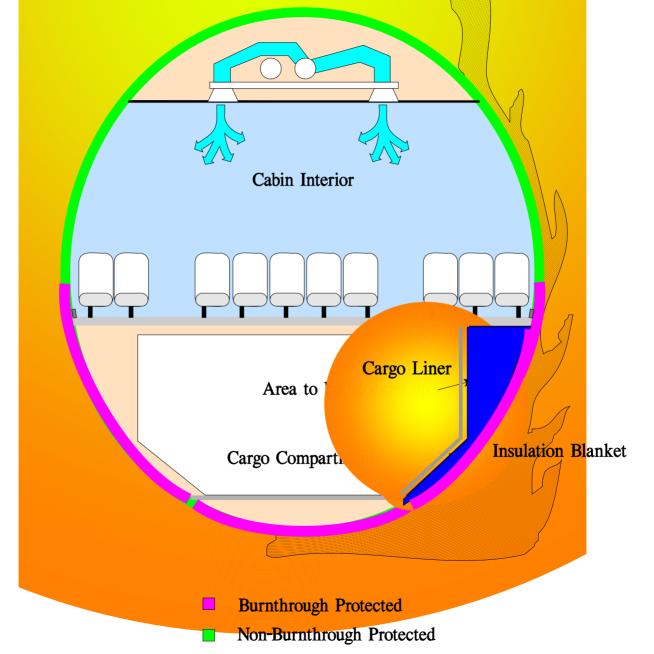




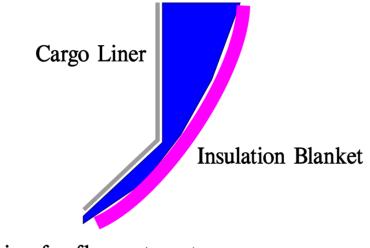
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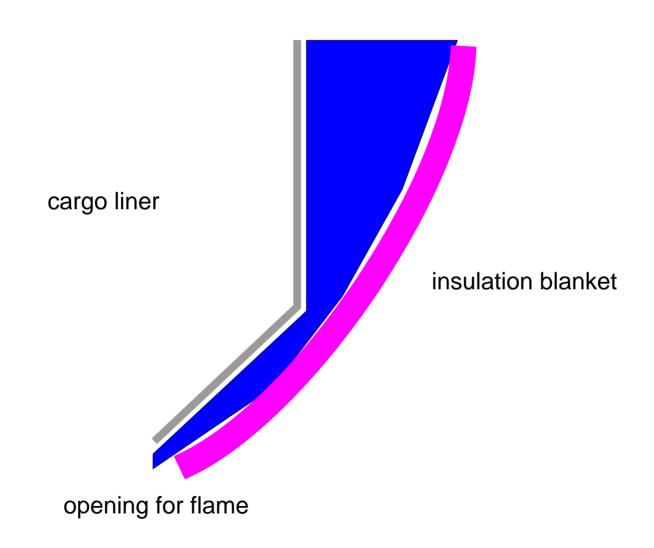


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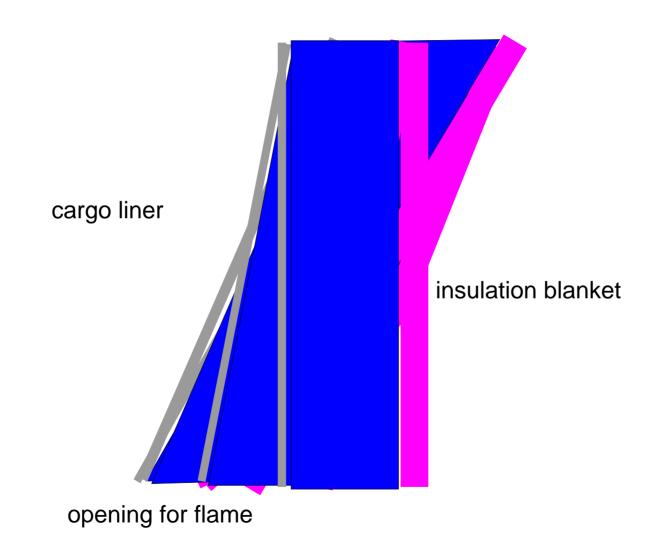


Opening for flames to enter

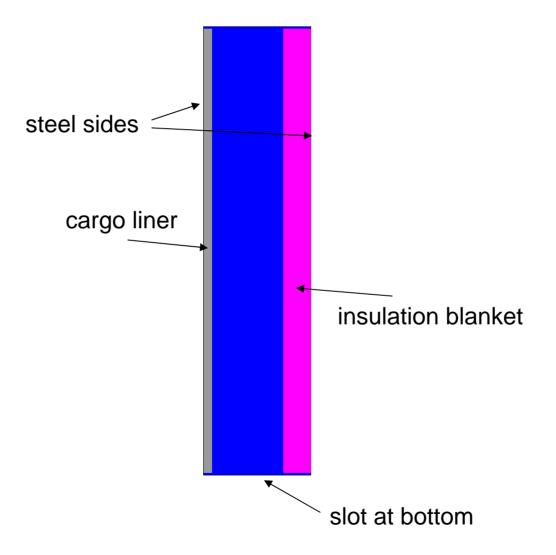
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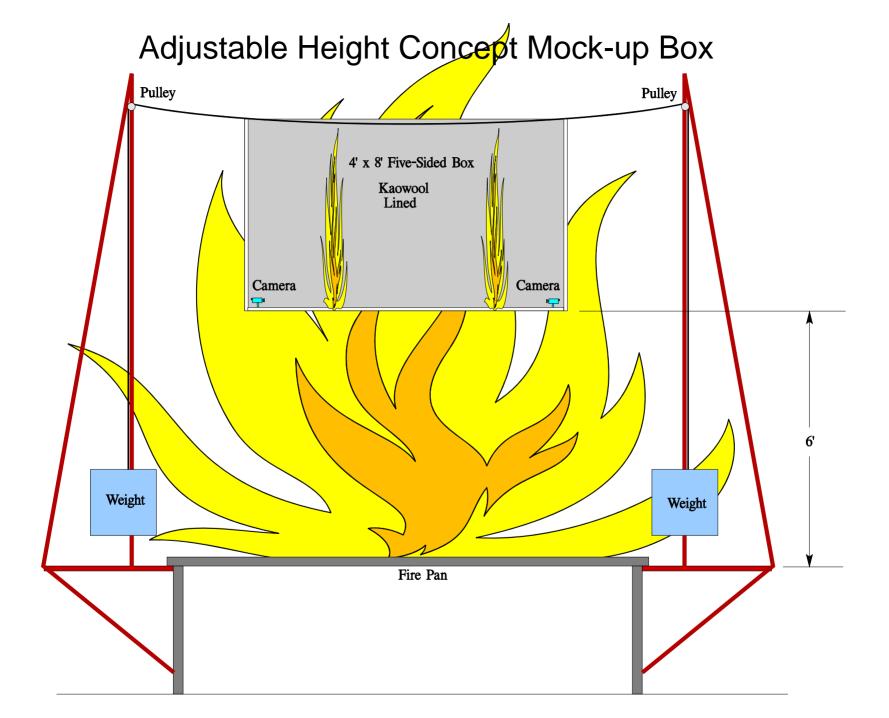


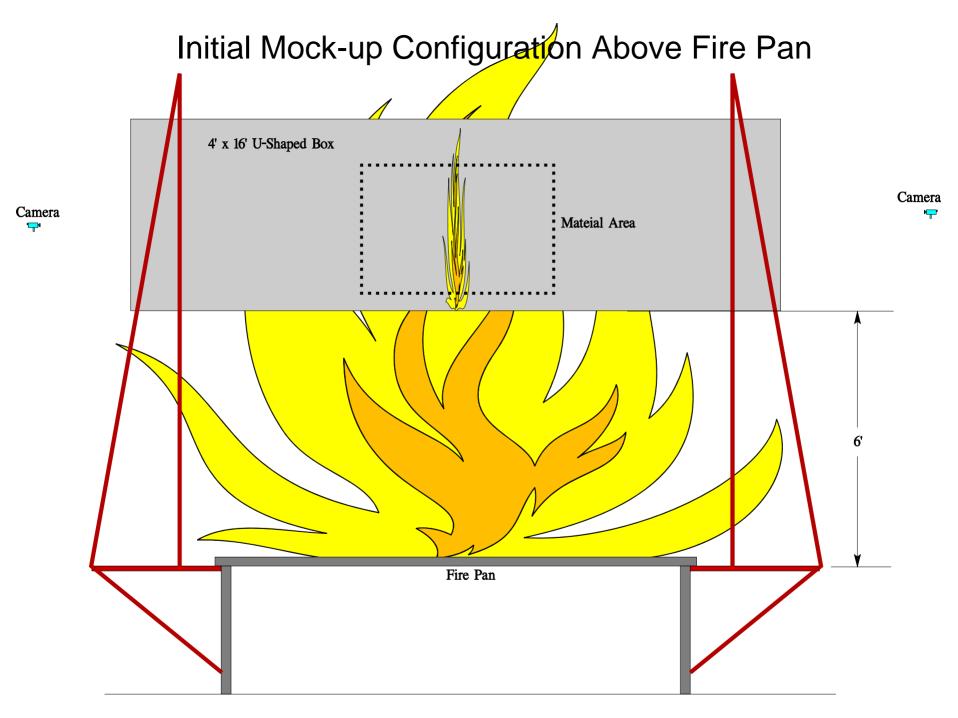
Formation of Mock-up



Mock-up Box Cross Section







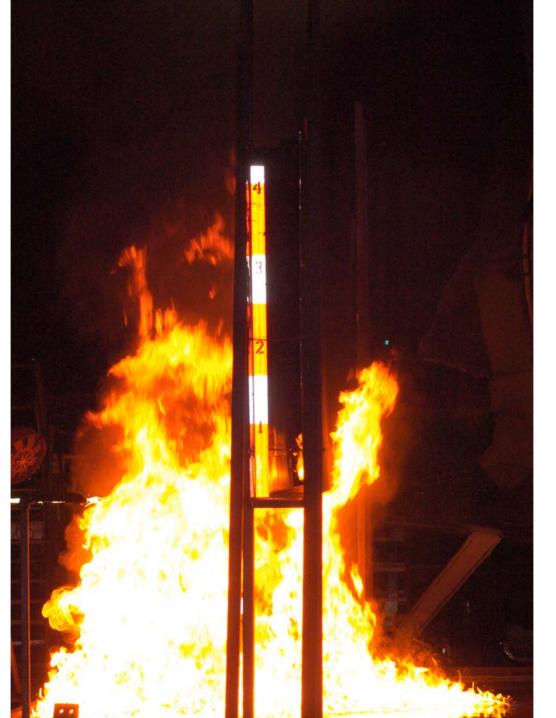
Mock-up Box at 6 Feet Above Fire Pan



Mock-up Box at 3 Feet Above Fire Pan



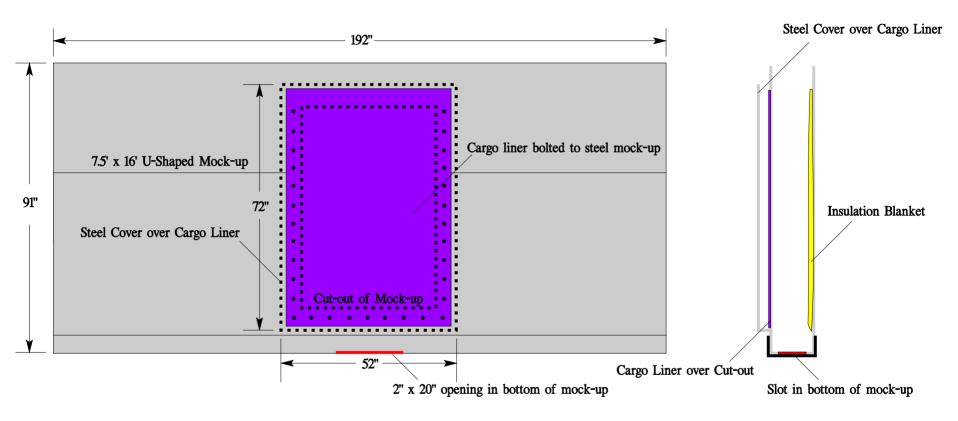
Begin Test



30 Seconds



Modified Mock-up Box Configuration



FRONT VIEW

SIDE VIEW

Modified Mock-up Box Configuration



Cargo Liner Mounted Over Opening



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Modified Mock-up Box Configuration Over Fuel Pan



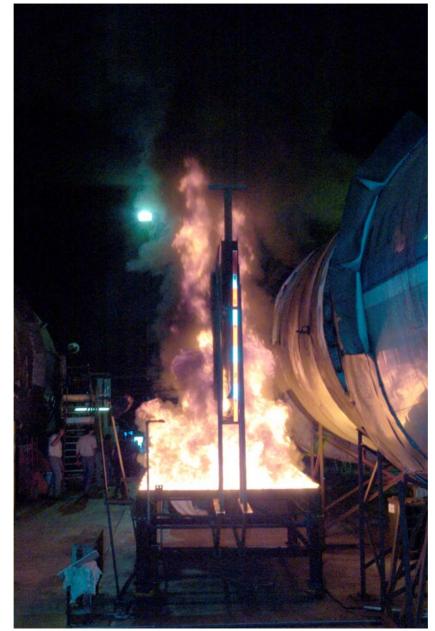
Modified Mock-up Box Configuration



Insulation Blanket Mounted in Mock-up



Typical Mock-up Box Test With Materials









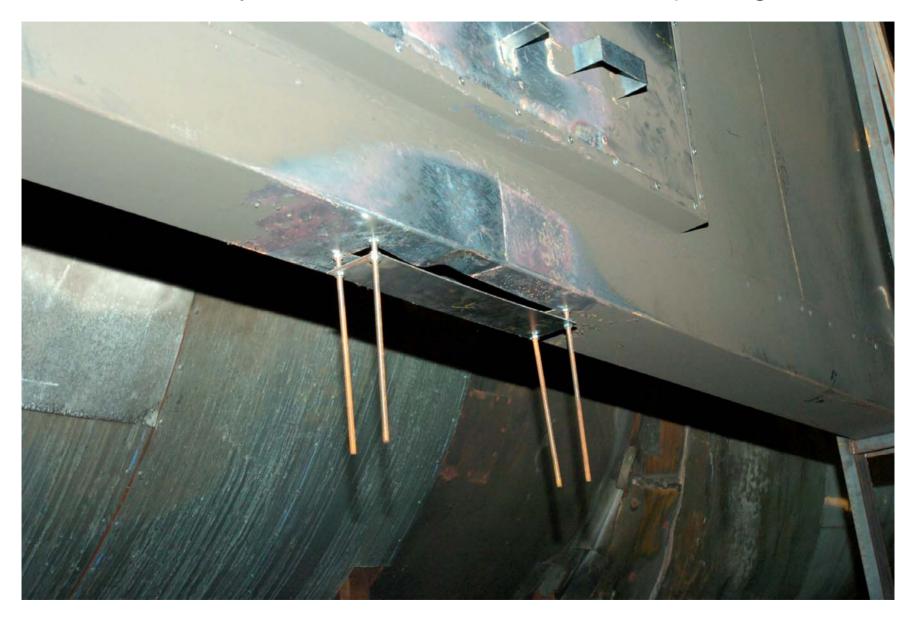


Post-Test Damage to Insulation Blanket

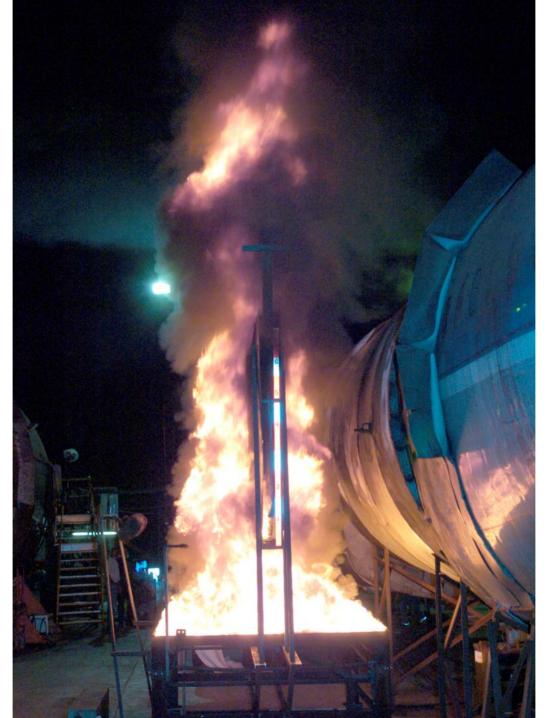


Steel Baffle Test (5/02/07)

4- by 22-Inch Steel Baffle Below Opening



30 Seconds



Cargo Liner Post Test

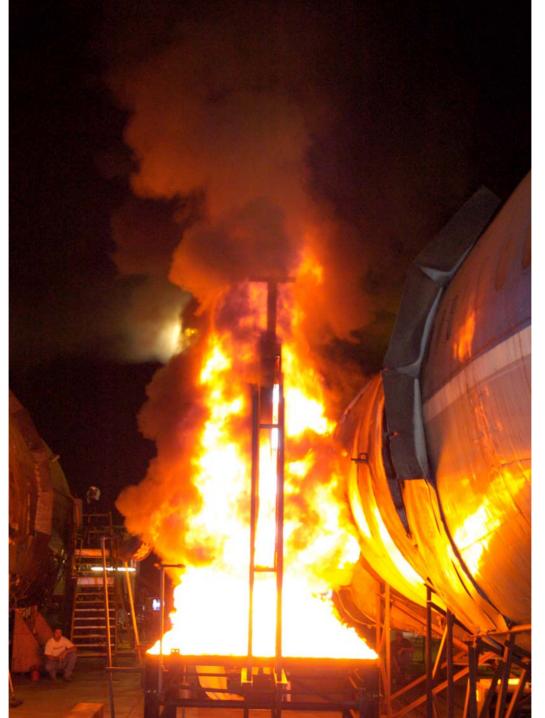


Intumescent Coated Steel Baffle (5/16/07)

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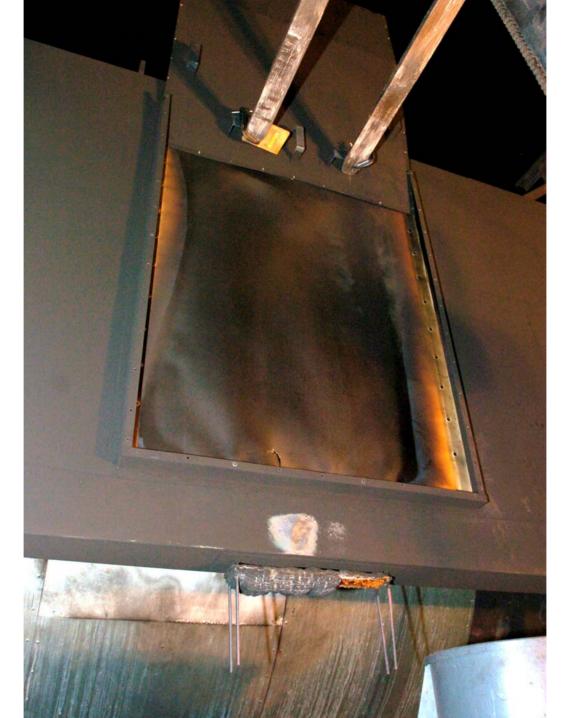
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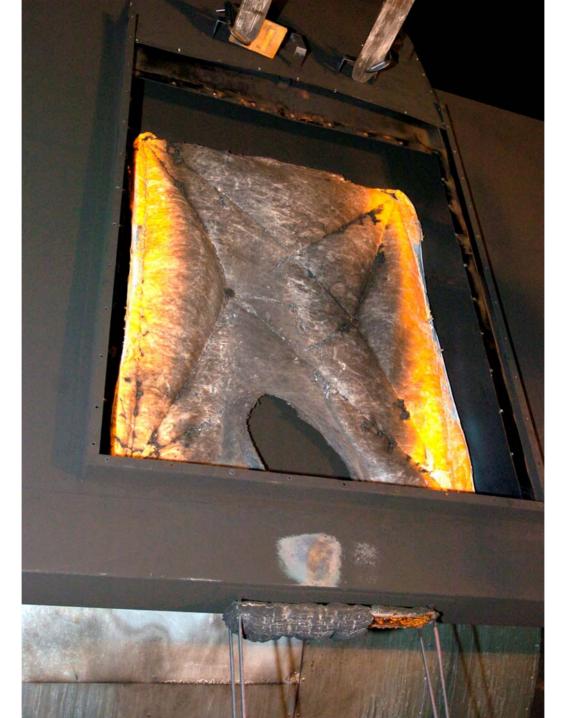
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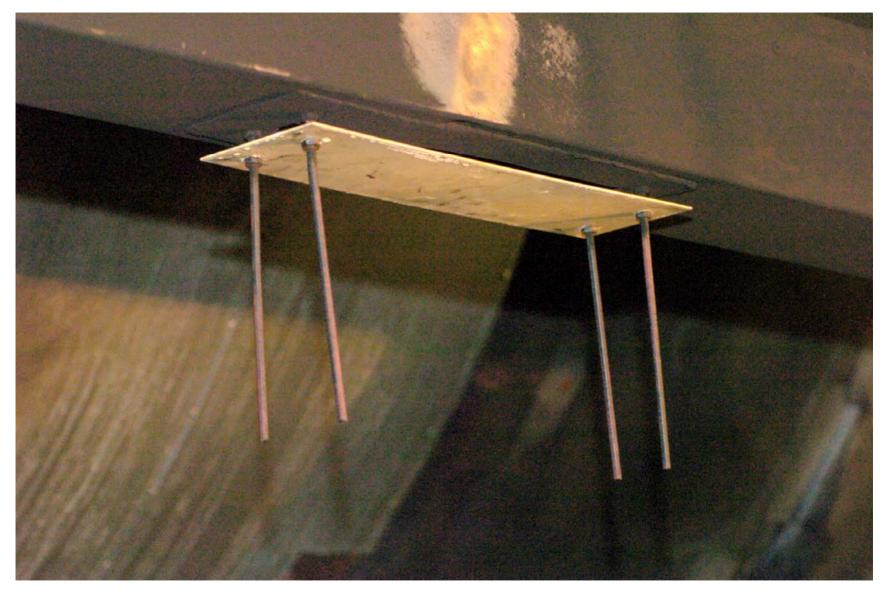


Insulation Blanket Post Test



Oversized Intumescent Coated Aluminum Baffle (6/1/07)

6- by 24-Inch Intumescent Coated Aluminum Baffle



20 seconds



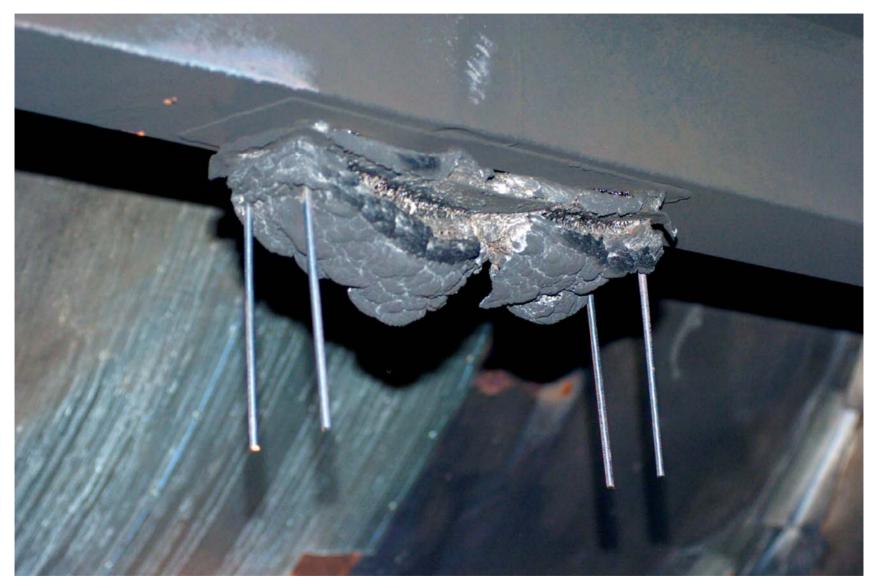
60 seconds



Intumescent-Coated Aluminum Baffle Post Test



Intumescent-Coated Aluminum Baffle Post Test



Cargo Liner Post Test



Insulation Blanket Post Test



Summary of Full-Scale Testing of Penetrations

8 tests conducted with 2- by 20-inch opening in mock-up

Unblocked opening allows flames to enter and climb approximately 3 feet using 4-foot-high box

Unblocked opening allows flames to enter and climb up materials during modified box tests

Non-coated baffle provides marginal decrease in fire penetration

Reduced opening size (1-inch width) provided no decrease in fire penetration

Intumescent-coated baffles limit damage to insulation blanket/cargo liner