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# **Loss Prevention Standard**

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Quality schedule for the certification of automatic fire sprinklers

This standard specifies the requirements and testing methods for dry pipe valve sets used in dry pipe automatic sprinkler systems, and additional requirements for dry pipe valves, trim, water motor alarms and accelerators/exhausters.

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## QUALITY SCHEDULE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLERS

#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This document is one of a series of Loss Prevention Certification Board (LPCB) documents detailing requirements for the ensured and continued quality of certified products.

#### 2 <u>SCOPE</u>

This document stipulates LPCB quality requirements for LPCB Certificated firms which manufacture LPCB certificated and approved automatic fire sprinklers.

#### 3 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

#### 3.1 <u>Firm</u>

For the purpose of this document `Firm' means an individual, body corporate or body incorporate, applying for or holding LPCB certification or approval of one or more products detailed in clause 2, Scope.

#### 3.2 <u>Automatic Fire Sprinkler</u>

A device sealing an aperture in a pipe of a sprinkler installation that discharges water automatically in a predetermined pattern over a specified area when it operates at a predetermined temperature.

#### 4 <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>

#### 4.1 <u>Quality System</u>

The Firm shall operate an LPCB Certificated Quality System to at least ISO 9002/BS 5750 : Part 2, incorporating the requirements of this document.

#### 4.2 <u>Specification</u>

Automatic sprinklers shall be in compliance with LPS 1039 : Requirements and Testing Methods for Automatic Sprinklers.

#### 4.3 Equipment Modifications

Any modification to LPCB approved or certificated fire sprinklers shall be approved by the LPCB before the modification is implemented in production.

For the purpose of this requirement, a `modification' is any change which may affect the performance of the sprinkler to the requirements of LPS 1039.

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#### 4.4 Access to Sub-Contractors

Where a sub-contractor is used by a Firm, the Firm shall ensure that his authorised representatives and, on request, the representatives of the LPCB shall have access to:

- a) The sub-contractor's premises to carry out surveillance and any necessary evaluations.
- b) Documentation to demonstrate compliance with this standard.
- c) The sub-contractor's records in compliance with BS 5750 : Part 2 : 4.15, Quality Records.

#### 4.5 <u>Records</u>

BS 5750 : Part 2 : Clause 4.15 requires that records shall be maintained. In respect of LPCB certificated and approved sprinklers, records shall be maintained for a period of 10 years.

### 4.6 <u>Corrective Action</u>

BS 5750 : Part 2 : Clause 4.13 requires that corrective action procedures shall be maintained. Additionally, the Firm shall implement and maintain records of:

- a) Customer complaints.
- b) Product failures in service.
- c) Actions taken in respect of a) and b) above.

Actions shall include the recall of suspect products and a notification to the customer and LPCB that the goods are suspect, as appropriate.

#### 4.7 <u>Production Testing and Inspection of Sprinklers and Sprinkler Components During</u> <u>Manufacture</u>

#### 4.7.1 **Pressure Testing**

All assembled sprinklers shall be production pressure tested. Assembled sprinklers which have passed the hydrostatic pressure test shall be capable of satisfying the requirements of the Leak Resistance Test in 7.2 of LPS 1039, and shall be free from leakage when they are subjected to hydrostatic service pressure in the range 0-15 bar and pneumatic service pressure in the range 0-10 bar.

#### 4.7.2 Cull Test for Glass Bulb Sprinklers

All assembled glass bulb sprinklers shall be subjected to a test and/or inspection which ensures the identification and rejection of sprinklers with defective bulbs.

A defective bulb is one which would not allow the sprinkler to operate properly when heated in fire conditions.

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It shall be possible to demonstrate to the LPCB that the test and/or inspection is effective in culling sprinklers with defective bulbs.

#### 4.7.3 Visual Inspection

All finished sprinklers shall be visually inspected in accordance with an inspection list.

#### 4.7.4 Sampling Scheme

Sprinklers shall be subject to additional production tests according to a sampling plan.

These additional tests shall include the following, as described in LPS 1039:

Section 7.3	Functional test.

- Section 7.4 Release temperature tests for glass bulbs and fusible sprinklers.
- Section 7.8 Strength of release element.
- Section 7.9 Service load measurement.

The sample size shall be agreed between the Firm and LPCB.

#### PUBLICATIONS REFERRED TO

ISO 9001/BS 5750 : Part 2 : 1987 Specification for production and installation.

LPS 1039 : Issue 3

Requirements and Testing Methods for Automatic Sprinklers.

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