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The Use of Dissimilar Fire Protection Products

Regarding the use of dissimilar fire protection products or systems on a single structural element, Dulux Protective Coatings concurs with the guidance on this matter offered by the Association for Specialist Fire Protection (ASFP) in their Technical Guidance Document TGD 8 “Code of practice for junctions between different fire protection systems when applied to load bearing structural steel elements.” This document states that it is best practice to use the same product or system to provide fire protection for the whole structural element.

ASFP TGD 8 goes on to give guidance for how dissimilar products and systems may be combined when it is necessary to do so.

A copy of ASFP TGD 8 can be downloaded from the ASFP’s web site (asfp.org.uk) to verify the latest guidance.

Considering specifically intumescent coatings, Dulux Protective Coatings also recommends that a single product is used to protect the whole of a structural element but recognises that there are situations where this is not possible or practical.

Note: The use of dissimilar intumescent fire protection products on a single element can cause complications for the applicator at the time of application, for inspectors who need to check the application and for any contractors carrying subsequent maintenance. As such a record of what fire protection system has been applied to which structural components should be made and kept within a buildings operation and maintenance documentation.

When using dissimilar FIRETEX products on a single component each must be applied in accordance with its technical data sheet and any other guidance provided by Dulux Protective Coatings. The primer and topcoat must be compatible with both products which will be used and the FIRETEX thickness must be as set out in the appropriate certification documents.

During application whichever products are used must be applied in the following sequence:

Epoxy intumescent materials, e.g. Platinum-120

Methacrylate intumescent materials, e.g. FX6002/6010

Solvent based intumescent materials, e.g. FX2003

Water based intumescent materials, e.g. FX5090

The later applied material should be butted-up to the initially applied coating ensuring no gaps remain.

Topcoats should only be applied after all FIRETEX intumescent coatings have been inspected and accepted.



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