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ISO 12468 consists of the following parts, under the general title *External exposure of roofs to fire*:

— *Part 1: Test method*

— *Part 2: Classification of roofs*

— *Part 3: Commentary*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 12468 describes the background used in the development and ongoing revision of ISO 12468-1:2013 and ISO 12468-2. Guidance is provided on the use of the test method and classification methods.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 12468 provides background and guidance on the use and limitations of the external fire exposure to roofs test method, the classification system, and the application of the data obtained. This part of ISO 12468 is designed to be of assistance to code officials, fire safety engineers, designers of buildings, and other persons responsible for the safety of persons in and around buildings.

2 Normative references

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ISO 12468-1:2013, *External exposure of roofs to fire — Part 1: Test method*

3 ISO 12468-1, test method

In the development of the test method, an attempt was made to evaluate as many of the potential sources of external fire exposure a roof system could be subjected to as possible. Once identified, the test method attempted to define tests that simulated the identified possible exposure conditions, while at the same time, utilizing tests that already exist and are described in national test methods.

The ultimate goal of the test method development was to create an international test procedure which incorporated the most desirable elements of the existing test methods that could be used in national regulations and replace the wide variety of test methods that exist in national regulations.

The following are the three levels of fire exposure for roofs defined in ISO 12468–1:2013:

— Level A: A large burning brand falling onto the roof from an adjacent building. Level A considers the effect of wind and radiant heat.

— Level B: A medium burning brand coming from a fire in a neighbourhood and falling onto the roof. Level B considers the effect of wind but without additional radiant heat.

— Level C: A small burning brand transported by the wind from a remote fire and falling onto the roof. Level C considers the effect of the wind but without additional radiant heat.

The following presentation starts with a summary background description of some fire scenarios, relevant for test methods regarding external fire exposure to roofs. Then the decisive evaluation parameters for different classification systems, based on test measurements and observations, are identified.

4 Fire scenarios

Figures 1 to 6 show different types of external fire exposure to a roof.

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