

Korean Research Results "Fire resistance test"

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Research items for the fire resistance test

- CFD simulation about current test-equipment of KATRI
- Study on justification for the temperature and thermal energy of the fire resistance test(A) compared to those of test(B)
- Develop an optimized solution of current test equipment by CFD simulation
- Modify the current test equipment and performance test
 - Additional performance test of the modified test equipment (small mock-up)
 - Decision of the height of flame to the DUT and the horizontal areas of flame
- The equivalency of test condition between test(A) and test(B)
 - Perform the test as followed by test(A) and (B) with same type of REESS
 - Compare and analyze the inside temperature of DUT during the test
- Review the applicability of test(A) to vehicle based test
- Additional review related Part 2
 - Comment for the test time

Notice

- 1) Test(A): Fire resistance test procedure which is proposed by Korea as an alternative
- 2) Test(B): Fire resistance test procedure which is proposed by OICA according to UN R.100

Study Process

CFD simulation about current test equipment of KATRI

Correlate CFD simulation result with test (A) (Using the temp. data of KATRI's fire resistance test A)

Develop a optimized solution of current test equipment of KATRI by CFD simulation

Modify the current test-equipment according to total optimization solution

Verify performance of modified test-equipment (Fire resistance test A with mockup, Temp. measuring)

CFD simulation about test A & B in same condition (with Mockup)

KATRI's indoor fire resistance test (B)

CFD simulation about fire resistance test (B) condition

Correlate CFD simulation result with test (B) (Using the temp. data of KATRI's fire resistance test B)

CFD simulation about test A & B under the same condition (with Mockup)

- 1. Present the specification of optimized test equipment to test conditions of fire resistance test(A)
- 2. Temperature and thermal energy of the fire resistance test(A) compared to those of GTR draft(B)
- 3. Exposure area test -Test(A)
- 4. REESS case Internal temp. test -Test(A), (B)
- 5. Component based fire resistance test -Test(A), (B)
- 6. Vehicle based exposure temp. test -Test(A), (B)

KATRI's indoor fire resistance test (B)

15th Apr. 2014

- Test Site: Korea Institute of Construction Technology (KICT) / Fire Research Center
- √ Size: 30m(W) × 38m(L) × 39m(H),
 - Floor area: 1,140 m²
- ✓ Dust collection equipment : 150,000 m³/hr
- √ Hood : Ø 10 m
- Test configurations











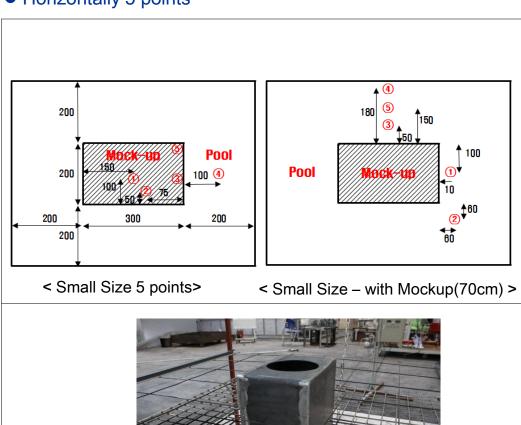


Descriptions

- * Mock-up simulates real REESS size
- Small: 300×200×300 mm, Bottom area: 0.06 m²
- Large: 1,000×1,000×200 mm, Bottom area: 1 m²
- * Pool size & Fuel quantity(25 ℓ /m²)
- Small (0.42 m²): 700 × 600 × 130 mm, 10.5ℓ
- Large (2.25 m²): 1,500 × 1,500 × 130 mm, 56.25ℓ
- Water 25 mm, Fuel 25 mm
- * DAQ: 25 temp. channel
 - -10, 30, 50, 70, 100cm above the Fuel surface
 - Horizontally 5 points at each height
 - K-Type Thermocouple: Ø1.6mm, L: 1300mm

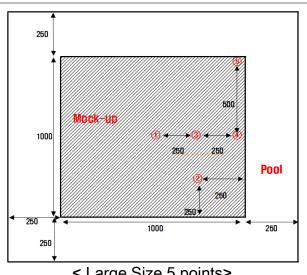


Horizontally 5 points





< Small Size Mockup >



< Large Size 5 points>



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- Test condition
- ✓ Small & Large pool / Free burning & with Mock-up condition: total 4 conditions
- ✓ Flame temperature measuring continuously from ignition to natural extinguishing.
- ✓ Ambient Temperature : about 20 °C



Air flow: 0.02~0.33 m/s

Test scene



< Small pool-Free burning >



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< Small pool-Burning with Mockup >



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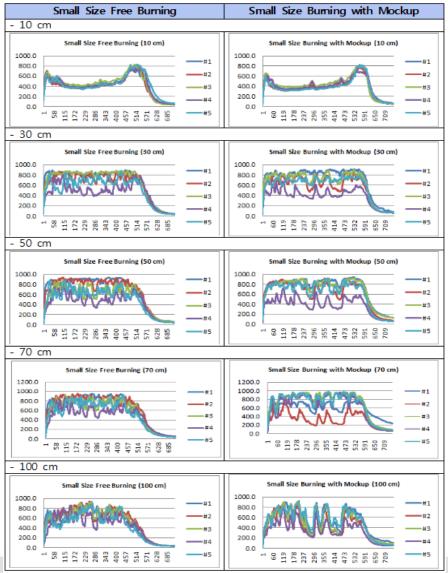


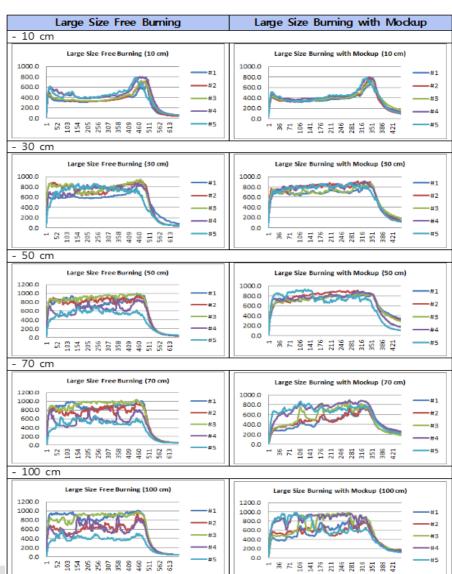
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Hood height: 6m Frame height: 2~3m

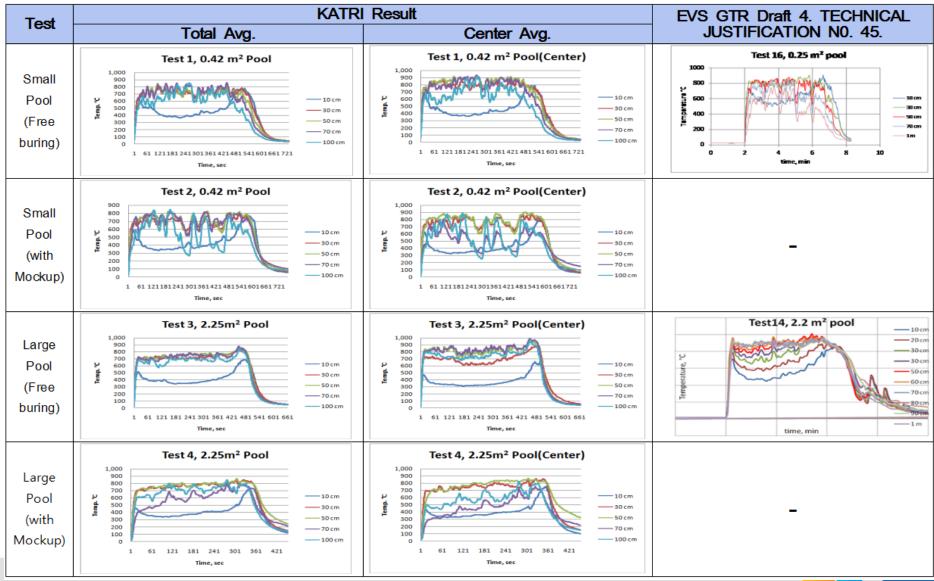


Test result





Test result



CFD simulation

Introduction of CFD simulation tools

- FDS software:

The Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) and Smoke view are the products of an international collaborative effort led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland. Fire Dynamics Simulator is a computational fluid dynamics (CFD) model of fire-driven fluid flow. FDS solves numerically a form of the Navier-Stokes equations appropriate for low-speed (Ma < 0.3), thermally-driven flow with an emphasis on smoke and heat transport from fires. FDS has been aimed at solving practical fire problems in fire protection engineering, while at the same time providing a tool to study fundamental fire dynamics and combustion. This software is used for simulating the gasoline pool-burning.

- ANSYS FLUENT software:

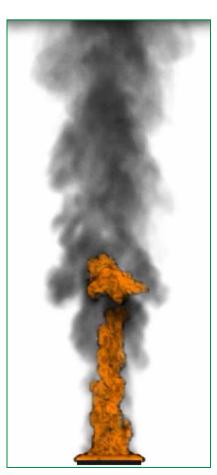
ANSYS Fluent software contains the broad physical modeling capabilities needed to model flow, turbulence, heat transfer, and reactions for industrial applications ranging from air flow over an aircraft wing to combustion in a furnace, from bubble columns to oil platforms, from blood flow to semiconductor manufacturing, and from clean room design to wastewater treatment plants. ANSYS Fluent incorporates a comprehensive suite of reacting flow-modeling capabilities and simulate gaseous reactions using either reduced or complex chemistry. Pollutant models are built in to allow easy and accurate pollution emission predictions for NO, SO and soot.

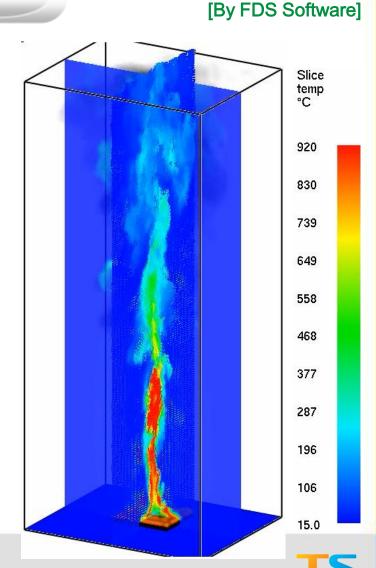
This software is used for simulating the LPG burner-burning.

Verify CFD simulation result of test (B)

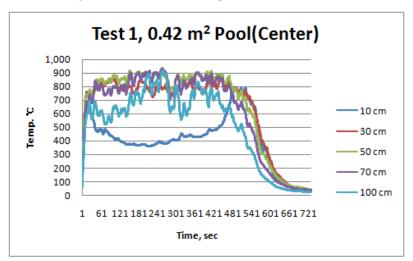
Small pool-Free burning Simulation

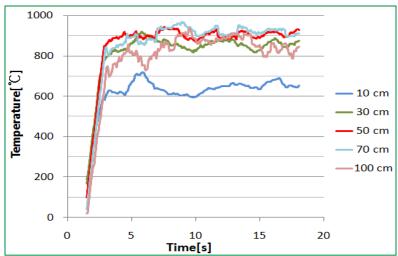






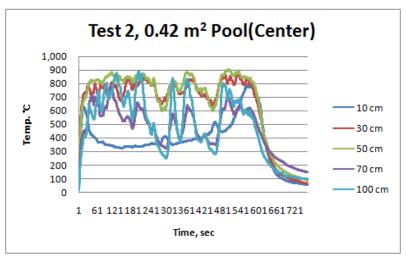
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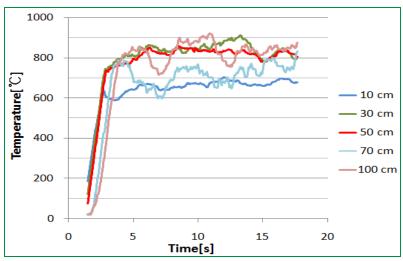




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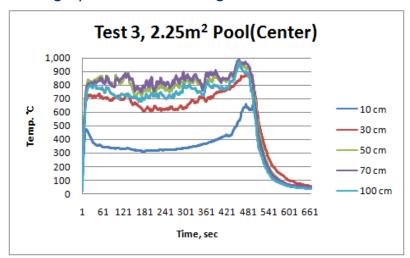
Small pool- Burning with Mockup

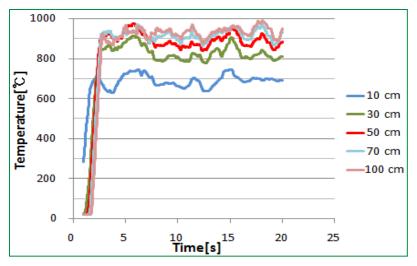




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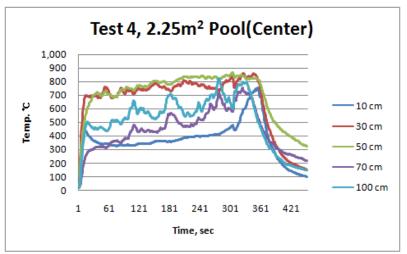
Large pool-Free burning

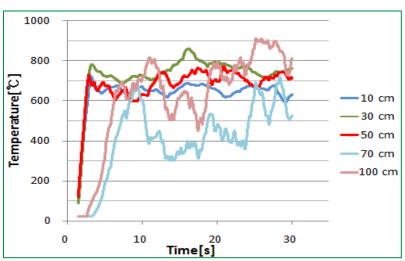




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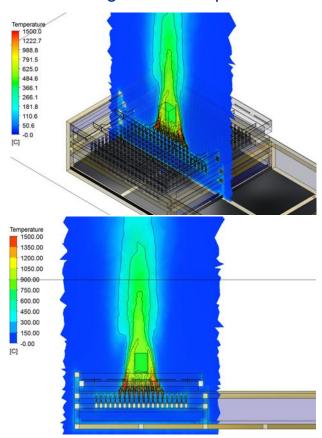




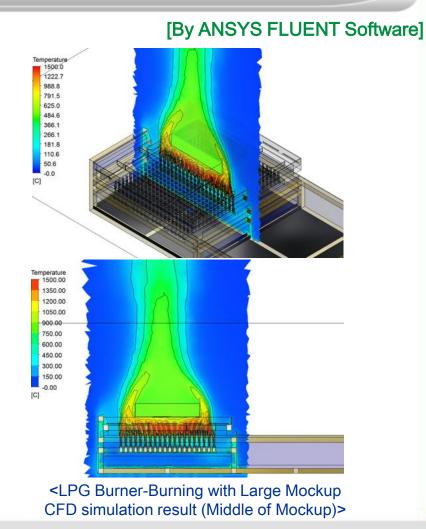
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Develop an optimized solution of current test equipment by CFD simulation

• LPG Burner-Burning with Mockup Simulation

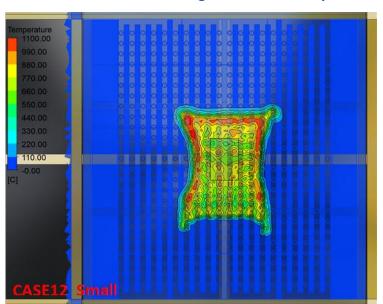


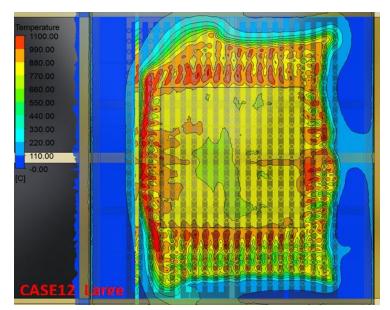
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Develop a totally optimized solution of current test equipment of KATRI by CFD simulation

LPG Burner-Burning with Mockup Simulation





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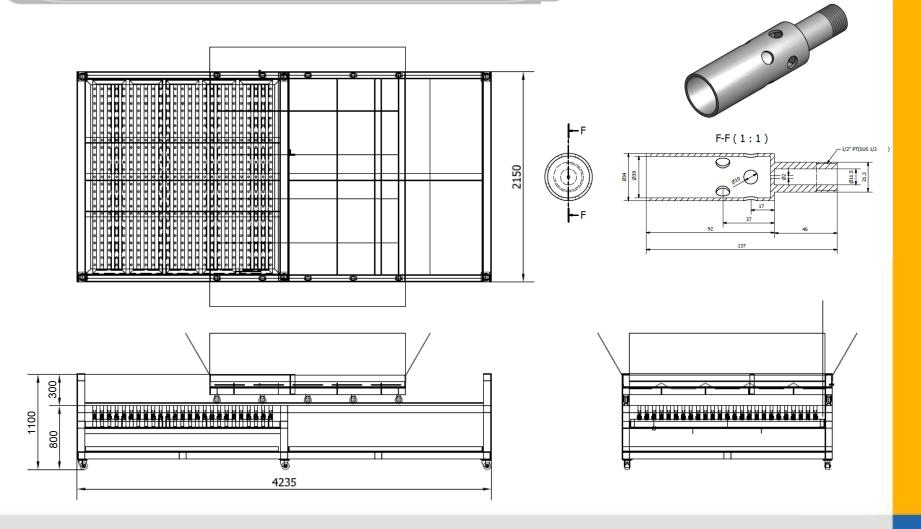
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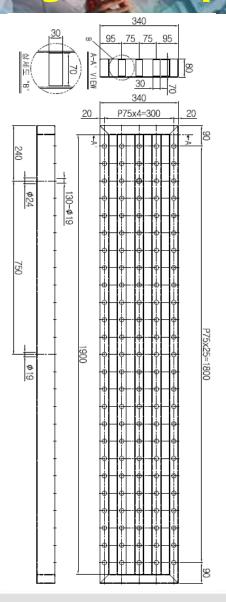
- Optimized conditions
- ✓ Nozzle spacing : 75 mm
- ✓ Number of Nozzle : 500 EA
 - ✓ Need to test on indoor

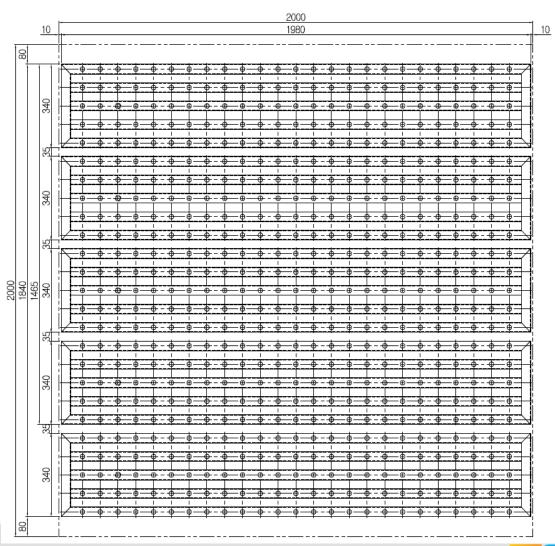
✓ LPG mass flow rate: 150 kg/h



Specification of optimized test equipment







Modify the current test-equipment according to total optimization solution

В Ε F 0 R Ε ✓ LPG mass flow rate √ Nozzle spacing: 150 mm √Number of Nozzle: 156 EA ✓ Test site: Out door test facility \square Α F Т E R √ Nozzle spacing: 75 mm ✓ Number of Nozzle: 625 EA ✓ LPG mass flow rate: ✓ Test site : Temporary indoor ✓ Height of flame: about 50 cm Minimum 150 kg/h test facility

Verify performance of modified test-equipment

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< KATRI's indoor fire resistance test (A) >

 Test Site : KATRI / Temporary fire resistance test facility

√ Size: 9m(W) × 9m(L) × 8.2m(H)

√ Hood : 16m²

Test configurations













Descriptions

* DUT(Mock-up) dimensions

- Large: 1,000×1,000×200 mm, Floor area: 1 m²

- Medium: 920×605×206 mm, Floor area: 0.56 m²

- Small: 300×200×300 mm, Floor area: 0.06 m²

* DAQ get 5 temp. channel

 Measuring point : 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT's outside surface by the vertical direction : 5 points

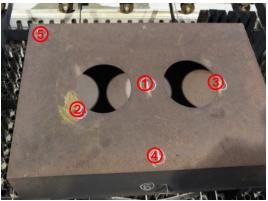
- K-Type Thermocouple : Ø1.6mm

Horizontally 5 Temp. measuring points



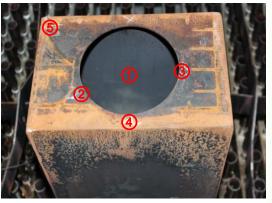
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< Large Size Mock-up >



920×605×206 mm, Floor area: 0.56 m²

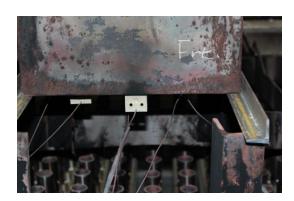
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300×200×300 mm, Floor area: 0.06 m²

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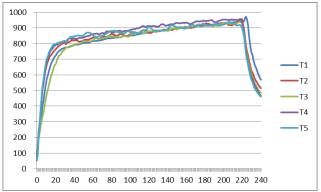
- Test condition
- ✓ Measuring the flame temperature continuously for about 4 minutes from ignition
- ✓ Ambient temperature : about 10 °C



K-Type Ø1.6mm / 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT **K-Type Thermocouple >**

- Procedure of test(A)
- ✓ Install the Tested-Device on the fire resistance test device by the horizontal to the ground.
- ✓ Install 5 or more temperature sensors in the whole area of the Tested-Device can be represented with the height of 25mm±10mm from the bottom of the Tested-Device's external surface by the vertical direction.
- ✓ Heat the entire lower part of battery equally and directly through fuel combustion.
- ✓ Increase the temperature to 800°C within 30 seconds, cease the heating 2 minutes after reaching 800°C. Complete the test after 2 hours passes. However, the temperature shall not exceed 1100°C.
- Test scene and result





< Large Mock-up>

- ✓ Temp. distribution
- Avg. Temp. : 881 °C (Ignition after 30 sec ~ Fuel cut)
- Max. Temp. : 955 °C
- Height of flame : about <mark>50 cm</mark>
- DUT setting Height: 31.5 cm
 (Nozzle to Bottom of DUT)



1000

900



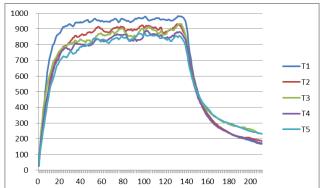
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700
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500
400
300
200
100
0
20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200

✓ Temp. distribution

- Avg. Temp. : 878 °C (Ignition after 30 sec ~ Fuel cut)
- Max. Temp.: 940 °C
- Height of flame : about 50 cm
- DUT setting Height: 31.5 cm (Nozzle to Bottom of DUT)

< Medium Mock-up>





✓ Temp. distribution

- Avg. Temp.: 877 °C (Ignition after 30 sec ~ Fuel cut)
- Max. Temp. : 980 °C
- Height of flame : about 50 cm
- DUT setting Height : 26 cm (Nozzle to Bottom of DUT)

< Small Mock-up>

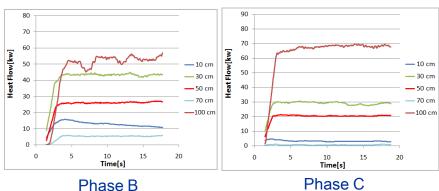
- Comment
- ■The modified test equipment satisfy temperature condition of Test(A) with all DUTs.
- The temperature distribution is regular with 5 points in case of large and medium mock-up tests.
- In case of small mock-up test, it is hard to satisfy test condition since too small exposure area. Lower the installation height of mock-up, it is possible to satisfy the temperature condition.

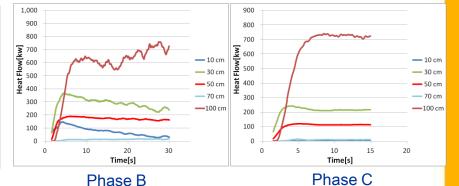
Thermal energy comparison of test(A) with GTR draft(B)

Heat Flow by CFD simulation in the pool-burning and LPG Burner-Burning with Mockup

Test (A)	Heat Flow[kW]	
Parameter	Direct exposure	
Small Mockup	16.50	
Large Mockup	117.99	

Test (B)	Heat Flow[kW] at 50cm		
Parameter	Phase B	Phase C	
Small Mockup	26	20	
Large Mockup	160	105	





<TEST(B) Small pool-burning CFD simulation result>

< TEST(B) Large pool-burning CFD simulation result>

<cf.> Heat flow is defined: $\dot{q} = \int c_p \rho (T - T_\infty) \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ where \mathbf{c}_p is specific heat, T is temperature and $\rho \mathbf{u} \cdot d\mathbf{S}$ is mass flow rate.

Thermal energy comparison of test(A) with GTR draft(B)

Total Energy per unit area by CFD simulation

Test (A)	Direct expo	Pre-heating30[s]	
Parameter	Heat Flux [kW/m²]		
Small Mockup	275	32,992	4,124
Large Mockup	118	14,158	1,770

≈ 800 °C Reaching Time	SUM		
	Total Energy [kJ/m²]		
	37,116		
	15,928		

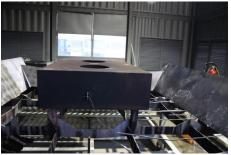
Test (B)	Phase B, 70[s]		Phase C	SUM	
Parameter	Heat Flux [kW/m²]	Thermal Energy [kJ/m ²]	Heat Flux [kW/m²]	Thermal Energy [kJ/m²]	Total Energy [kJ/m²]
Small Pool	433	30,333	333	23,333	53,667
Large Pool	160	11,200	105	7,350	18,550

Comment

■ The thermal energy per unit area of test (B) is 44% higher than test (A) for the small, and 16% higher than test (A) for the large

Exposure area test on test (A)

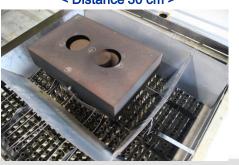
Test configurations



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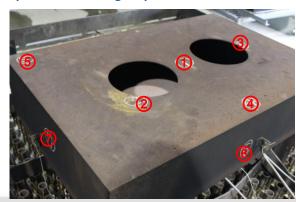
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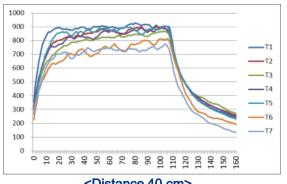
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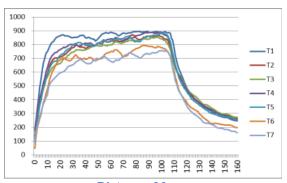
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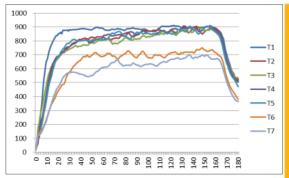
- * DUT(Mock-up)
 - Medium: 920×605×206 mm, Floor area: 0.56 m²
- DUT setting Height: 31.5 cm (Nozzle to Bottom of DUT)
- * DAQ get 7 temp. channels
- Measuring point
 - 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT's outside surface by the vertical direction: 5 points
- · 25±5mm from the side of DUT's surface : 2 points
- K-Type Thermocouple : Ø1.6mm
- * Flame exposure area
 - 40, 30, 20, 10, 0 cm distance from DUT end
- Temp. measuring 7 points



Test Result



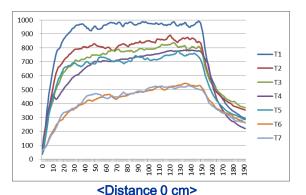




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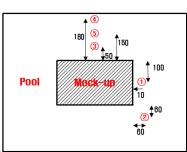


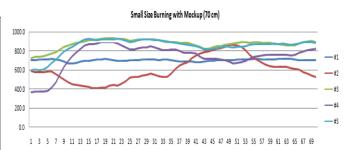
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Distance	Avg. Temp. (Bottom)	Avg. Temp. (Side)	Max. Temp.
40 cm	865 °C	742 ℃	926 °C
30 cm	836 °C	724 ℃	895 °C
20 cm	852 °C	665 °C	910 °C
10 cm	839 °C	533 ℃	932 ℃
0cm	804 °C	476 °C	992 °C

<Distance 10 cm>

✓ Result of KATRI's indoor fire resistance test (B) <Apr. 2014>





√ Temp. distribution(#1)

• Avg. Temp : 703 ℃

• Max. Temp : 717 °C

• Min. Temp: 668 °C

Comment

- The exposure area is smaller, the temperature is lower
- Especially, the temperature of side wall is highly influenced by the distance from DUT
- In case of Test(A) distance 40cm and 30cm, the average temp. of side wall(742 °C, 724 °C) are similar to the average temp. of side wall(703 °C) of Test(B) which is performed last year.
- For stable test condition, recommended exposure area exceed at least 30cm from DUT end

Component based internal temperature comparison test

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Test configurations

Test(A)-KMVSS











Descriptions

- * DUT: PRIUS REESS Case
- Remove the battery cell and sub systems
- Size: 1011×387×225 mm
- DUT setting Height
 - TEST(A): 31.5 cm (Nozzle to bottom of DUT)
 - TEST(B): 50 cm (Fuel surface to bottom of DUT)
- * DAQ get 4 temp. channels
 - Measuring point
 - · 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT's outside surface by the vertical direction: 2 points
 - · Inside of DUT (Depth: 3cm): 2 points
 - K-Type Thermocouple : Ø1.6mm

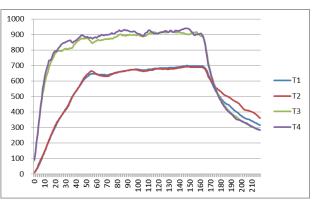
- Temp. measuring 4 points
 - 1) 2): Inside
 - 34: Outside (Bottom)





Test Result

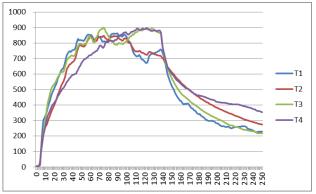




- √ Temp. distribution
 - Avg. Temp. (150 sec from ignition)
 - · Inside: 557 °C
 - · Bottom: 838 °C
 - Max. Temp. : 938 °C

< TEST(A)>





- ✓ Temp. distribution
 - Avg. Temp. (150 sec from ignition)
 - · Inside: 678 °C
 - · Bottom: 690 °C
 - Max. Temp.: 898 °C

< TEST(B)>

Comment

- These tests show the different temperature distribution of Test(A) and Test(B)
- Test(A)'s inside temperature remain about 670 °C while test(B) is 700-850 °C
- This trend is caused by difference of thermal energy between Test(A) and Test(B)

Component based fire resistance comparison test

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Test(A) - KMVSS



Test(B) - GTR Draft







Descriptions

* DUT: PRIUS REESS

- Spec. : 201.6V, 6.5A, 6.5Ah / Weight : 41kg
- Usage SOC 88~18.4%, / Size: 1011×387×225 mm
- Setting SOC : 50%
- DUT setting height
 - TEST(A): 31.5 cm (Nozzle to bottom of DUT)
 - TEST(B): 50 cm (Fuel surface to bottom of DUT)

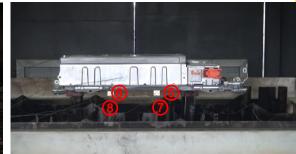
* DAQ get 8 temp. channels

- Measuring point
 - 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT's outside surface by the vertical direction: 2 points
 - · Inside of DUT: 6 points
- K-Type Thermocouple : Ø1.6mm

Temp. measuring 8 points

- 1 2 : Inside (Top)
- 34 : Inside (Side)
- ⑤ ⑥: Inside (Bottom)
- 78 : Outside (Bottom)





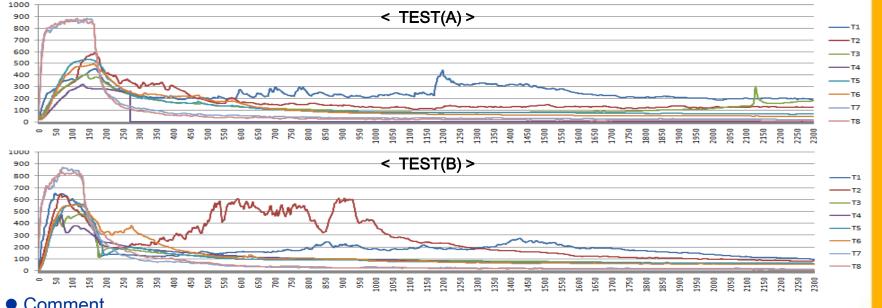
Test Result



- ✓ Temp. distribution
- Avg. Temp. (150 sec from ignition)
- · Inside : 287 °C
- · Bottom: 800 °C
- Avg. Temp. (40 min from ignition)
- · Inside: 159 °C
- Max. Temp.: 887 °C



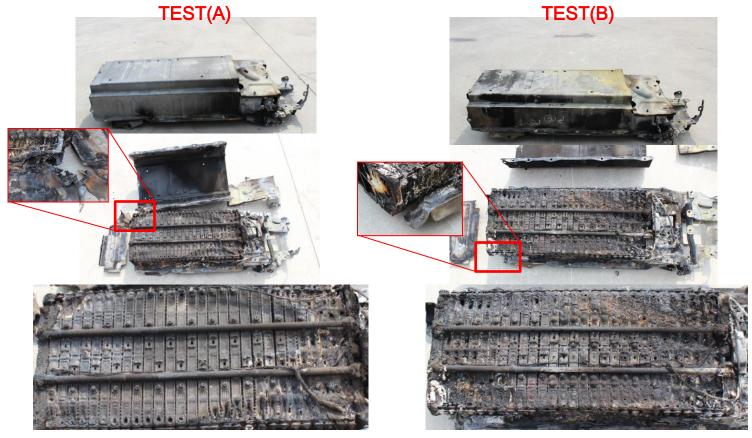
- ✓ Temp. distribution
- Avg. Temp. (150 sec from ignition)
- · Inside: 408 °C
- · Bottom: 755 °C
- Avg. Temp. (40 min from ignition)
- · Inside: 154 °C
- Max. Temp. : 872 °C



Comment

- Test(B)'s inside temperature is 100-200 °C higher then Test(A) during fire exposure time
- After, both DUTs burn themselves until they burn out showing different temperature trend

Inside appearance of DUT after test



- Comment
- The DUT of Test(B) damaged more than Test(A) comparatively due to higher thermal energy
- As seen in the video, the point where arcing happened is damaged more severely

Vehicle based exposure temperature comparison test

Test configurations
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Test(A)-KMVSS



Test(B)-GTR Draft







Descriptions

- * DUT : PRIUS Body & REESS Case
 - Body : Remove the combustible material in body
 - REESS : Remove the battery cell and sub systems
 - DUT setting Height
 - TEST(A): 31.5 cm (Nozzle to bottom of vehicle body)
 - TEST(A'): Actual mounting condition
 - TEST(B): Actual mounting condition
- * DAQ get 8 temp. channel
 - Measurement height: 25±5mm from the bottom of DUT's external surface by the vertical direction
 - REESS Case : 4 points
 - Vehicle body: 4 points
 - K-Type Thermocouple : Ø1.6mm

- Temp. measuring 8 points
 - ①②: Inside temp. (Case)
 - 34 : Bottom temp. (Case)
 - ⑤ : Inside temp. (Body)
 - ⑥⑦⑧: Bottom temp (Body)

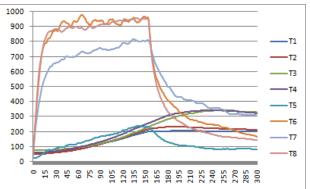


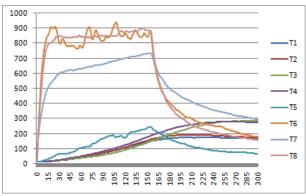
Test Result

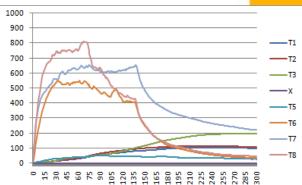












Measurement	TEST(A)	TEST(A')	TEST(B)	
Avg. Temp.	(For 150 sec)	(For 150 sec)	(For 130 sec)	
- REESS Inside	109 °C	64 °C	37 °C	
- REESS Bottom	122 °C	66 °C	38 ℃	
- Body inside	141 °C	125 °C	35 ℃	
- Body Bottom(High)	693 °C	617 °C	570 ℃	
- Body Bottom(Low)	872 °C	813 °C	537 °C	
Max. Temp.	976 °C	939 °C	887 °C	

Comment

- The temperature of Test(A) is about 100°C higher than the Test(A')
- The temperature of Test(B) is lower than others due to its small exposure area
- The temperature of Test(A) around the bottom are irregular because the shape of vehicle's body frame is not flat at the bottom

Comment for the test time - Enough time to evacuate

Golden Time



From the fire started

- Purpose of Fire resistance test
 - ✓ To verify the resistance of the REESS, against exposure to fire from outside of the vehicle due to a fuel spill from a vehicle
 - ✓ Leave the driver and passengers with enough time to evacuate.
- Vehicle fire test : KATRI, Jun. 2010



<BSI DD 180> Hazard of the major toxicity gas concentration

Gas 2 min		5 min		30 min		
Gas	Dyspnea	Die	Dyspnea	Die	Dyspnea	Die
C0 ₂	70,000 (7%)	150,000 (15%)	70,000 (7%)	100,000 (10%)	60,000 (6%)	100,000 (10%)
CO	12,500	40,000	5,000	16,000	1,000	3,000
HCI	1,000	40,000	1,000	16,000	200	3,000
HCN	200	400	150	300	50	100

Comment

- ✓ The initial condition of this test is somewhat less damaged
 which is ignited with small flame than fire test procedure in GTR draft
- ✓ Wrapped in flame and smoke within 2 minutes
- ✓ Toxic gases(CO₂, CO, HCl, HCN etc.) generated by burning the interior material
- ✓ In case of vehicle fire, damaged severely by complex effect of heat, flame, gases than general fire condition
- ✓ Hardly survived if a driver and passengers are in a coma or seriously injured so could not evacuate in 2 minutes.
- ✓ Fire exposure time(USABC: 120sec, R34: 120sec R.100: 130sec)
 may be originated from these reason

(Unit: ppm)

Comments for 'Fire resistance test'

- Result for KATRI indoor fire resistance Test(B)
- ✓ This test shows a large deviation of flame temperature from 500°C to 1000°C, according to measured positions at the same height.
- ✓ The average temperature of center area at each height is a little bit higher then or similar to frame temperature of "Technical Justification No 45" on EVS GTR draft .
- Verify CFD analysis result of test(B)
- ✓ The flame pattern and the temperature is similar to actual data of KATRI.
- CFD simulation result of test(A)
- ✓ Develop an optimized solution of current test equipment of KATRI by CFD simulation.
- Modify the current test-equipment according to total optimization solution and performance test
- ✓ Major specification of modified test equipment are nozzle spacing 75 mm, number of nozzle 625EA, LPG mass flow rate minimum 150 kg/h and height of flame about 50 cm.
- ✓ The modified test equipment satisfy temperature requirement of Test(A) with 3 performance test conditions(Large, medium and small mock-up).

- ●The thermal energy per unit area of test (B) is 44% higher than test (A) for the small mock-up condition, and 16% higher than test (A) for the large.
- For stable test condition of test(A), recommended exposure area exceed at least 30cm from DUT end.
- At the component based internal temperature and fire resistance comparison test, test(B)'s inside temperature is about 100~200 °C higher than test(A) caused by difference of thermal energy.
- At the vehicle based exposure temperature comparison test, the exposure temperature of test(B) is lower than test(A) because of small exposure area.
- It is possible to perform vehicle based test with equipment for test(A), but some area at the bottom doesn't satisfy the temperature condition(up to 800 °C) because of shape of vehicle body. If the test(A) apply to vehicle based test, need to consider about flame temp. additionally.
- Vehicle based test is more suitable than component based test for simulating exposure to fire
 from outside of the vehicle due to a fuel spill from a vehicle which is purpose of GTR draft.
- But vehicle based test could not represent all real fire situation perfectly.
 For example, the test procedure requires to remove a combustible material in vehicle.

- Both test condition of component based test are much more severe than vehicle based test condition.
- Actually according to the test result, there is huge difference in temperature condition between component and vehicle based test. If performing vehicle based test with REESS, it may not have damage as low temperature.
- Component based test(max. temp.

Vehicle based test

- •Test(A): DUT inside 699°C, DUT bottom 920°C
- ∘Test(A): DUT inside 154 °C, DUT bottom 178 °C
- oTest(B) : DUT inside 862°C , DUT bottom 898°C
- ∘Test(B): DUT inside 88 °C, DUT bottom 89 °C

(Maximum temperature during the period of exposure to the flame)

- It is more important to verify the equivalency between component and vehicle based test than the equivalency between Test(A) and Test(B).
- A repeatability is one of crucial factor for compliance test in Self-certification system.
- Therefore, Test(A) is suitable to apply to GTR as an alternative component based fire resistance test procedure which shows regular temperature distribution and good repeatability.

Thank you!

