COMPOSITE & GUARD FP COMPOSITE FIRE PROOFING SYSTEM



Description

For more than 25 years, Neptune Research Inc. has focused its strategic research initiatives on the development, manufacturing and marketing of state-of-the-art pipe repair and reinforcement technologies that withstand the test of time, water and other elements.

The increasing demand for fireproofing of these reinforcement technologies in high risk process areas within refineries, chemical plants and offshore platforms launched a 2010 initiative to produce the first ever fireproofing system designed specifically for use with composite repair technologies.

The Technology

NRI's Composite Guard[™]FP System utilizes nano-technology to create an integrated fire proofing system for application on high risk piping within fire proofing zones in refineries and on offshore platforms. The Composite Guard[™]FP System protects the composite repair under extreme fire conditions by creating a barrier between the external flame temperature and the composite repair's outer substrate. The extremely low thermal conductivity of the barrier prevents the composite repair system from reaching temperatures exceeding the maximum temperature rating, preventing degradation or failure of the composite.

Mechanical Properties

Test	Method	Result
Surface Burning Characteristics	ASTM E 84	Flame Spread Index = 0 Smoke Developed Index = 0
Clone Calorimetry	ASTM E 1354	No ignition at 50 kW/m ²
Non-Combustibility	ISO 1182:1190	Meets criteria

Typical Applications

- · Offshore platforms
- Refineries
- · Chemical processing plants

Benefits

- Increase safety
- Designed specifically for use with composite repairs
- · Fast Installation
- · Lightweight
- Impact resistant
- Long term durability
- · Provides instant fire protection
- Does not require flame exposure to form a thermal barrier like other coatings

Physical Properties

VOCs: None Color: White Thickness: Approximately 1.2" (90 mm) Hydrophobic: Yes UV Stable: Yes Impact Resistant: Yes Corrosion Resistant: Yes Service Temperature:

Max: Up to 2000°F (1093°C)

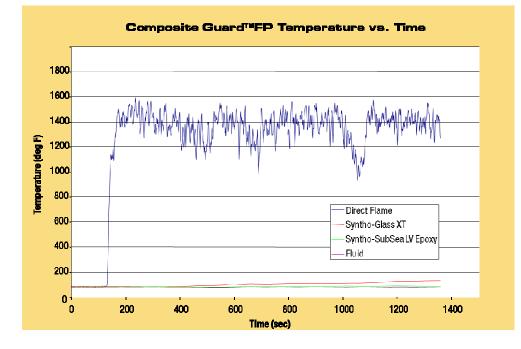


Fire Resistance Testing

NRI's Composite Guard[™] FP system was tested at a third party laboratory by wrapping the system over an existing composite repair, Syntho-Glass[®]XT, in order to test its fire proofing and heat resistance capabilities. The Composite Guard[™] FP was installed per specifications and then subjected to a direct, live flame for one hour. Temperature probes were placed in four locations to measure the thermal stability of each location. As seen in the results and graph below, the direct flame remained at an average of $1,370^{\circ}F$ (743°C) throughout the test, while the temperature on the composite repair remained below $140^{\circ}F$ (60°C) which is well below the temperature limit of the repair. The temperature of the fluid being transported inside the pipe never rose above room temperature.

Based on this testing, the Composite Guard[™] FP system can give a minimum fire rating of 2 hours under direct flame with the average temperature stated. Further burst testing was completed on the composite repair system after submersion in the fire and has shown no degradation effects thereby confirming the validity and effectiveness of the Composite Guard[™] FP. This system can give a very high degree of confidence in the safety of the repair system even in the event of a fire in the facility.

Probe Location	Min Temp	Max Temp	Delta
Direct Flame	78°F (25°C)	1596°F (869°C)	1518°F (825°C)
Syntho-Glass [®] XT Substrate	80°F (26°C)	130°F (54°C)	49°F (9°C)
Syntho-Subsea [™] LV	81°F (27°C)	90°F (32°C)	9°F (12°C)
Fluid	76°F (24°C)	85°F (29°C)	9°F (12°C)



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