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Description

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Firestopping is the process of making sure that any openings and gaps in a fire separation do not compromise the ability of the fire separation to resist the spread of fire. Openings and gaps are typically necessary to allow building services to penetrate through the fire separation.

Scope

This article includes the following parts:

- Factors that affect performance
- Firestopping traced to 1975 fire
- Method of testing firestopping solutions
- Firestopping incorrect too often
- What is the risk with poor firestopping practices?
- Many initiatives to improve practices
- Industry working to address concerns

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