SECTION 07 8413 - PENETRATION FIRESTOPPING

1.1 SUMMARY

A. Section Includes:
   1. Penetrations in fire-resistance-rated walls.
   2. Penetrations in horizontal assemblies.
   3. Penetrations in smoke barriers.

1.2 SUBMITTALS

A. LEED Submittal:
   1. Product Data for Credit EQ 4.1: For penetration firestopping, including printed
      statement of VOC content and chemical components.

B. Product Schedule: For each penetration firestopping system. Include location and
   design designation of qualified testing and inspecting agency.

   1. Where Project conditions require modification to a qualified testing and
      inspecting agency's illustration for a particular penetration firestopping condition,
      submit illustration, with modifications marked, approved by penetration
      firestopping manufacturer's fire-protection engineer as an engineering judgment
      or equivalent fire-resistance-rated assembly.

1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Installer Qualifications: A firm that has been approved by FM Global according to
   FM Global 4991, "Approval of Firestop Contractors," or been evaluated by UL and
   found to comply with its "Qualified Firestop Contractor Program Requirements." The
   University will accept only one installer on the project for all trades. Contractor to
   coordinate all firestopping.

B. Inspections: Shall be conducted weekly with Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), the
   Durham Fire Department and the Owner. Pictures shall be taken of all areas and
   recorded in the project record.

C. Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Penetration firestopping shall comply with the
   following requirements:

   1. Classification markings on penetration firestopping correspond to designations
      listed by the following: UL in its "Fire Resistance Directory."

1.4 MANUFACTURERS

A. Manufacturers:
1.5 PENETRATION FIRESTOPPING

A. Provide penetration firestopping that is produced and installed to resist spread of fire according to requirements indicated, resist passage of smoke and other gases, and maintain original fire-resistance rating of construction penetrated. Penetration firestopping systems shall be compatible with one another, with the substrates forming openings, and with penetrating items if any.

B. Penetrations in Fire-Resistance-Rated Walls: Provide penetration firestopping with ratings determined per ASTM E 814 or UL 1479, based on testing at a positive pressure differential of 0.01-inch wg (2.49 Pa).

1. Fire-resistance-rated walls include fire walls, fire-barrier walls, smoke-barrier walls and fire partitions.
2. F-Rating: Not less than the fire-resistance rating of constructions penetrated.

C. Penetrations in Horizontal Assemblies: Provide penetration firestopping with ratings determined per ASTM E 814 or UL 1479, based on testing at a positive pressure differential of 0.01-inch wg (2.49 Pa).

1. Horizontal assemblies include floors, floor/ceiling assemblies, and ceiling membranes of roof/ceiling assemblies.
2. F-Rating: At least 1 hour, but not less than the fire-resistance rating of constructions penetrated.
3. T-Rating: At least 1 hour, but not less than the fire-resistance rating of constructions penetrated except for floor penetrations within the cavity of a wall.

D. Penetrations in Smoke Barriers: Provide penetration firestopping with ratings determined per UL 1479.

1. L-Rating: Not exceeding 5.0 cfm/sq. ft. (0.025 cu. m/s per sq. m) of penetration opening at 0.30-inch wg (74.7 Pa) at both ambient and elevated temperatures.

E. W-Rating: Provide penetration firestopping showing no evidence of water leakage when tested according to UL 1479.

F. Exposed Penetration Firestopping: Provide products with flame-spread and smoke-developed indexes of less than 25 and 450, respectively, as determined per ASTM E 84.

G. VOC Content: Provide penetration firestopping that complies with the following limits for VOC content when calculated according to 40 CFR 59, Subpart D (EPA Method 24):

1. Architectural Sealants: 250 g/L.
2. Sealant Primers for Nonporous Substrates: 250 g/L.
3. Sealant Primers for Porous Substrates: 775 g/L.

H. Accessories: Provide components for each penetration firestopping system that are needed to install fill materials and to maintain ratings required. Use only those components specified by penetration firestopping manufacturer and approved by qualified testing and inspecting agency for firestopping indicated.

1. Permanent forming/damming/backing materials, including the following:
   a. Slag-wool-fiber or rock-wool-fiber insulation.
   b. Sealants used in combination with other forming/damming/backing materials to prevent leakage of fill materials in liquid state.
   c. Fire-rated form board.
   d. Fillers for sealants.

2. Temporary forming materials.
5. Steel sleeves.

1.6 INSTALLATION

A. General: Install penetration firestopping to comply with manufacturer’s written installation instructions and published drawings for products and applications indicated.

B. Install forming materials and other accessories of types required to support fill materials during their application and in the position needed to produce cross-sectional shapes and depths required to achieve fire ratings indicated.

1. After installing fill materials and allowing them to fully cure, remove combustible forming materials and other accessories not indicated as permanent components of firestopping.

C. Install fill materials for firestopping by proven techniques to produce the following results:

1. Fill voids and cavities formed by openings, forming materials, accessories, and penetrating items as required to achieve fire-resistance ratings indicated.
2. Apply materials so they contact and adhere to substrates formed by openings and penetrating items.
3. For fill materials that will remain exposed after completing the Work, finish to produce smooth, uniform surfaces that are flush with adjoining finishes.

END OF SECTION 07 8413