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**Fire resistance of a VETROTECH Climaplus
Vetroflam EW 30 glazing in steel Jansen Economy
50 frame according to NEN 6069:1997 and NEN-
EN 1364-1**

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1 SUBJECT

Window-/frame construction consisting of a Climaplus Vetrolam EW 30 glazing in a steel Jansen Economy 50 frame.

2 TEST PERFORMED

Fire resistance according to NEN 6069:1997 in connection with NEN-EN 1364-1.

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4 PLACE AND DATE OF TEST

4.1 Place of the test

The test was performed at the Centre for Fire Research of TNO Building and Construction Research in Rijswijk, The Netherlands.

4.2 Dates regarding the test

The supporting construction was built on November 10th, 2002.
The window-/frame construction was assembled on November 11th, 2002.
The test was performed on November 13th, 2002.

5 DATE AND NUMBER OF REPORT

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6 CONSTRUCTION TESTED

6.1 General

The test was performed on a window-/frame construction, which was mounted in a testing frame with a concrete lining with internal dimensions 4000 x 3000 mm (width x height). In order to accommodate the window frame, the internal dimension of the frame was reduced to 2950 x 1650 mm (h x w) by using 150 mm blocks of cellular concrete, quality class G4.

The window was constructed from

- a steel Jansen Economy 50 frame; and
- a 25 mm thick Climaplus Vetrolam EW 30 glazing.

6.2 Materials

General information regarding the materials used in the construction is presented in the next sections. For more information, refer to the figure 1.

6.2.1 Frame

Steel Jansen Economy 50 frame, outside measurements 2900 x 1600 mm. The gross dimensions of the cross-section of the frame were 40 x 50 mm (h x w), with a rim measuring 20 mm. The steel thickness of the frame construction was 2 mm.

The frame was constructed to hold a pane with dimension 2800 x 1500 mm (h x w). Technical details of the pane is listed in section 6.2.2. For more details, see figure 1.

6.2.2 Glazing

The double glazing was of type Chimaplux Vetroflam F/W 30 the pane was build up as follows:

- Plamlux glazing with a thickness of 5 mm;
- A spacer of 14 mm;
- Vetroflam glazing with a thickness of 6 mm.

Setting blocks, type Flamm, were applied with measurements 80 x 10 mm (length x width). The thickness of the various setting blocks was chosen such to allow a covering of the windowframe around the pane between 10 and 12 mm.

Glazing beads: type Jansen 402. 120%, dimensions 20 x 20 mm; steel thickness 1 mm see also figure 1.

6.2.3 Fixing materials

The window frame was attached by means of 10 steel screw plugs \varnothing 10 mm., 120 mm length, on both horizontal posts and vertical posts. Positions of plugs are shown in Figure 1.

6.2.4 Sealant materials

The rim of the frame and one side of the glazing beads were covered with a ceramic tape, 15 x 5 mm (width x thickness).

6.2.5 Support construction

The construction consisted of cellular concrete:

- Mass density 650 kg/m³
- Thickness 15 cm.
- Moisture content 2.5 %

6.3 Assembly of the window

The assembling of the window was done as follows.

- Placement and fixation of the window frame in the support construction. The space between the window frame and the support construction was filled with Rockwool.
- Covering the rim of the frame and the glazing beads with the ceramic fibre liner.
- Setting blocks were placed in the frame.

- Placement of the glass pane in the frame. The pane was adjusted to have equal distance to the rim of the frame on either side.
- Fastening the glazing beads.

7 SAMPLING AND PREPARATION OF TEST SPECIMEN

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Vetrotech Saint Gobain	Assembly of test specimen

8 MODE OF TESTING

8.1 Verification of test sample

During the assembly the parts and materials were verified from the supplied drawings.

8.2 Conditioning

In the period between assembling and testing the construction was stored in ambient conditions of temperature (20 ± 5 °C) and relative humidity (50 ± 10 %) in the testing laboratory of the Centre for Fire Research.

8.3 Fire test

8.3.1 Conditions

The test was performed under the conditions as specified in NEN-EN 1364-1.

8.3.2 Measurements

During the heating the following data were measured and registered:

- temperatures inside the furnace with 4 plate thermometers, regularly spread over the directly heated surface;
- surface temperatures on the non-directly heated side of the test sample with 10 thermocouples, the positions of the thermocouples are shown in figure 2;
- pressure inside the furnace at 2.7 m height from the floor;
- radiation outside the furnace at 1 m distance from the geometric centre of the test specimen;
- temperature and air velocity outside the furnace.

9 OBSERVATIONS DURING HEATING

After heating of 35 minutes the top side of the glazing came loose from the frame (failure w.r.t. integrity criterion)

For a more detailed description of the observations refer to Appendix A.

10 TEST RESULTS OF THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE FIRE TEST

Test results are given in graphs C1 to C3 of Appendix C.

The furnace conditions are presented in Appendix B.

11 SUMMARY

Table 1 summarises the most important results of this test.

Table 1: Test results

	Time from start of heating, during which the criterion was just fulfilled.	
Criterion	NEN 6069:1997	NEN-EN 1364-1
Integrity	35 minutes	35 minutes
Thermal insulation w.r.t. radiation	30 minutes	30 minutes

Heating was terminated after 36 minutes. After a heating period of 30 minutes, the radiation measured was 15 kW/m².

12 CONCLUSIONS

The fire resistance of the tested window construction following NEN 6069:1997 with respect to its separation function is 30 minutes.

A classification following NEN-EN 1364-1 can formally not be given, because the classification system as described in prEN 13501-2 has not yet been finalised.

13 FIELD OF APPLICATION AND CONDITIONS

The conclusion applies only to glass/window-frame constructions:

- which are in detail the same as the tested construction, and where the dimensions are not larger than tested;
- fitted in a cellular concrete wall with a thickness of at least 150 mm and a mass per unit volume of $\geq 600 \text{ kg/m}^3$. Other rigid walls of materials like brick or masonry are permitted, provided the fire resistance of the wall is not less than that of the window construction tested.



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