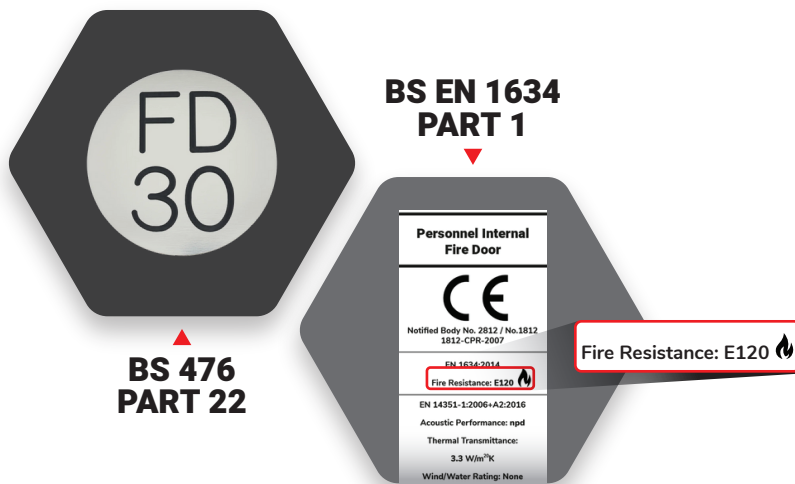


REMOVAL OF BS 476 PART 22 FROM APPROVED DOCUMENT B.

In 2024, it was announced that the fire testing standard BS 476-Part 22 its being removed from Approved Document B of building legislation. This change follows the Hackett report into the Grenfell tragedy.



A QUICK REFERENCE TO TELL WHICH TESTING STANDARD WAS USED:



BS 476 PART 22 WHAT IS THIS?

BS 476 part 22 was created in 1987, and is a standard of testing product reactions to fire.

WHEN IS THE CHANGE BEING IMPLEMENTED?

The changes will come into effect in 2029. However, best practice is to be aware of this when dealing with any doors with a fire rating.

WILL ALL FIRE DOORS NEED TO BE REPLACED?

From the advice we have seen so far, the removal of BS 476 Part 22 applies to all new builds and renovation projects. There is no legislation currently requiring you to update existing door installations.

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

“We are completing the withdrawal of the outdated National Classes fire testing standards, ending a long period of dual specification in favour of the more robust European standard. This implements the recommendation, made in the Hackett Report, for a clearer, transparent and effective testing regime.” — **Rushanara Ali**

FOR FITTERS?

Doors can still be fitted as per legislation and manufacturers instructions to comply with building regulations. When purchasing new fire-rated steel doors, make sure the rating on the door starts with E/EW/EI from September 2029.

FOR SPECIFIERS?

Although this change takes place in September 2029, any project that may be starting or completing construction after 2029 will need fire doors tested to BS EN 1634-1.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

FOR MANUFACTURERS?

All manufacturers will now need to start testing all their doors to BS EN 1634 to prevent issues with their products following the change.

FOR STRONGDOR CUSTOMERS?

It means you don't need to worry. Strongdor has always tested its doors to BS EN 1634-1 as standard. Every Strongdor door will be compliant before and after the changes, whether internal or external doorsets.

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