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TITLE : Report on the Large-scale Fire Resistance properties of the **Capco 60 minutes Fire Rated Ceiling (Insulated)**

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SCOPE

This report classifies the Fire Resistance Properties of the **60 minutes Fire Rated Ceiling (Insulated)** when tested and classified in accordance with the **SANS 10177 – 2** test protocol.

Section 1: Detailed information on the specimen construction

Section 2: Test protocol used for classification

Section 3: Observations made, temperatures recorded with photographs taken before, during and after the test

Section 4: Discussion of results

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1. SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION

Capco installed the 60 minutes Fire Rated Ceiling (Insulated) into FIRELAB's Horizontal SANS 10177 – 2 test facility.

Description of the ceiling system:

System:	Capco 60 minute Fire Rated Ceiling
System Abbr. name:	Capco (Insulated) Ceiling
Total Thickness:	± 68 mm
Proposed Application:	Ceiling system
Application requirement:	FR 60
Load required:	N/A

System make up:

Board:	15 mm Fire Shield Board
Plaster:	Casofour/Capco Jointing compound
Length (per board):	3.0 m
Width (per board):	1.2 m
Total Thickness	30 mm

System Composition:

Layer 1:	Insulation – Capco Ultrasonic Batt 47.5 kgs/m ³
Grid 1:	T38/35G Tee Grid System
Layer 2:	15 mm Fire Shield Drywall screwed to grid. Taped and jointed
Layer 3:	15 mm Fire Shield staggered with 100 x 0.5 mm galvanised steel sheet strips at joints

Support:

Main T's:	Capco Delta T38/35G Main Tee (3.600 m) + Cross Tees (1200 mm)
Hangers:	25 x 25 x 0.5 mm galvanised M/S angles
Clips:	N/A

The test specimen is shown from the exposed and unexposed sides in Figures 1.1 and 1.2 prior to commencement of the test.

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Figure 1.1: The **Capco (Insulated) Ceiling** with thermocouples on the unexposed side prior to testing



Figure 1.2: The **Capco (Insulated) Ceiling** from the exposed side

2. FIRE RESISTANCE: SANS 10177 – PART 2:2005

2.1. TEST PROCEDURE

The nominal 3 meter wide by 6-meter long system (3 meter section with insulation and the remaining 3 meter without insulation) was tested for fire resistance in FIRELAB's large-scale air-aspirated diesel furnace. The furnace temperature was controlled to follow the **ISO standard time-temperature curve** as stipulated in **SANS 10177 – 2**. The **Fire Resistance Rating (FRR)** of the system is determined based on the following criteria:

- 🔥 **Stability (R):** The system may not collapse or fail structurally during the test.
- 🔥 **Integrity (E):** The system is deemed to have failed should flames be observed on the unexposed side or an opening larger than 6 mm wide or 150 mm long is noted.
- 🔥 **Insulation (I):** The temperature on the unexposed surface may not exceed 140 °C plus ambient temperature on average or 180 °C plus ambient maximum at any of the measured surface positions.

The **Stability and Integrity** criteria are evaluated through observations which are noted in Table 3.1.

Insulation was measured using 5 thermocouples (TC 1 – TC 5) placed in a grid of equal area onto the surface of the specimen.

The insulated ceiling was tested simultaneously with the uninsulated ceiling.

2.2. TEST EQUIPMENT

- 🔥 Data logging equipment c/w controller
- 🔥 Stopwatch
- 🔥 Type K thermocouples
- 🔥 **SANS 10177 – 2** Horizontal Test Facility

3. TEST RESULTS

Capco – Capco Ceiling

OBSERVATIONS DURING THE SANS 10177 – 2 TEST

TIME (hh:mm:ss)	DESCRIPTION
00:00:00	– Test Started –
00:02:02	Light smoke release on left perimeter
00:04:50	Light smoke release on front perimeter
00:10:06	General smoke release increase
00:18:40	Smoke coming through insulation in the middle
00:19:20	First layer of boards starting to sag
00:36:00	Density of the smoke released increased
00:41:00	Pieces flaking off the first layer of boards
00:52:40	Insulation darkening on joint
00:55:20	Significant smoke release near TC 1
00:56:00	Board joints starting to open (exposed side)
00:59:00	Board charring on right perimeter and edging buckling (uninsulated section)
01:00:00	First layer of boards sagging significantly (insulated section)
01:03:20	System sagging near back perimeter and glowing under insulation (insulated section)
01:07:00	Insulation sagging significantly at back perimeter (insulated section)
01:09:55	System collapsed near back perimeter (insulated section) » Fails Stability
01:10:00	– Test Concluded –

Note(s): Tested on 26/10/2023, ambient temperature during the test = 28.5 °C
The observations above are for both the insulated ceiling and the uninsulated ceiling

Table 3.1: Observations recorded during the SANS 10177 – 2 test

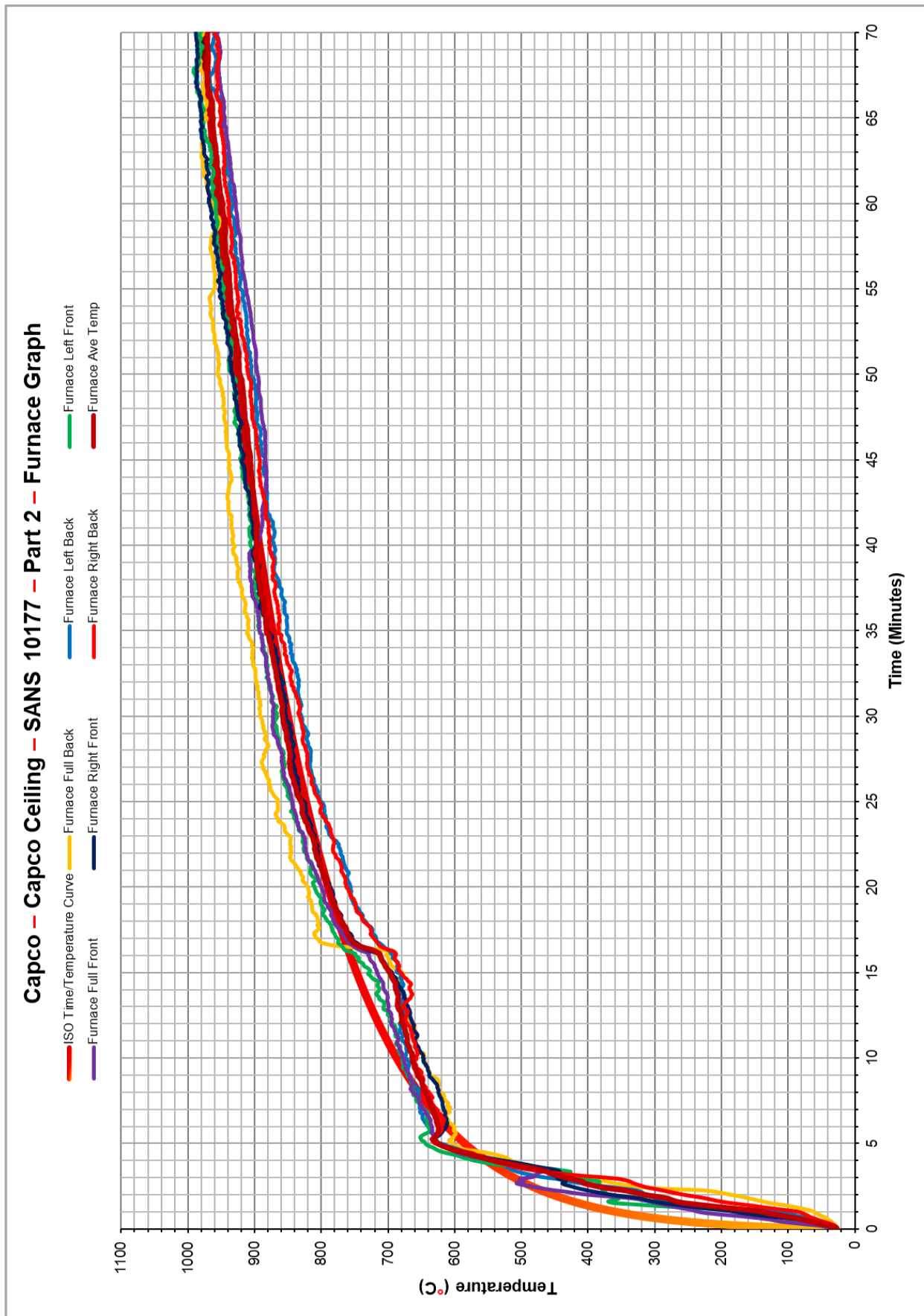


Figure 3.1: Furnace temperatures recorded during the large-scale FR test

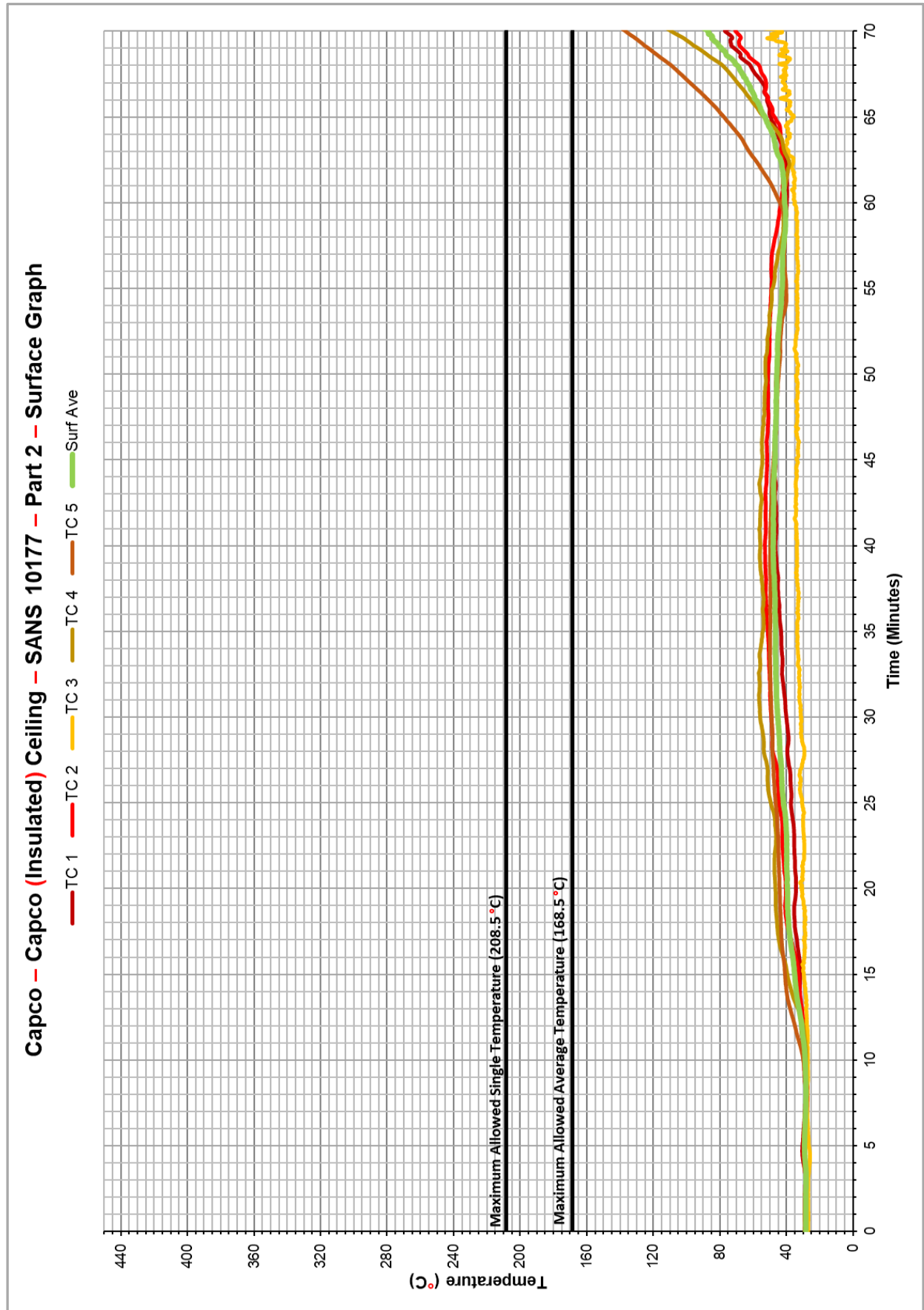


Figure 3.2: Temperatures recorded on the surface of the specimen

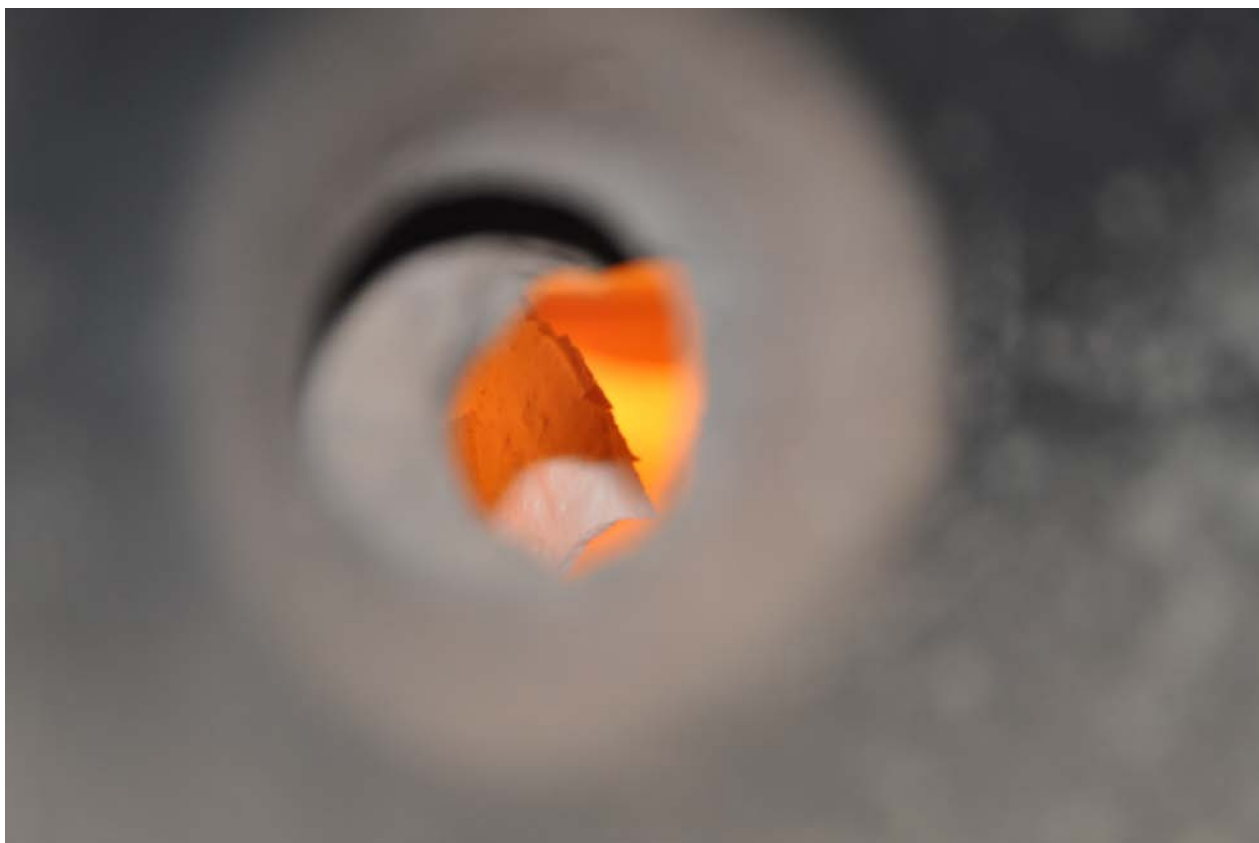


Figure 3.3: First layer of boards sagging



Figure 3.4: Smoke release density increase

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Figure 3.5: Insulation darkening on joint



Figure 3.6: Significant smoke release near TC 1



Figure 3.7: First layer of boards sagging significantly



Figure 3.8: Glowing observed through insulation




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Figure 3.9: System collapsed near back perimeter





4. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Results in terms of **SANS 10177 – 2**: Ceiling system with insulation

-  **Stability (R):** The specimen collapsed after 60 minutes.
Stability satisfied for 60 minutes
-  **Integrity (E):** The specimen collapsed after 60 minutes.
Integrity satisfied for 60 minutes
-  **Insulation (I):** None of the thermocouples reached their maximum allowable temperatures during the test duration.
Insulation satisfied for 60 minutes

5. CONCLUSION

The **Capco 60 minutes Fire Rated Ceiling (Insulated)** was tested for **Fire Resistance** in accordance with the **SANS 10177 – 2** test protocol and is classified as follows:

-  **SANS 10177 – 2** » **FR60**
-  **Stability (R)** » **60 minutes**
-  **Integrity (E)** » **60 minutes**
-  **Insulation (I)** » **60 minutes**





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– Test & Sample Information –		
Test Required:	60 minutes Fire Rated Ceiling	
Sample/Product name:	Capco FireShield Gypsum Ceiling	
Intended Use:	Residential / Commercial / Industrial Building	
Sample/Product Description:	Suspended ceiling from light steel frame / structural steel or timber beams with covered tee system + 2 layers of 15mm Fire resistant gypsum boards fitted staggered to tee system.	
<i>(Short description of sample or product submitted for testing, and type of material to be tested)</i>		

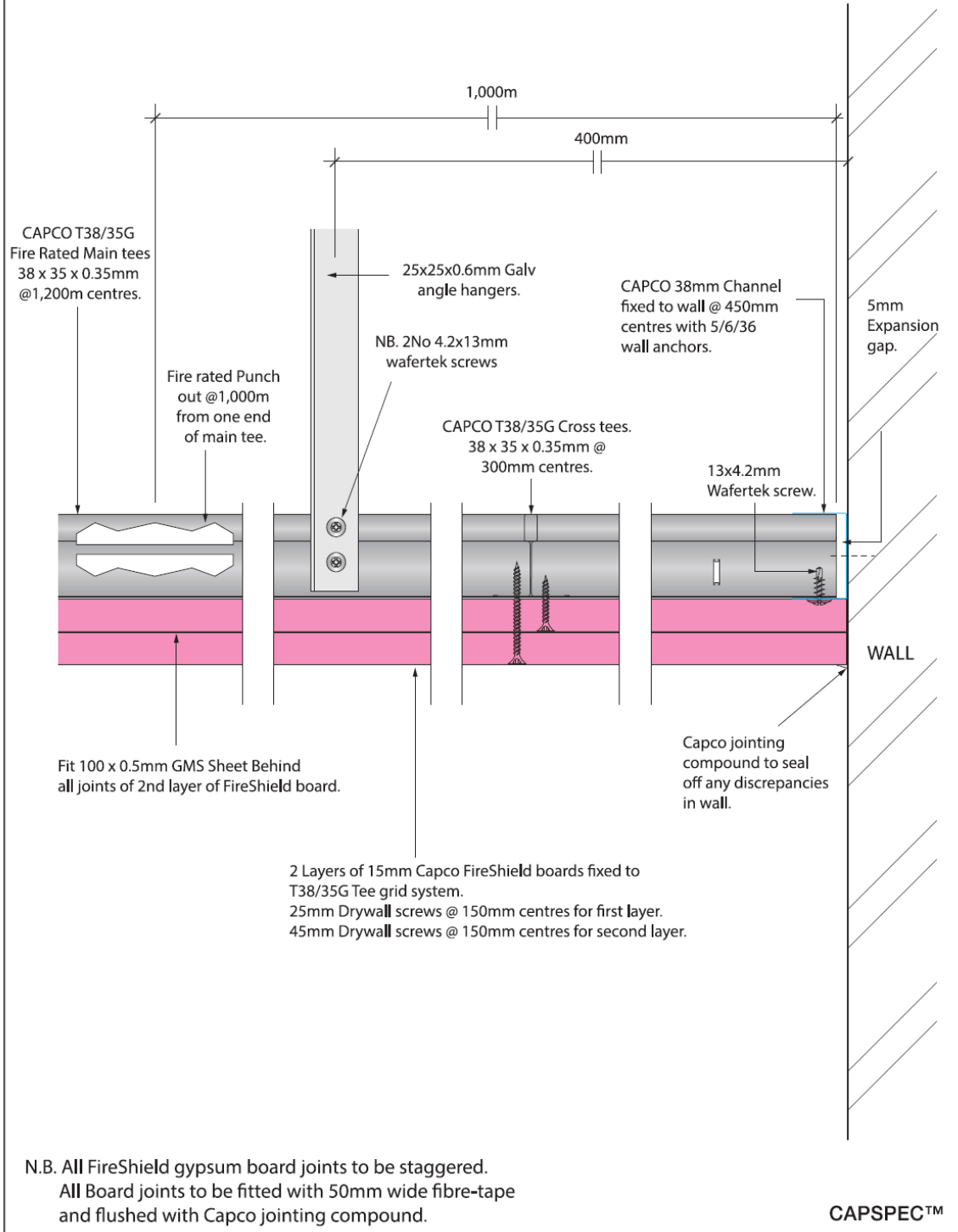
– SANS 10177 Part 2 – – Ceiling Specimen Description –		 FIRELAB
Ceiling system description:		
System name:	Capco 60minute Fire Rated Ceiling	
System type:	Capco FireShield Gypsum Board	
Proposed Usage:	Residential between garage and loft over: 30minutes and Commercial: 60 minutes required	
System make up:		
Board:	15mm FireShield board	
Plaster:	Casofour / Capco Jointing compound	
Length (per board):	3,000m	
Width (per board):	1,200m	
Overall Thickness:	15mm x 2 = 30mm + T38/35G grid	
Product composition (includes skin coat & coating):		
Layer 1:	15mm FireShield Drywall screwed to grid. Taped and jointed	
Layer 2:	15mm Fireshield staggered with 100 x 0,5mm galvanised steel sheet strips at joints	
Layer 3:	N/A	
Layer 4:	N/A	
Layer 5:	N/A	
Support:		
T's:	Capco Delta T38/35G Main Tee (3,600m) + Cross tees (1200mm)	
Hangers:	25 x 25 x 0,5mm galvanised M/S angles	
Clips:	N/A	

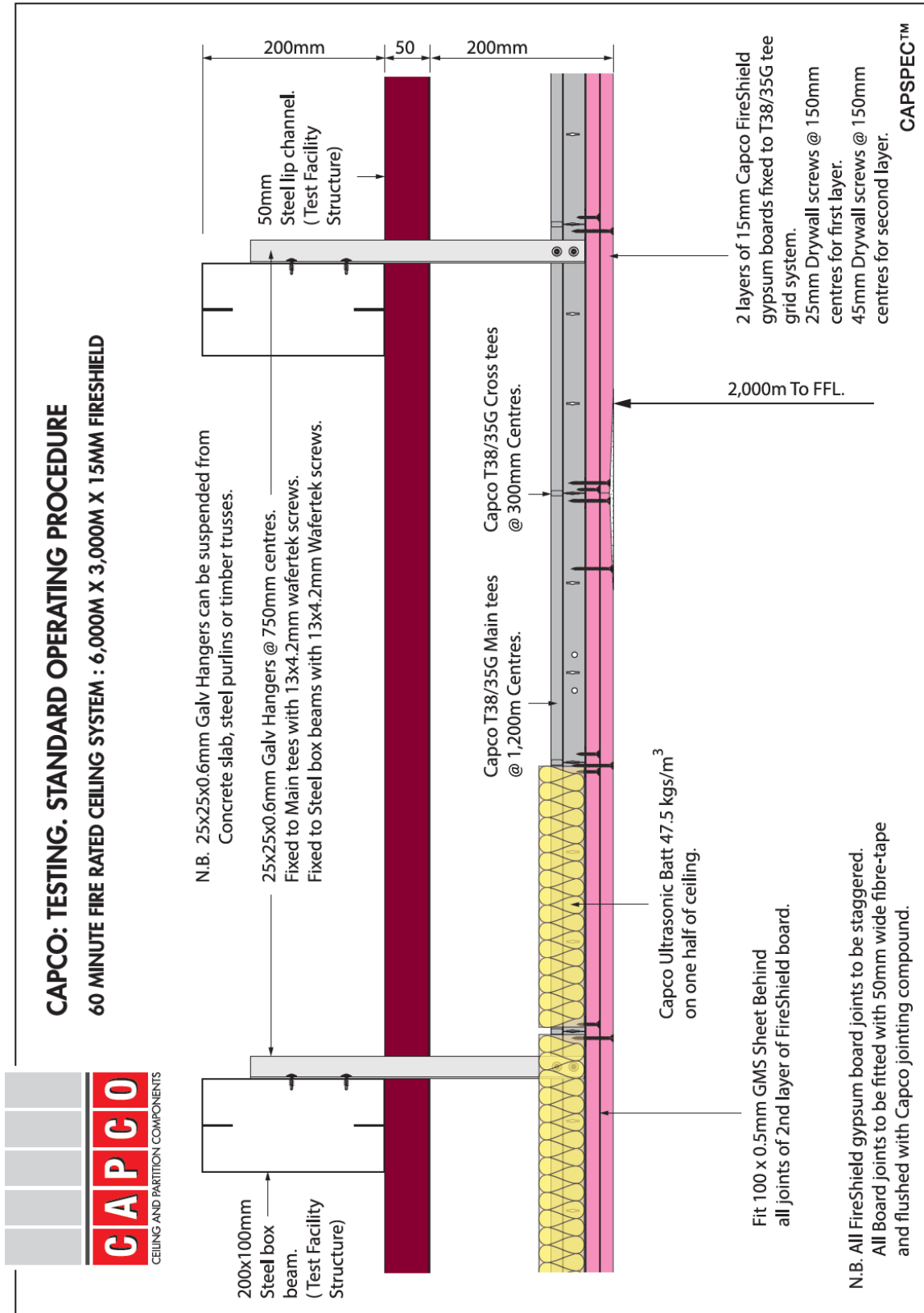
Capco: One Hour Fire-rated Gypsum Ceiling.
60 Minute Fire-rated ceiling description.

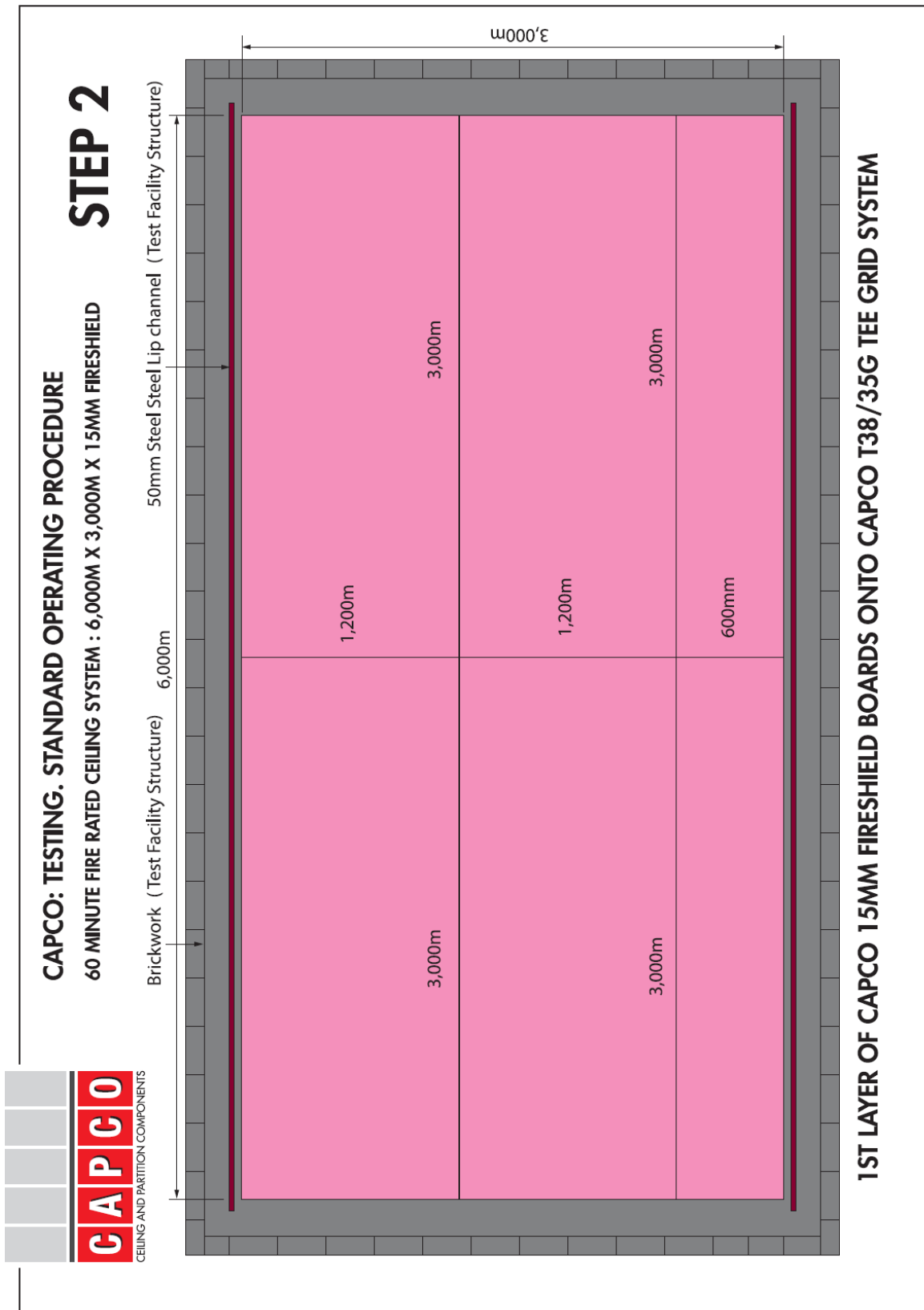
1. Ceiling suspended from light steel frame, structural steel frame or structural timber beams with 25 x 25 x 0,6mm galvanised mild steel angle hangers fixed at 750mm centres to Capco Delta galvanised mild steel covered tee system T38/35G fire rated main tees with Wafer Tek screws. Main tees supported at perimeter walls on Capco C39/25 Bulkhead "C" Channels fixed at 400mm centres. Delta 1,200m Cross tees T38/35G slotted into main tees at 300mm centres. Capco 15mm thick FireShield fire resistant gypsum board fixed to Covered Tee system with 25mm Drywall screws at 150mm centres and joints taped with 50mm wide fibreglass mesh tape and jointed with Capco jointing compound. All screw heads to be stopped with joint compound. Second layer of Capco 15mm thick FireShield gypsum board fixed in staggered pattern through first layer of board with 45mm drywall screws into covered tee grid system including 100 x 0,5mm galvanised mild steel strips behind all second layer board joints. Gypsum board Tapered edge joints to be fitted with 50mm fibreglass tape and flush jointed with Capco jointing compound. All screw heads to be stopped with Capco jointing compound.
2. Alternate. All as above with 50mm thick by 80Kgs/m³ density Capco mineral wool blanket 1,200m wide laid over entire suspended ceiling with joints closely butt jointed.



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60 MINUTE FIRE RATED CEILING SYSTEM : 6,000M X 3,000M X 15MM FIRESHIELD







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