



CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
No CF 419

This is to certify that, in accordance with
CERTIFIRE's Rules for Certification
The undermentioned products of

PROMAT UK LTD

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Have been assessed against the requirements of the Technical Schedule(s)
denoted below and are approved for use subject to the conditions
appended hereto:

CERTIFIED PRODUCT

Promat UK Ltd
Vicuclad Steel Ductwork Systems

TECHNICAL SCHEDULE

TS48 Smoke Control and Fire
Resisting Ductwork Systems

Signed and sealed for and on behalf of CERTIFIRE

Kenneth J Knight
Chairman - Management Council

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PROMAT UK LTD – Vicuclad Steel Ventilation, Smoke Outlet and Kitchen Extract Ductwork Systems

1. This approval relates to the use of the above ductwork systems in providing fire resistance of up to 240 minutes stability, integrity and insulation, as defined in BS 476: Part 24: 1987 (ISO 6944: 1985). Subject to the undermentioned conditions, the ductwork systems will meet the relevant requirements of BS 5588 for fire resisting compartment ductwork systems, for periods of up to 240 minutes (dependant upon design limitations) when used in accordance with the provisions therein.
2. This certification is designed to demonstrate compliance of the product or system specifically with Approved Document B (England and Wales), Section D of the Technical Standards (Scotland), Technical Booklet E (N. Ireland). If compliance is required to other regulatory or guidance documents there may be additional considerations or conflict to be taken into account.
3. The ductwork systems are approved on the basis of:
 - i) Initial type testing
 - ii) Audit testing at the frequency specified in TS48
 - iii) A design appraisal against TS48
 - iv) Inspection and surveillance of factory production control
 - v) Production surveillance under ISO 9001:2000
4. The ductwork systems comprise Vicuclad board bonded to Vicuclad batten collars around a steel duct with rock wool insulation fitted to most insulated constructions.
5. This approval is applicable to insulated and uninsulated Vicuclad steel ductwork systems as described within this Certificate.
6. The ductwork systems shall be mechanically supported from floor and/or wall constructions or structural steel members having a fire resistance of at least the same period as the ductwork systems.
7. The approval relates to on going production. Product and/or its immediate packaging is identified with the manufacturers' name, the product name or number, the CERTIFIRE name or name and mark, together with the CERTIFIRE certificate number and application where appropriate.

Further Information

Further information regarding the details contained in this data sheet may be obtained from Promat UK Ltd (Tel: 01344 381 300).

Further information regarding CERTIFIRE certification and other approved products can be obtained from CERTIFIRE (Tel:01925 646777, website: www.warringtonfire.net).



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Horizontal ducts

The general arrangement of the Vicuclad steel duct systems consists of a steel duct protected on the outside with Vicuclad board. The steel duct must be constructed in accordance with the requirements of DW/144 – Specification for sheet metal duct work – low, medium and high pressure/velocity air systems (published by the Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association), or equivalent specification. The steel ducts are constructed with rolled steel angle-flanged cross joints and the longitudinal seams are formed using the Pittsburgh lock seam or the grooved corner seam. This specification gives details and minimum sizes of the steel sheet, stiffeners and sizes of angle-sections to be used at various duct sizes.

Vicuclad battens are fitted around the duct at maximum 610mm centres. The battens are the same thickness as the outer casing, with a width equal to twice the board thickness. The battens are fastened together at the corners with Vicubond WR adhesive and steel wire nails. The length of the nails is equal to twice the board thickness. The battens are not directly fastened to the steel duct. Where the stiffening angles or the cross joint angles are required to be greater than the batten thickness, the batten thickness must be increased in size to accommodate them.

For insulated ducts, rock wool mineral wool, to the required thickness and density (Table 2), is fitted around the steel duct between the battens. Vicuclad boards (Table 1) are fitted around the duct. They are bonded to the battens and to each other at longitudinal corner joints with Vicubond WR adhesive and wire nails at 300mm nominal centres. Transverse board joints must coincide with the battens. The adhesive must fully fill all the board joints. The length of the nails is equal to twice the board thickness.

The duct assembly is supported by steel hangers, which consist of a pair of threaded rods and an angle rail under the clad duct. The maximum spacing of the hangers is 1.22m. They are positioned to coincide with a batten collar. The sizes of the rods and angles and the spacing of the hangers must be adjusted so that the tensile stress in the rods and the bending stress in the angles do not exceed 18N/mm^2 for fire ratings up to 30 minutes, 15N/mm^2 for fire ratings up to 60 minutes, 10N/mm^2 for fire ratings up to 120 minutes and 6N/mm^2 for fire ratings up to 240 minutes. The fixings used to fasten the threaded rod hangers to concrete soffits must be all-steel expanding anchors with a penetration in the concrete of at least 60mm. The anchors must match the size of the threaded rods, be of sufficient strength to support the weight of the duct and be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. When the hangers are suspended from protected structural steel beams it is advisable that the hanger rods be protected for at least 300mm from the beams with the same level of protection as the structural beams. Where the rods exceed 2m in length they should be protected with Vicuclad or Vicutube with the same thickness as the duct cladding to prevent excessive thermal expansion.



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The thickness of Vicuclad board for ducts to satisfy the stability and integrity criteria of BS 476: Part 24: 1987 are given in Table 1:

Table 1 Board thicknesses for internal or external fire exposure, stability and integrity only

Fire resistance - minutes	30	60	90	120	180	240
Thickness - mm	25	30	30	35	45	45

The thickness of Vicuclad board and rock wool for ducts to satisfy the stability, integrity and insulation criteria of BS 476: Part 24: 1987 are given in Table 2:

Table 2 Board and rock wool thicknesses for internal or external fire exposure, stability, integrity and insulation

Fire resistance - minutes	Thickness - mm	Rock wool - thickness x density
30	35	None
60	30	30mm x 60kg/m ³
90	35	30mm x 80kg/m ³
120	40	40mm x 80kg/m ³
180	50	50mm x 80kg/m ³
240	70	60mm x 80kg/m ³

The maximum widths of the steel duct for this fixing method are given in Table 3:

Table 3 Maximum width of steel duct

Board thickness – mm	25	30	35	40	45	50	70
Maximum duct width - mm	900	880	860	840	820	800	720

Note – duct height must not exceed duct width.

At wall penetrations L-shaped collars of Vicuclad, made of strips at least 100mm wide x at least the same thickness as the casing, are fitted around the duct on both sides of the wall. They are bonded to the duct with Vicubond WR adhesive. The space between the duct walls and the reveals of the opening must be filled with rock wool of minimum density 60kg/m³. In the line of the wall, the space between the steel duct and the Vicuclad casing must either be filled with with rock wool of minimum density 60kg/m³ or fitted with a Vicuclad batten collar. In order to prevent any slumping of the top of the steel duct at compartment wall penetrations, either a duct joint or a steel angle stiffener must be located within 100mm of the wall.



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Where the steel duct exceeds the sizes given in Table 3, up to a size of 2000mm wide x 900mm high, the soffit Vicuclad boards and battens are fastened to the steel duct. The soffit battens are fastened to the steel duct with M4 steel self-tapping screws at 500mm nominal centres. The soffit boards are fastened to the steel duct, through the battens, with minimum M4 steel self-tapping screws at 300mm nominal centres fitted with large steel washers. The side and top boards do not require to be screwed to the steel duct.

Any longitudinal board joints in the Vicuclad (other than corner joints) must be backed by a Vicuclad batten.

Vertical ducts

The construction of vertical ducts is the same as for the horizontal ducts. The maximum size of duct is as given in Table 3. Where the duct passes through a compartment floor the penetration is sealed with the same seal system as for horizontal ducts. The weight of the duct assembly must be taken by the steel duct and not the Vicuclad board. Steel angles are fitted to the steel duct at the floor penetrations, which bear on the floor slab in order to support the weight of the duct. The angles are protected with Vicuclad board.

Smoke outlet ducts

The ducts may be used as smoke outlet ducts.

Kitchen extract ducts

The ducts may be used as kitchen extract ducts for the protection systems given in Table 4.

Table 4 Board and rock wool thicknesses for kitchen extract ducts - stability, integrity and insulation

Fire resistance - minutes	Thickness - mm	Rock wool -thickness x density
30	50	None
60	50	60mm x 60kg/m ³
90	70	70mm x 80kg/m ³

Table 5 Maximum loads for drop rods

Nominal rod diameter mm	Tensile stress area mm ² (BS 4190)	Load			
		kN – 2hr (10N/mm ²)	kg – 2hr	kN – 4hr (6N/mm ²)	kg – 4hr
6	20.1	0.20	20.49	0.12	12.29
8	36.6	0.37	37.31	0.22	22.39
10	58.0	0.58	59.12	0.35	35.47
12	84.3	0.84	85.93	0.51	51.56
16	157.0	1.57	160.04	0.94	96.02
20	245.0	2.45	249.75	1.47	149.85