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Origin and Development of NFPA 262

The test procedure covered by this standard was originally developed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. and published as UL 910, *Standard for Safety Test for Flame-Propagation and Smoke-Density Values for Electrical and Optical-Fiber Cables Used in Spaces Transporting Environmental Air*. It is an adaptation of the Steiner tunnel test (NFPA 255, *Standard Method of Test of Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*; ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*; UL 723, *Tests for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*), which was designed to provide information for evaluating the potential for fire spread along cables and wires housed in a plenum or other environmental space. The original 1985 edition was reconfirmed in 1990. The 1994 edition contained minor editorial changes.

The 1999 edition was revised to reflect the practices that were used with this type of test apparatus and procedure. Revisions were made to the requirements associated with the fire test chamber transition, exhaust blower instrumentation, and data acquisition. The title and scope were editorially revised to reflect the true application of the test procedures for the testing of flame travel and optical density of smoke for wires and cables used in an air-handling space.

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Chapter 1 Administration

1.1 Scope.

1.1.1* This standard shall prescribe the methodology to measure flame travel distance and optical density of smoke for insulated, jacketed, or both, electrical wires and cables and optical fiber cables that are to be installed in plenums and other spaces used to transport environmental air without being enclosed in raceways.

1.1.2 This test method shall not provide information on the fire performance of insulating materials contained in electrical or optical cables in fire conditions other than the ones specifically used in Section 6.6 of this standard, nor shall it measure the contribution of the cables to a developing fire condition.

Δ 1.1.3* Although this test uses equipment similar to that used in ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, or in UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, sufficient changes have been made to the chamber so that a test conducted in the apparatus used for ASTM E84 or UL 723 shall not be considered identical or productive of comparable results.

1.1.4 Because this standard does not purport to address all of the safety problems associated with its use, it shall be the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and to determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.2 Purpose.

1.2.1 The purpose of this test shall be to measure and record the fire and smoke characteristics of insulated, jacketed, or both, electrical wires and cables and optical fiber cables that are to be installed in ducts, plenums, and other spaces used to transport environmental air without being enclosed in raceways.

1.2.1.1 The test shall measure the flame travel distance and optical density of smoke when a specimen is exposed to the test fire.

1.2.1.2 Optional measurements shall be permitted to include heat and smoke release rates.

1.2.2 Optical density of smoke and flame travel distance shall be recorded in this test; however, there is not necessarily a relationship between these measurements.

1.3* Application.

1.3.1 This test shall be designed to provide comparative test data on insulated, jacketed, or both, electrical wires and cables and optical fiber cables that are to be installed in ducts, plenums, and other spaces used to transport environmental air without being enclosed in raceways.

1.3.2 Test data shall be used to evaluate the potential for the spread of fire along electrical cables or wires or along optical fiber cables and to evaluate the potential for the development of high smoke levels in these spaces if the wires and cables are exposed to fire.

1.3.3 This test method shall not be used to investigate circuit integrity characteristics or other such functionality performance during or after the fire test.

1.3.4 This test method shall not be used to investigate the toxicity of the products of combustion or decomposition.

1.4 Units.

1.4.1 SI Units. Metric units of measurement in this standard are in accordance with the modernized metric system known as the International System of Units (SI).

1.4.2 Primary and Equivalent Values. If a value for a measurement as given in this standard is followed by an equivalent value in other units, both values shall be regarded as complying with the requirements.

1.5 Summary of Test Method.

1.5.1 This test method shall use the apparatus described in Chapter 4 to determine flame travel distance and optical density of smoke from insulated, jacketed, or both, electrical

wires and cables and optical fiber cables that are to be installed in ducts, plenums, and other spaces used to transport environmental air without being enclosed in raceways.

1.5.2 The test method shall expose a set of wire or cable specimens, 7.32 m (24 ft) long and installed on a horizontal ladder-type cable tray, to a controlled air and flaming fire exposure in a fire test chamber.

1.5.3 A special specimen holder shall be used to expose the test specimens.

1.5.4 The specimen holder shall be filled with one layer of test specimens.

1.5.5 The specimens shall be exposed to a 86 kW (294,000 Btu/hr) fire, 1.37 m (4.5 ft) long, for a period of 20 minutes, with an initial draft of 73 m/min (240 ft/min) through the chamber.

1.5.6 During the test, flame travel distance and optical density of smoke shall be measured, and peak and average optical density of smoke shall be calculated.

1.5.7 Optional measurements shall be permitted to include heat and smoke release rates from the burning sample.

Chapter 2 Referenced Publications

2.1 General. The documents or portions thereof listed in this chapter are referenced within this standard and shall be considered part of the requirements of this document.

2.2 NFPA Publications. (Reserved)

2.3 Other Publications.

2.3.1 ASTM Publications. ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

ASTM C1186, *Standard Specification for Flat Fiber-Cement Sheets*, 2008 (2016).

ASTM C1288, *Standard Specification for Fiber-Cement Interior Substrate Sheets*, 2017.

ASTM E84, *Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2018.

Δ 2.3.2 UL Publications. Underwriters Laboratories, 333 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062-2096.

UL 723, *Standard for Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials*, 2008, revised 2017.

2.3.3 Other Publications. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th edition, Merriam-Webster, Inc., Springfield, MA, 2003.

2.4 References for Extracts in Mandatory Sections. (Reserved)

Chapter 3 Definitions

3.1 General. The definitions contained in this chapter shall apply to the terms used in this standard. Where terms are not defined in this chapter or within another chapter, they shall be defined using their ordinarily accepted meanings within the context in which they are used. *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate*

Dictionary, 11th edition, shall be the source for the ordinarily accepted meaning.

3.2 NFPA Official Definitions.

3.2.1 Shall. Indicates a mandatory requirement.

3.2.2 Should. Indicates a recommendation or that which is advised but not required.

3.2.3 Standard. An NFPA Standard, the main text of which contains only mandatory provisions using the word "shall" to indicate requirements and that is in a form generally suitable for mandatory reference by another standard or code or for adoption into law. Nonmandatory provisions are not to be considered a part of the requirements of a standard and shall be located in an appendix or annex, footnote, informational note, or other means as permitted in the NFPA Manuals of Style. When used in a generic sense, such as in the phrase "standards development process" or "standards development activities," the term "standards" includes all NFPA Standards, including Codes, Standards, Recommended Practices, and Guides.

3.3 General Definitions.

3.3.1 Flame Travel Distance. Distance that the flame travels beyond the extent of the gas burner flame.

3.3.2 Optical Density of Smoke (OD). Smoke obscuration described in terms of logarithmic ratio of initial light intensity to instantaneous light intensity.

Chapter 4 Test Apparatus

4.1 Fire Test Room.

4.1.1 The fire test room in which the test chamber and smoke measurement system are located shall have provision for a free inflow of air to maintain the room at controlled pressure of 0–12 Pa (0–0.05 in. of water column) greater than ambient barometric pressure and at a temperature of 18.3°C–26.7°C (65°F–80°F) and relative humidity of 45–60 percent throughout each test run.

4.1.2 The fire test room and smoke measurement area shall have controllable lighting.

4.2 Fire Test Apparatus. The fire test apparatus shall consist of the following:

- (1) Air-inlet chamber
- (2) Air-inlet shutter
- (3) Fire test chamber
- (4) Gas burner
- (5) Removable top cover
- (6) Exhaust transition
- (7) Exhaust duct
- (8) Exhaust duct velocity measurement system
- (9) Smoke measurement system
- (10) Exhaust duct damper

4.2.1 Air-Inlet Chamber.

4.2.1.1 The fire test chamber air-inlet transition shall consist of an L-shaped galvanized steel unit secured to the air-inlet end of the fire test chamber.

4.2.1.2 The unit shall contain a 298.5 mm ± 6 mm × 464 mm ± 6 mm (11.8 in. ± 0.25 in. × 18.25 in. ± 0.25 in.) rectangular

opening to allow air to enter the fire test chamber through the chamber air-inlet shutter.

4.2.1.3 A schematic of the air-inlet chamber shall be as shown in Figure 4.2.1.3.

4.2.2 Air-Inlet Shutter.

4.2.2.1 A vertically sliding shutter, extending the entire width of the test chamber, shall be provided at the air-inlet end of the fire test chamber.

4.2.2.2 The shutter shall be positioned to provide an air-inlet opening $76 \text{ mm} \pm 2 \text{ mm}$ ($3 \text{ in.} \pm 0.08 \text{ in.}$) high, measured from the floor level of the test chamber and across the full width of the chamber, as shown in Figure 4.2.1.3. [See also Figure 4.2.3.1(a).]

4.2.3 Fire Test Chamber.

4.2.3.1 The fire test chamber shall consist of a horizontal duct of the shapes and sizes shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(a) and Figure 4.2.3.1(b).

4.2.3.2* The sides and base of the duct shall be lined with insulating masonry, consisting of refractory firebrick, as illustrated in Figure 4.2.3.1(b).

4.2.3.3* One side of the fire test chamber shall be provided with a row of two panes of 6 mm ($\frac{1}{4} \text{ in.}$) thick high-temperature glass, pressure-tight observation windows, with the inside pane mounted flush with the inner wall. [See Figure 4.2.3.1(b).]

4.2.3.4 The exposed window area shall be $70 \text{ mm} \pm 6 \text{ mm} \times 280 \text{ mm} \pm 38 \text{ mm}$ ($2.75 \text{ in.} \pm 0.25 \text{ in.} \times 11 \text{ in.} \pm 1.5 \text{ in.}$).

4.2.3.5 The windows shall be located so that the gas burner and the length of the specimens being tested, from the point at which the test fire ends, can be observed from outside the fire test chamber.

4.2.3.6* The top cover support ledges shall be fabricated of a structural material capable of withstanding the abuse of continuous testing.

4.2.3.7 The ledges shall be level with respect to length and width of the chamber and with respect to each other.

4.2.3.8 To provide air turbulence for combustion, turbulence-inducing baffles shall be provided by positioning six 229 mm long \times 114.5 mm wide \times 64 mm thick (9 in. long \times 4.5 in. wide \times 2.5 in. thick) refractory firebricks (long dimension vertical and 114.5 mm dimension parallel to the wall) along the side walls of the chamber at distances of $1.98 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($6.5 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$), $3.96 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($13 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$), and $5.79 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($19 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$) on the window side (do not obstruct the windows) and $1.37 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($4.5 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$), $2.90 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($9.5 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$), and $4.88 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($16 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ ft}$) on the opposite side, as measured from the centerline of the gas burner to the centerline of the firebricks.

4.2.4 Gas Burners.

4.2.4.1 Positioning.

4.2.4.1.1 One end of the test chamber, designated as the air-inlet end in Figure 4.2.3.1(a), shall be provided with a dual-port gas burner, delivering flames upward, to engulf the test specimens.

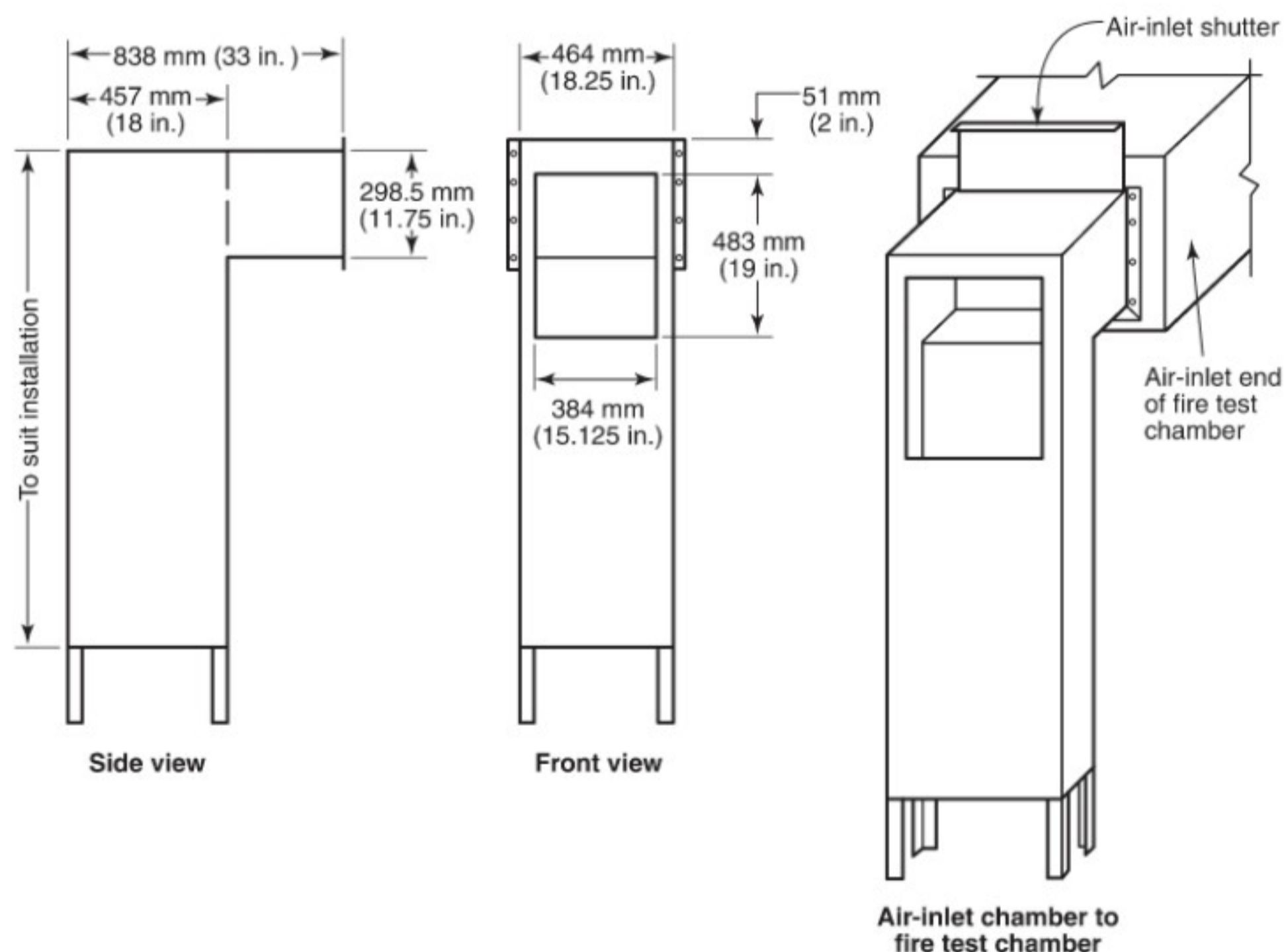


FIGURE 4.2.1.3 Schematic of the Air-Inlet Chamber. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

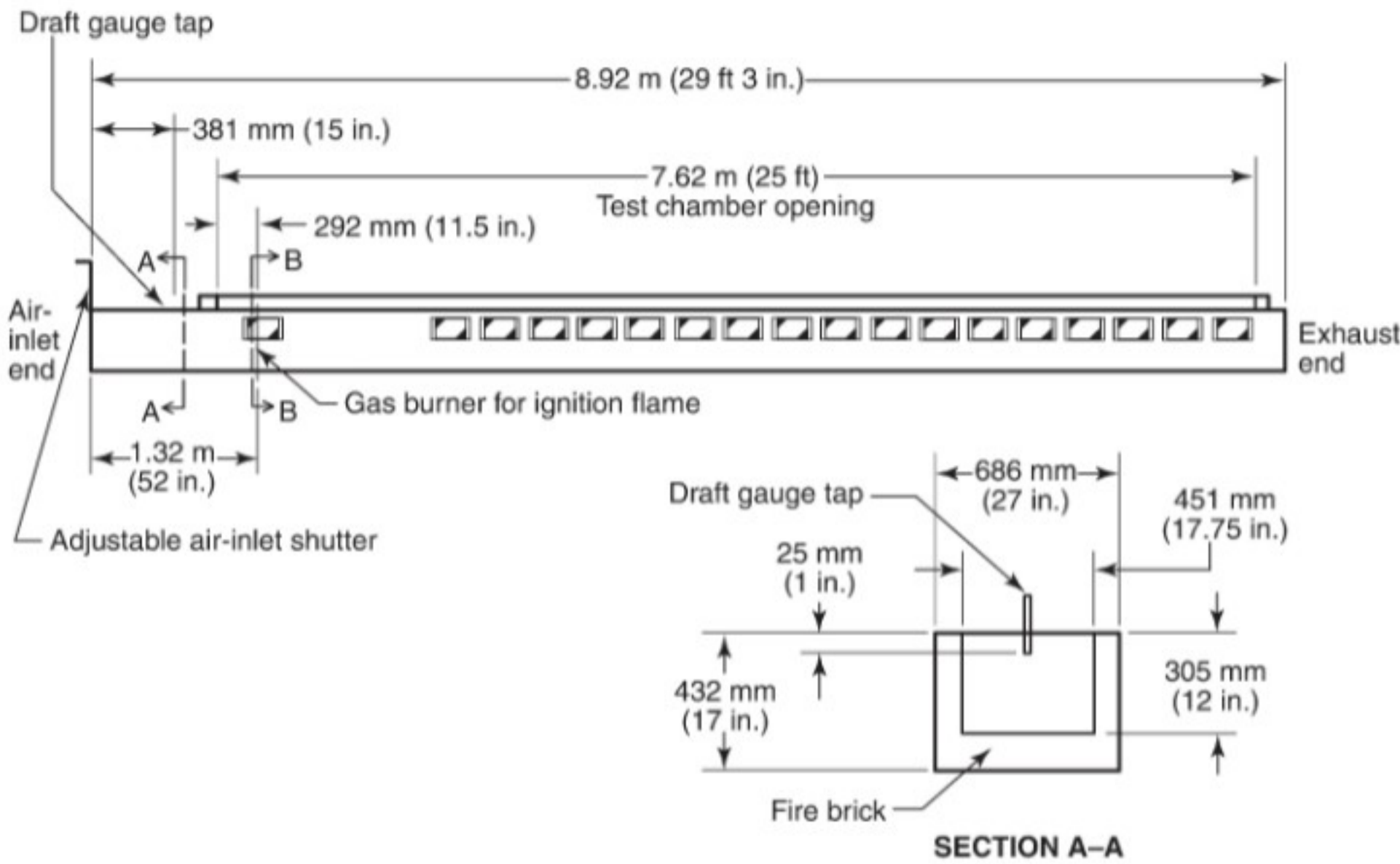


FIGURE 4.2.3.1(a) Details of Fire Test Chamber. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

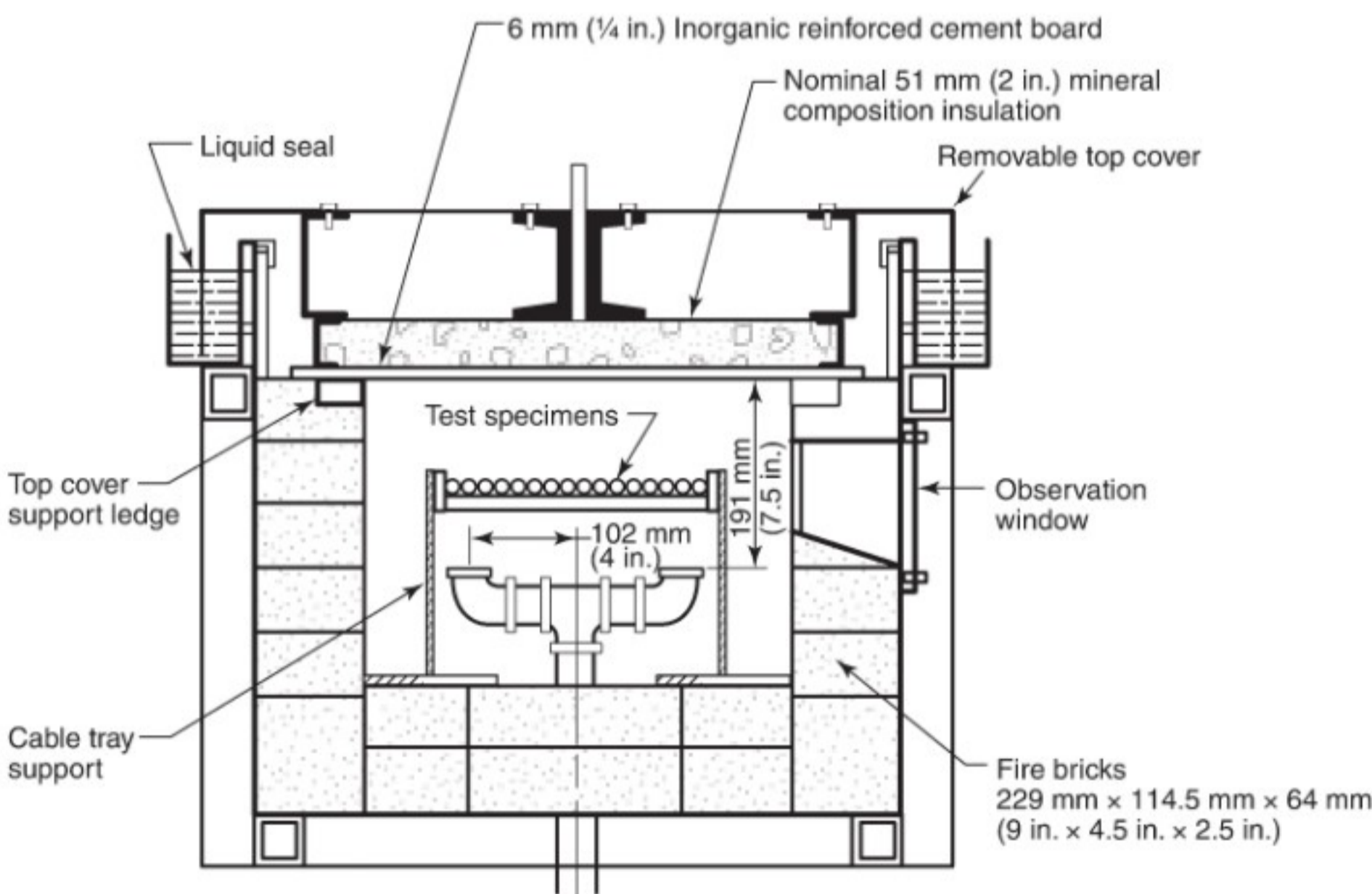


FIGURE 4.2.3.1(b) Cross-Section of the Fire Test Chamber. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

4.2.4.1.2 As shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b), the burner shall be positioned transversely to each side of the centerline of the furnace so that the flame is evenly distributed over the width of the specimens.

4.2.4.1.3 The burner shall be spaced 292 mm ± 6 mm (11.5 in. ± 0.25 in.) from the air-inlet end of the test chamber, and 191 mm ± 6 mm (7.5 in. ± 0.25 in.) below the removable top cover [see Figure 4.2.3.1(a) and Figure 4.2.3.1(b)].

4.2.4.1.4 The burner shall be located 1320 mm ± 51 mm (52 in. ± 2 in.) downstream of the air-inlet shutter, as measured from the burner centerline to the outside surface of the shutter.

4.2.4.2 Burner.

4.2.4.2.1 Gas to the burner shall be provided through a single inlet pipe, distributed to each port burner through a tee-section.

4.2.4.2.2 The outlet shall be a nominal 19 mm (¾ in.) elbow.

4.2.4.2.3 The plane of the ports shall be parallel to the chamber floor, such that the gas is directed upward toward the specimen.

4.2.4.2.4 Each port shall be positioned with its centerline 102 mm ± 6 mm (4 in. ± 0.25 in.) on each side of the centerline of the fire test chamber so that the burner flame is evenly distributed [see Figure 4.2.3.1(b)].

4.2.4.3 Ignition.

4.2.4.3.1 The gas burner shall be ignited remotely, using an electronic ignition system.

4.2.4.3.2 The controls used to maintain a constant flow of methane gas to the burners shall consist of the following:

- (1) A pressure regulator
- (2) A gas meter calibrated to read in increments of not more than 2.8 L (0.1 ft³)
- (3) A gauge to indicate gas pressure in Pa (or inches of water column)
- (4) A quick-acting gas shutoff valve
- (5) A gas metering valve
- (6) An orifice plate in combination with a manometer to assist in maintaining uniform gas flow conditions

4.2.4.3.3 Alternative control equipment, if shown to be equivalent, shall be permitted.

4.2.5 Removable Top Cover.

4.2.5.1 The removable top cover shall consist of a metal and mineral insulation composite unit whose insulation consists of nominal 51 mm ± 6 mm (2 in. ± 0.25 in.) thick mineral composition material.

4.2.5.1.1 The top unit, shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b), shall completely cover the fire test chamber.

4.2.5.1.2* The metal and mineral composite material shall have physical characteristics as follows:

- (1) Maximum effective use temperature of not less than 650°C (1200°F)
- (2) Bulk density of 335 kg/m³ ± 20 kg/m³ (21 lb/ft³ ± 1.5 lb/ft³)
- (3) Thermal conductivity of

[4.2.5.1.2a]

$$0.072 \text{ to } 0.102 \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m} \cdot \text{K}} \text{ at } 150^\circ \text{ to } 370^\circ \text{C}$$

$$\left(0.50 \text{ to } 0.71 \frac{\text{Btu} \cdot \text{in.}}{\text{ft}^3 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot ^\circ \text{F}} \text{ at } 300^\circ \text{ to } 700^\circ \text{F} \right)$$

- (4) $K_p c$ product of

[4.2.5.1.2b]

$$1 \times 10^4 \text{ to } 4 \times 10^4 \frac{\text{W}^2 \cdot \text{sec}}{\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{k}^2}$$

$$\left(1 \text{ to } 4 \frac{\text{Btu}^2 \cdot \text{in.}}{\text{ft}^2 \cdot \text{hr} \cdot ^\circ \text{F}^2} \right)$$

▲ 4.2.5.2 The entire top panel unit shall be protected with flat sections of uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board.

■ 4.2.5.2.1 The fiber-cement board shall comply with either ASTM C1186, *Standard Specification for Flat Fiber-Cement Sheets, Grade II*, or ASTM C1288, *Standard Specification for Fiber-Cement Interior Substrate Sheets*, and with the following additional specifications:

- (1) The board shall have a nominal thickness of 6 mm (1/4 in.)
- (2) The board shall have a density of 1442 kg/m³ ± 160 kg/m³ (90 lb/ft³ ± 10 lb/ft³).
- (3) The board shall be uncoated.
- (4) The board shall remain in place throughout the test.
- (5) The board shall be suitable for test sample adhesion.

4.2.5.2.2 The board shall be maintained in an unwarped and uncracked condition through continued replacement.

4.2.5.2.3 While in place, the top panel shall rest on a nominal 3 mm (1/8 in.) thick woven fiberglass belting, positioned on the top cover support ledges.

4.2.5.2.4* The top panel shall be completely sealed against the leakage of air into the fire test chamber during the test.

4.2.6 Exhaust Transition.

4.2.6.1 The exhaust end of the fire test chamber shall be fitted with a transition piece.

4.2.6.1.1 The exhaust transition shall consist of a stainless steel unit composed of a 902 mm ± 6 mm long × 686 mm ± 6 mm wide × 438 mm ± 6 mm high (35.5 in. ± 0.25 in. long × 27 in. ± 0.25 in. wide × 17 in. ± 0.25 in. high) rectangular section and a 457 mm ± 6 mm (18 in. ± 0.25 in.) long rectangular-to-round transition section connected to the 406 mm ± 3 mm (16 in. ± 0.125 in.) inside diameter (I.D.) exhaust duct, as shown in Figure 4.2.6.1.1.

4.2.6.1.2 The outside of the transition section shall be insulated with a nominal 51 mm (2 in.) ceramic-fiber blanket [nominal density 130 kg/m³ (8 lb/ft³)].

4.2.6.2 The unit shall be secured to the exhaust end of the fire test chamber.

4.2.7 Exhaust Duct.

4.2.7.1 The 406 mm ± 3 mm (16 in. ± 0.125 in.) I.D. exhaust duct shall be constructed from stainless steel and shall extend 4.88 m to 5.49 m (16 ft to 18 ft) horizontally from the vent end of the transition to the centerline of the smoke measurement system, to provide for a fully mixed exhaust gas flow.

4.2.7.2 The exhaust duct shall extend a minimum of 8.53 m (28 ft) from the vent end of the exhaust transition section.

4.2.7.3* The exhaust duct shall be insulated with at least 51 mm (2 in.) of high-temperature mineral composition material from the beginning of the exhaust transition piece up to and including the smoke measurement system.

4.2.8 Exhaust Duct Velocity Measurement.

4.2.8.1 The velocity in the exhaust duct shall be determined by measuring the differential pressure in the flow path with a bidirectional probe connected to an electronic pressure gauge or with an equivalent measuring system and a thermocouple.

4.2.8.1.1 The probe, as shown in Figure 4.2.8.1.1, shall consist of a stainless steel cylinder with a cylinder length that is nominally two times the outside diameter of the cylinder, with a

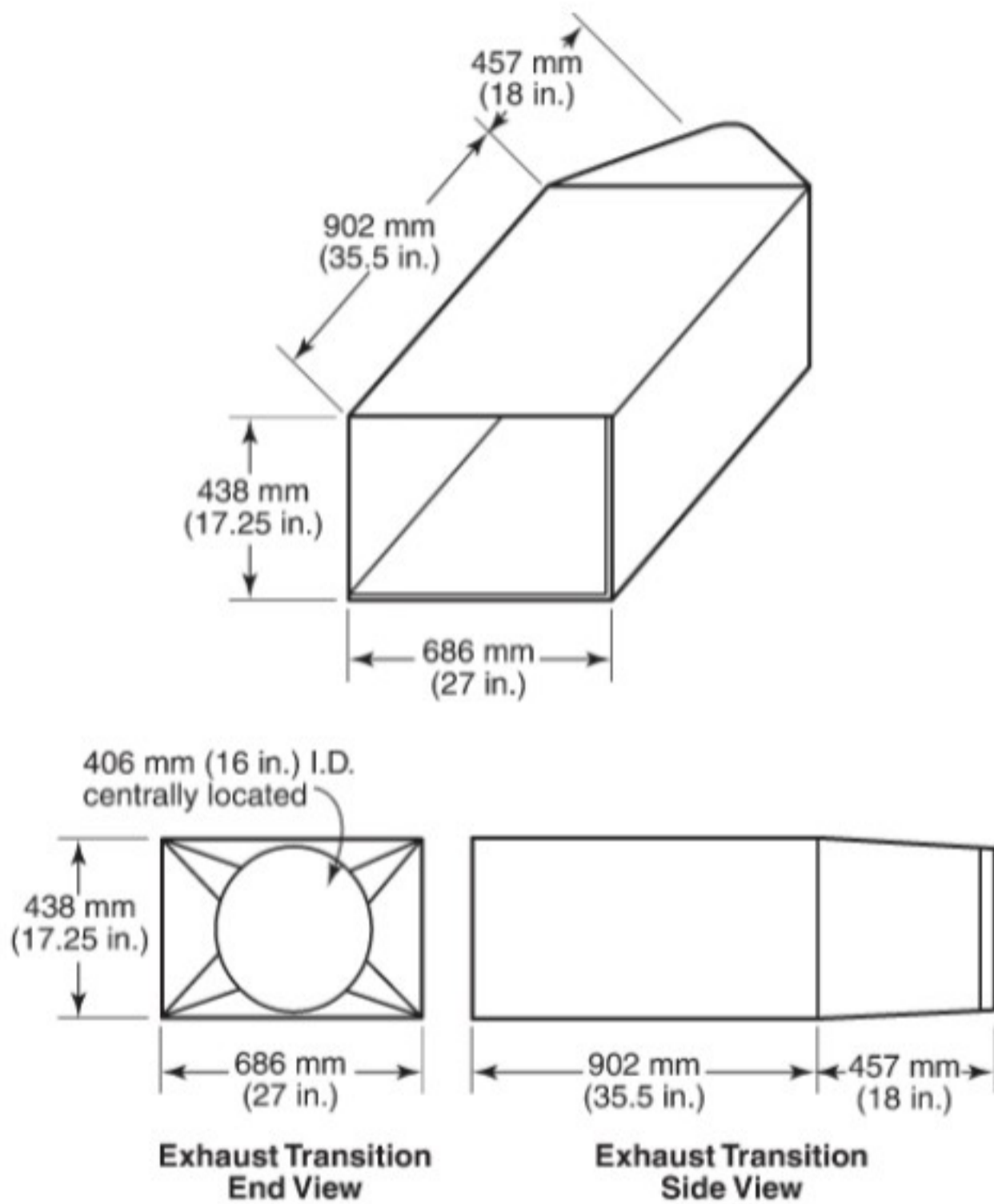


FIGURE 4.2.6.1.1 Exhaust Transition. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

minimum length of 25.4 mm (1 in.) and a maximum length of 51 mm (2 in.) with a solid diaphragm in the center.

4.2.8.1.2 The pressure taps on either side of the diaphragm shall support the probe.

4.2.8.1.3 The axis of the probe shall run along the centerline of the duct.

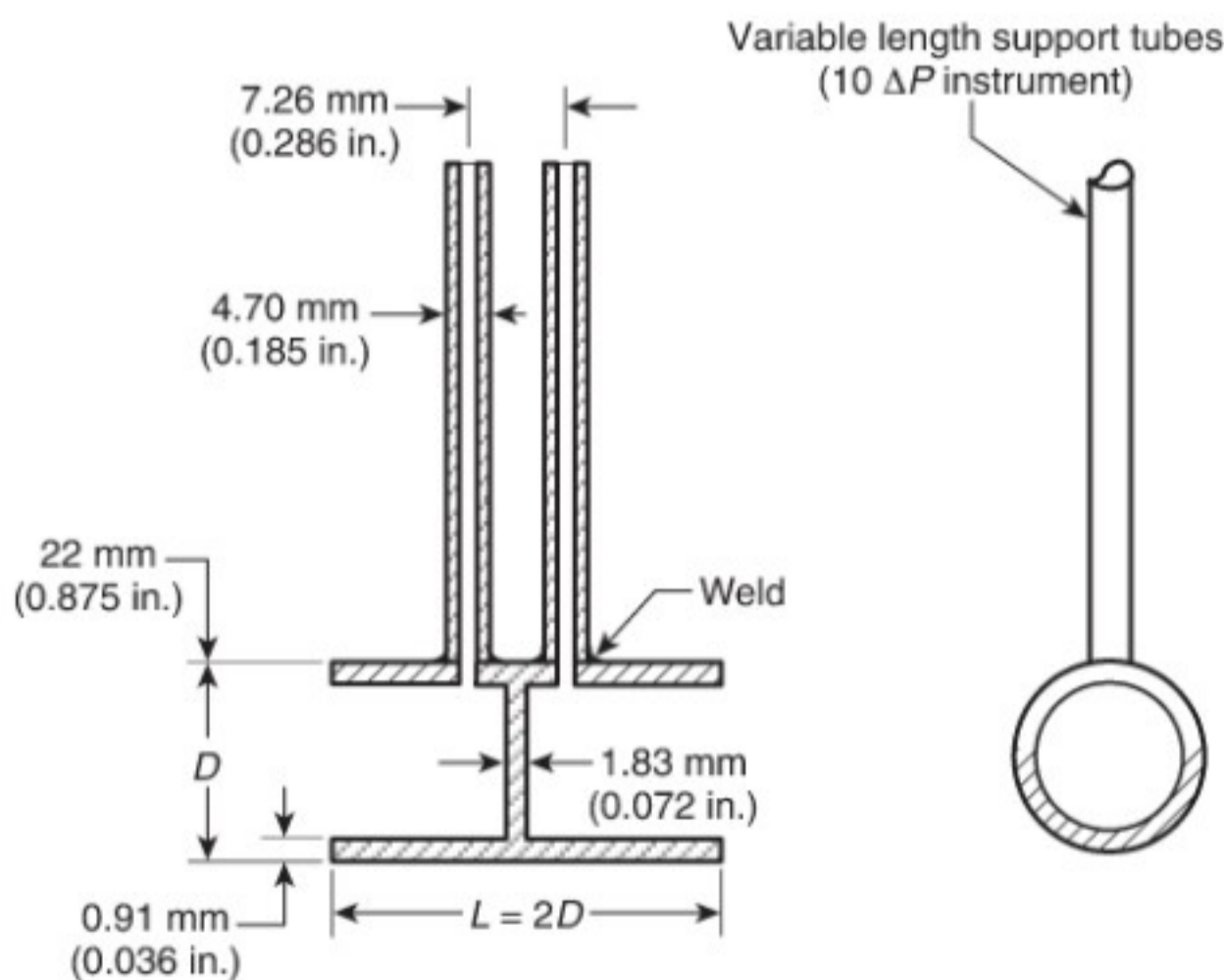


FIGURE 4.2.8.1.1 Bidirectional Probe.

4.2.8.1.4 The pressure taps specified in 4.2.8.1.2 shall be connected to a pressure transducer that is able to resolve pressure differences of 0.25 Pa (0.001 psi water column).

4.2.8.1.5 The response time to a stepwise change of the duct flow rate shall not exceed 5 seconds to reach 90 percent of the final value.

4.2.8.2 The temperature of the exhaust gas shall be measured within 152 mm (6 in.) from the probe and at the centerline of the duct, with a 28 AWG Type K thermocouple having an Inconel® sheath.

4.2.9 Smoke Measurement System.

4.2.9.1* A 12 V sealed-beam, clear lens, auto spot lamp shall be mounted on a horizontal section of the exhaust duct as shown in Figure 4.2.9.1.

4.2.9.2 The lamp shall be located at a point that is preceded by a straight run of round pipe at least 4.88 m (16 ft) and not greater than 5.49 m (18 ft) from the vent end of the exhaust transition section.

4.2.9.3 The light beam shall be directed upward along the vertical axis of the exhaust duct.

4.2.9.4 A photoelectric cell having an output directly proportional to the amount of light received shall be mounted over the light source, with an overall light-to-cell path distance of 914 mm ± 51 mm (36 in. ± 2 in.).

4.2.9.5 The light source and photoelectric cell shall be located such that they are open to the environment of the test room.

4.2.9.6 The cylindrical light beam shall pass through 76 mm ± 3 mm (3 in. ± 1/8 in.) diameter openings at the top and bottom of the 406 mm (16 in.) I.D. duct, with the resultant light beam centered on the photoelectric cell.

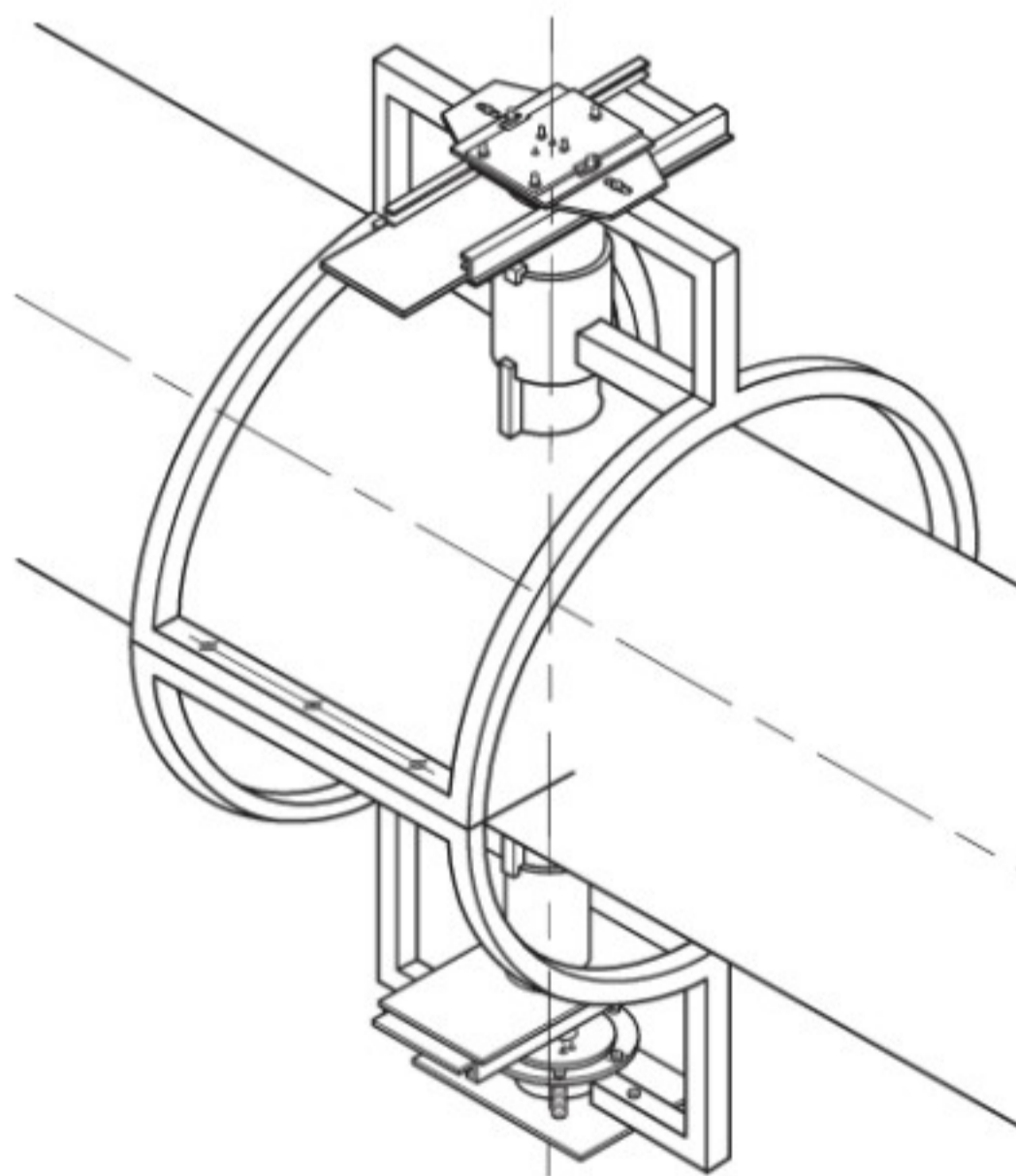


FIGURE 4.2.9.1 Smoke Measurement System.

4.2.9.7* The cell shall be connected to recording devices that indicate the attenuation of incident light due to particulate matter, and due to other effluents, in the passing smoke.

4.2.10 Exhaust Duct Damper.

4.2.10.1 A single-blade duct volume control damper for a 406 mm (16 in.) I.D. duct shall be positioned in the exhaust duct 1.68 m \pm 0.15 m (5.5 ft \pm 0.5 ft) downstream of the smoke measurement system, centerline to centerline.

4.2.10.2 The relative locations of the exhaust transition piece, exhaust duct, smoke measurement system, and exhaust duct damper shall be as shown in Figure 4.2.10.2.

4.2.10.3 To maintain airflow control throughout each test run, the exhaust duct damper shall be controlled by a closed-loop feedback system with respect to the air-inlet draft gauge static pressure.

4.2.11 Exhaust Blower.

4.2.11.1 The exhaust blower shall have the capacity to develop at least 37 Pa (0.15 in. of water column) at the draft gauge tap, with the specimens in place, with the air shutter positioned to provide an air-inlet opening of 76 mm \pm 1.5 mm (3 in. \pm 0.06 in.), and with the exhaust duct damper in the wide-open position. (See 4.2.7.)

4.2.11.2 The exhaust duct connecting the exhaust duct damper to the exhaust blower shall be 406 mm (16 in.) I.D. and shall be a straight section for a minimum of 1.83 m (6 ft) from the centerline of the exhaust duct damper.

4.2.11.3 Provisions shall be provided for an airtight expansion joint between the exhaust duct damper and the exhaust blower.

4.3 Fire Test Chamber Airflow System.

4.3.1 An air intake, fitted with a vertically sliding shutter that extends the entire width of the test chamber, shall be provided at the air-inlet end.

4.3.2 The draft plate shall be positioned to provide an air-inlet port, as shown in Figure 4.2.1.3.

4.3.3 Movement of air throughout the exhaust duct shall be by induced draft.

4.3.3.1 The draft-inducing system shall have a total draft capacity of at least 37 Pa (0.15 in. of water column) with the specimens in place, with the shutter at the air-inlet end open to its normal position, and with the exhaust damper in the wide-open position. (See Section C-C in Figure 4.2.10.2.)

4.3.3.2 A draft-gauge manometer to indicate static pressure shall be inserted through the top at the mid-width of the tunnel, 25.4 mm \pm 13 mm (1 in. \pm 0.5 in.) below the ceiling, and 381 mm \pm 13 mm (15 in. \pm 0.5 in.) downstream of the air intake shutter, as shown in Section A-A of Figure 4.2.3.1(a).

4.4 Ladder Cable Tray.

4.4.1 The ladder-type cable tray used to support the openable test specimens or the cables-in-raceway test specimens is shown in Figure 4.4.1.

4.4.2 The tray shall be fabricated from cold-rolled steel.

4.4.3 The solid bar stock side rails shall be 38 mm \pm 3 mm \times 9.5 mm \pm 3 mm (1.5 in. \pm 0.125 in. \times 0.375 in. \pm 0.125 in.), as shown in Figure 4.4.1.

4.4.4 The C-shaped channel rungs shall be structural channels 13 mm \pm 3 mm \times 25.4 mm \pm 3 mm \times 3 mm \pm 1.5 mm (0.5 in. \pm 0.125 in. \times 1 in. \pm 0.125 in. \times 0.125 in. \pm 0.06 in.), as shown in Section A-A in Figure 4.4.1.

4.4.4.1 Each rung shall be 286 mm \pm 3 mm (11.25 in. \pm 0.125 in.) long.

4.4.4.2 The rungs shall be welded to the side rails 229 mm \pm 3 mm (9 in. \pm 0.125 in.) on centers along the tray length.

4.4.5 The tray shall consist of one or more sections having a total assembled length of 7.32 m \pm 51 mm (24 ft \pm 2 in.) and shall be supported with a total of 16 supports spaced along the length of the tray.

4.4.6 The tray supports, as shown in Figure 4.4.1, shall be fabricated from bar steel. As an option to the description in

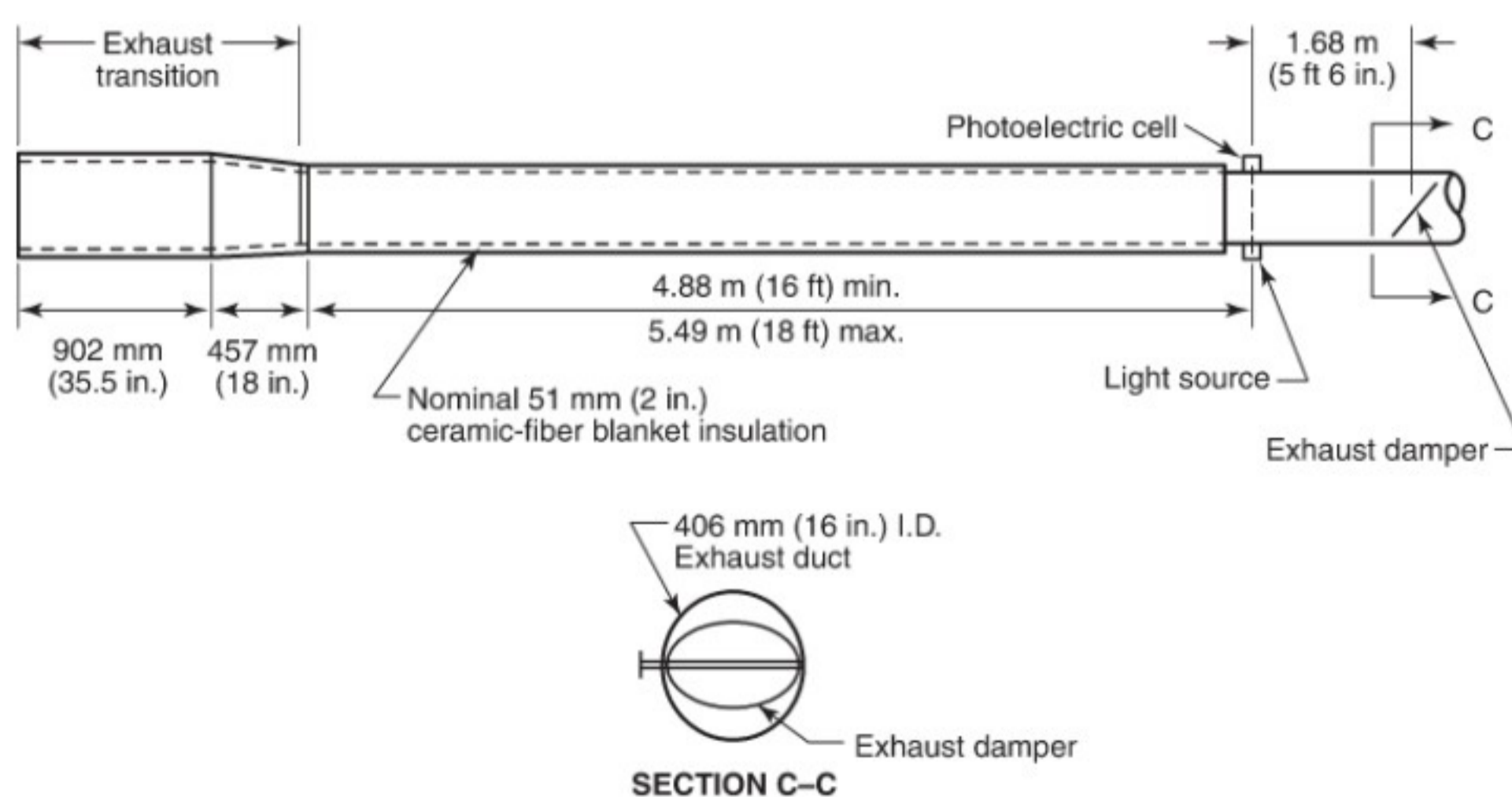


FIGURE 4.2.10.2 Location of Exhaust Transition, Exhaust Duct, Smoke Measurement System, and Damper. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

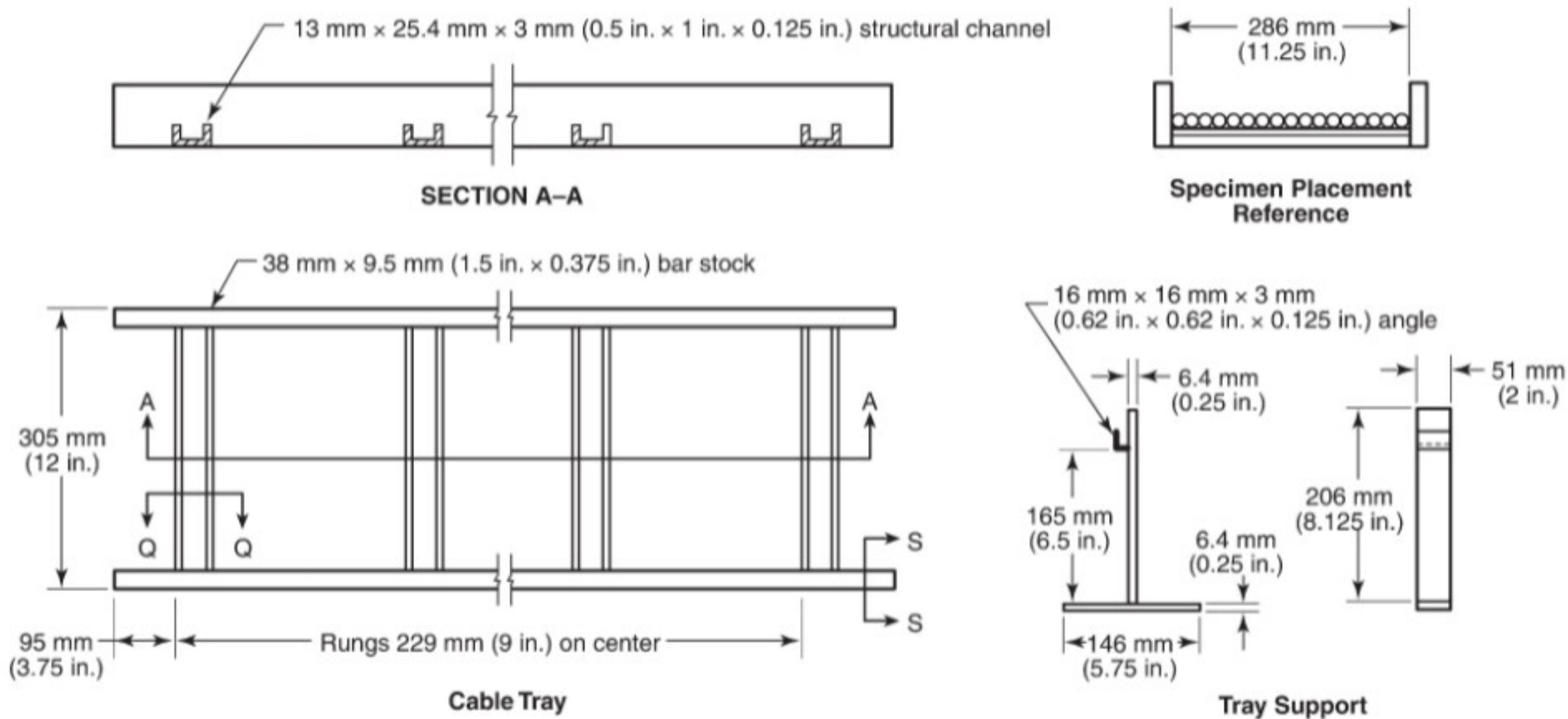


FIGURE 4.4.1 Details of Ladder Cable Tray Supports. Tolerances are contained in applicable paragraphs. Otherwise, dimensions are nominal.

Figure 4.4.1, the horizontal, foot portion of the tray supports shall be permitted to consist of plates measuring $102 \text{ mm} \pm 10 \text{ mm} \times 102 \text{ mm} \pm 10 \text{ mm}$ ($4 \text{ in.} \pm 0.25 \text{ in.} \times 4 \text{ in.} \pm 0.25 \text{ in.}$) $\times 6.4 \text{ mm} \pm 2 \text{ mm}$ ($0.25 \text{ in.} \pm 0.1 \text{ in.}$) thick.

4.5 Fire Test Chamber Temperature Measurement Instruments.

4.5.1 At the Floor.

4.5.1.1 A 19 AWG chromel–alumel thermocouple, with $9.5 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm}$ ($0.375 \text{ in.} \pm 0.125 \text{ in.}$) of the junction exposed in the fire chamber air, shall be inserted through the floor of the test chamber.

4.5.1.2 The tip of the thermocouple shall be $25.4 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm}$ ($1 \text{ in.} \pm 0.125 \text{ in.}$) below the top surface of the glass fiber belting, $7.01 \text{ m} \pm 13 \text{ mm}$ ($23 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.}$) from the centerline of the burner, and at the center of the width of the chamber.

4.5.2 Below the Floor. A 19 AWG chromel–alumel thermocouple, embedded $3.2 \text{ mm} \pm 1.5 \text{ mm}$ ($0.125 \text{ in.} \pm 0.06 \text{ in.}$) below the floor surface of the test chamber, shall be mounted in refractory or portland cement (carefully dried to keep it from cracking) at distances of $3.96 \text{ m} \pm 13 \text{ mm}$ and $7.09 \text{ m} \pm 13 \text{ mm}$ ($13 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.}$ and $23.25 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.}$) from the centerline of the burner and at the center of the width of the chamber.

4.6 Data Acquisition Equipment.

4.6.1 A digital data acquisition system shall be used to collect and record light attenuation, temperature, flame spread, and velocity measurements.

4.6.1.1 The data system shall be capable of collecting the data at intervals of 2 seconds.

4.6.1.2 The data acquisition system shall have an accuracy corresponding to at least $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ (2°F) for the temperature channels and 0.01 percent of full-scale instrument output for all other instrument channels.

4.6.2 A smoothing routine shall not be used to process the data.

Chapter 5 Test Specimens

5.1 Specimens. Test specimens shall consist of $7.32 \text{ m} \pm 152 \text{ mm}$ ($24 \text{ ft} \pm 6 \text{ in.}$) lengths of cables installed in a single layer across the bottom of the cable tray, as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b).

Chapter 6 Maintenance and Calibration of Test Equipment

6.1 Maintenance. Maintenance for the apparatus shall be conducted at intervals not exceeding 30 days and shall include the following procedures (with replacement of components as necessary):

- (1) Inspection of tunnel and wall bricks
- (2) Inspection of windows
- (3) Inspection of the uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board
- (4) Inspection of the castable block mix

6.2 Frequency of Calibration. The test apparatus shall be calibrated, as described in Section 6.3 through Section 6.6, at a minimum of one-month intervals.

6.3 Airflow.

6.3.1 Material.

6.3.1.1 A $610 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm} \times 356 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm} \times 1.5 \text{ mm} \pm 1 \text{ mm}$ ($24 \text{ in.} \pm 0.125 \text{ in.} \times 14 \text{ in.} \pm 0.125 \text{ in.} \times 0.06 \text{ in.} \pm 0.03 \text{ in.}$) steel plate shall be placed on the top cover support ledges at the air-inlet end of the fire test chamber, over the gas burner.

6.3.1.2 Then three $2.44 \text{ m} \pm 13 \text{ mm} \times 610 \text{ mm} \pm 13 \text{ mm} \times 6 \text{ mm} \pm 3 \text{ mm}$ ($8 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.} \times 2 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.} \times 0.25 \text{ in.} \pm 0.125 \text{ in.}$) uncoated fiber-reinforced cement boards shall be placed to fill the remaining length of the fire test chamber, placed end-to-

end on the ledge of the furnace chamber, as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b).

6.3.1.3 The material for the board shall be as defined in 4.2.5.2.

6.3.1.4 The removable top of the test chamber shall then be placed in position.

6.3.2 Air.

6.3.2.1 The air supply shall be maintained at 18.3°C–26.7°C (65°F–80°F).

6.3.2.2 Relative humidity shall be kept at 40–60 percent during the test.

6.3.3 Air Leakage Test.

6.3.3.1* The draft shall be established to produce a static pressure 37 Pa (0.15 in. of water column) reading on the draft manometer with the following conditions:

- (1) Board in position and removable top in place
- (2) Air-inlet end shutter open 76 mm ± 2 mm (3 in. ± 0.06 in.)
- (3) Exhaust damper manually adjusted

6.3.3.2 The air-inlet end shutter shall then be closed and sealed.

6.3.3.3 The manometer reading shall be increased to at least 93 Pa (0.375 in. of water column), which indicates that no excessive air leakage exists.

6.3.3.4 The static pressure reading obtained shall be recorded.

6.3.4 Supplemental Air Leakage Test.

6.3.4.1 A supplemental air leakage test shall be conducted by activating a smoke bomb in the fire chamber while the air-inlet shutter and exhaust duct beyond the differential manometer tube are sealed.

6.3.4.2 The bomb shall be ignited, and the chamber pressurized to 6.2 Pa (0.025 in. of water column).

6.3.4.3 All points of leakage observed in the form of escaping smoke particles shall be sealed.

6.3.5 Velocity Traverse Test.

6.3.5.1 An air-inlet static pressure at the draft gauge tap shall be established to obtain the specified air velocity.

6.3.5.2 The required draft-gauge reading shall be maintained throughout the test by regulating the controlled exhaust damper.

6.3.5.3 Air Velocity.

6.3.5.3.1 The air velocity at seven points, each located 7 mm ± 25 mm (23 ft ± 1 in.) from the centerline of the gas burner and 152 mm ± 6 mm (6 in. ± 0.25 in.) below the plane of the top cover support ledges, shall be recorded.

6.3.5.3.2 These seven points shall be determined by dividing the width of the tunnel into seven equal sections and recording the velocity at the geometric center of each section.

6.3.5.4 Measurement.

6.3.5.4.1 During the measurement of velocity, the turbulence blocks shall be removed and the leading edge of the straightening vanes, 610 mm ± 3 mm × 305 mm ± 3 mm (24 in. ± 0.125 in. × 12 in. ± 0.125 in.), shall be placed 4.88 m (16 ft) from the centerline of the burner.

6.3.5.4.2 The straightening vanes shall divide the chamber cross-section into nine uniform vertical sections.

6.3.5.4.3* The average velocity shall be 1.22 m/sec ± 0.025 m/sec (4 ft/sec ± 0.083 ft/sec), as determined using a bidirectional probe.

6.3.5.4.3.1 The bidirectional probe to be used for these measurements shall be as specified in 4.2.8.1.1 through 4.2.8.1.3.

6.3.5.4.3.2 When the bidirectional probe is used, the equation in 8.2.1 shall be used to determine the linear velocity in the duct.

6.3.5.4.4 If deviation exists, adjustments shall be made to obtain a velocity of 1.22 m/sec ± 0.025 m/sec (4 ft/sec ± 0.083 ft/sec).

6.3.5.4.5 The air-inlet static pressure set point shall be recorded.

6.3.5.4.6 Following calibration, the average pressure obtained throughout the test for all subsequent testing shall be within ±5 percent of the set point described in 6.3.5.4.5.

6.4 Smoke Measurement System Calibration Test.

6.4.1* With the light source voltage established at a minimum of 8 V and the photoelectric cell voltage established at a minimum of 30 mV (clear beam), the system shall be calibrated using 10 neutral density filters with values of 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, and 1.0.

6.4.2 Each filter shall be positioned in front of the photoelectric cell to cover the entire width of the light path.

6.4.3 The light obscuration using the neutral density filters shall be used to calculate the optical density of smoke as follows:

[6.4.3]

$$OD = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I}$$

where:

OD = optical density

I₀ = clear beam photo detector signal

I = photo detector signal with the neutral density filter

6.4.3.1 The calculated values of OD for each filter shall be plotted on the x-axis, with the corresponding neutral density value on the y-axis.

6.4.3.2 The slope of a best-fit line shall be determined using least-squares error technique. The slope of the best-fit line shall be 1 ± 0.2.

6.4.3.3 The coefficient of regression, r², shall be greater than 0.99.

6.4.3.4 Following calibration, all subsequent OD calculations shall be corrected, using the slope of the line obtained.

6.4.3.5 If deviation exists outside the required tolerances, the light source voltage and photoelectric cell resistance shall be adjusted.

6.4.3.6 Adjustments shall be quantified by recalibration.

6.5 Fuel.

6.5.1* The test fire, which produces a nominal 86 kW (294,000 Btu/hr), shall be fueled with methane gas of a minimum 98 percent purity and with a high heating value of $37 \text{ MJ/m}^3 \pm 0.5 \text{ MJ/m}^3$ ($1000 \text{ Btu/ft}^3 \pm 15 \text{ Btu/ft}^3$), determined using a gas calorimeter or as documented by the fuel supplier.

6.5.1.1 The gas supply shall be adjusted initially to $86 \text{ kW} \pm 2 \text{ kW}$ ($294,000 \pm 7300 \text{ Btu/hr}$).

6.5.1.2 The gas pressure, the pressure differential across the orifice plate, and the volume of gas used shall be recorded in each test.

6.5.2 Flow Compensation.

6.5.2.1 A length of coiled copper tubing shall be inserted into the gas line between the supply and the metering connection to compensate for possible errors in the indicated flow because of reductions in the gas temperature associated with the pressure drop and expansion across the regulator.

6.5.2.2 Other applicable means of correction shall be permitted to be used, provided equivalence has been demonstrated by reaching the appropriate fuel levels.

6.6 Uncoated Fiber-Reinforced Cement Board Test.

6.6.1 Fire Test Chamber Preheat.

6.6.1.1* The fire test chamber shall be preheated with the steel plate described in 6.3.1.1 and one layer of nominally 6 mm thick \times 2.44 m long ($\frac{1}{4}$ in. \times 8 ft) uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board, wide enough to be placed on the ledge of the furnace chamber as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b), with the material for the board as defined in 4.2.5.2, and with the removable top in place.

6.6.1.2 The fuel supply, methane or natural gas, shall be adjusted to the required flow as described in Section 6.5, with the air-inlet shutter providing an opening of $76 \text{ mm} \pm 1.5 \text{ mm}$ ($3 \text{ in.} \pm 0.06 \text{ in.}$).

6.6.2 Preheating shall be continued until the temperature indicated by the floor thermocouple at $7.09 \text{ m} \pm 13 \text{ mm}$ ($23.25 \text{ ft} \pm 0.5 \text{ in.}$) reaches $66^\circ\text{C} \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ($150^\circ\text{F} \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$).

6.6.3 The fire test chamber shall be allowed to cool until the floor thermocouple at 3.96 m (13 ft) shows a temperature of $41^\circ\text{C} \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ($105^\circ\text{F} \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$).

6.6.4 Test Flame.

6.6.4.1 The steel plate, three 2.44 m (8 ft) long uncoated fiber-reinforced cement boards, and the removable top shall be placed as in 6.6.1.

6.6.4.2 The fuel supply, methane gas, shall be adjusted to the required flow as described in Section 6.5, with the air-inlet shutter providing an opening of $76 \text{ mm} \pm 1.5 \text{ mm}$ ($3 \text{ in.} \pm 0.06 \text{ in.}$), for a test period of 10 minutes.

6.6.4.3 The temperatures indicated by the thermocouple in the fire test chamber air at 7.01 m (23 ft) shall be recorded at a maximum of 2-second intervals.

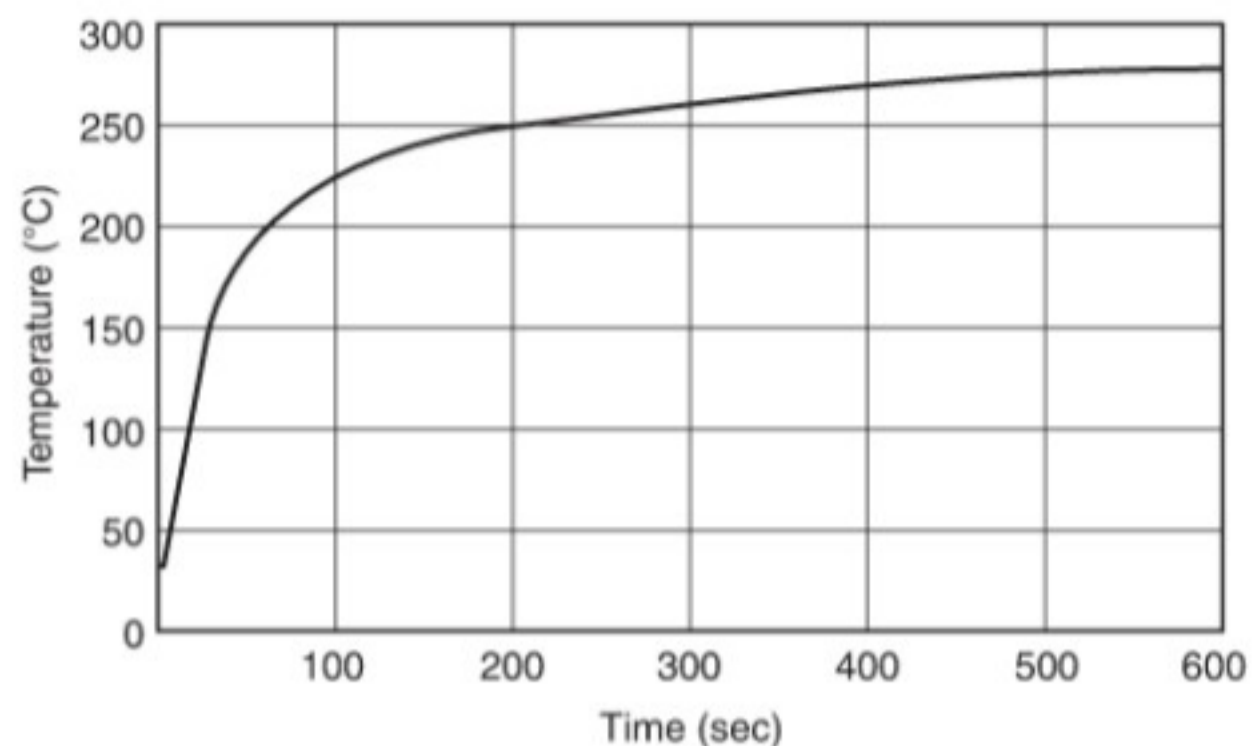


FIGURE 6.6.5.1 Representative Test Flame Temperature History Curve.

6.6.4.4 With the draft and the gas supplies adjusted, as indicated in 6.3.5 and in Section 6.5, the test flame shall extend downstream to a distance of 1.37 m (4.5 ft) over the specimens, with negligible upstream coverage.

6.6.5 Temperature History.

6.6.5.1 The temperature history of the thermocouple in the chamber air at 7.01 m (23 ft) shall be compared to the temperature history taken at the same intervals from the representative curve of temperature as a function of time shown in Figure 6.6.5.1.

6.6.5.2 The maximum temperature shall be $267^\circ\text{C} \pm 5.5^\circ\text{C}$ ($542^\circ\text{F} \pm 10^\circ\text{F}$). When variation from the maximum temperature required occurs, because of variations in the characteristics of the gas used, or tunnel velocity, adjustments shall be made and the test conducted again prior to proceeding.

6.6.5.3 Following any adjustments, the established fuel flow rate and the pressure differential across the orifice plate shall be recorded and maintained to within ± 2 percent from test to test for all subsequent testing.

Chapter 7 Test Specimen Preparation

7.1 Specimen Conditioning.

7.1.1 Prior to testing, all cable specimens shall be conditioned in a controlled environment for a minimum of 24 hours, at a temperature of $23^\circ\text{C} \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ($73^\circ\text{F} \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$) and a relative humidity of 50 percent \pm 5 percent.

7.1.2 Samples that are supplied on reels shall have any wrapping removed and boxes opened for conditioning.

7.2 Determination of Specimen Diameter.

7.2.1 The specimen diameter shall be determined using either a diameter tape, a vernier caliper, or a micrometer with an accuracy of 0.025 mm (0.001 in.).

7.2.2 The diameter tape shall be appropriate for specimens that are uniformly round.

7.2.2.1 The tape shall be wrapped tightly around the specimen, but not so tightly that the specimen is compressed.

7.2.2.2 An arithmetic average of three readings over a 0.3 m (1 ft) length of the specimen shall be used as the specimen diameter.

7.2.3 The vernier caliper shall be permitted to be used for all sizes of cable specimens and shall be considered for small-diameter cables that are nonuniform in cross-section.

7.2.4 If the sample is round, the caliper shall be closed gently around the cable, carefully so as not to compress it, and the reading shall be taken.

7.2.4.1 The measurement shall be repeated a minimum of five times over a length of 0.3 m (1 ft) of cable.

7.2.4.2 The arithmetic average of the five readings shall be used as the cable specimen diameter.

7.2.5 Nonuniform Specimen.

7.2.5.1 If the specimen is nonuniform in cross-section, with the width-to-thickness ratio less than 2:1, three measurements shall be taken at wide points, and three measurements shall be taken at the narrow points of the sample.

7.2.5.2 The arithmetic average of the six readings shall be used as the specimen diameter.

7.2.6 If the width-to-thickness ratio is greater than 2:1, then the width of the specimen shall be used as the specimen diameter.

7.2.6.1 The width of the specimen shall be measured at six locations on a 0.3 m (1 ft) length of the cable.

7.2.6.2 The arithmetic average of the six readings shall be used as the specimen diameter.

7.2.7 The micrometer shall be permitted to be used for a cable specimen with a uniform cross-section.

7.2.7.1 Five measurements of the specimen diameter over a 0.3 m (1 ft) length of the cable shall be taken.

7.2.7.2 The arithmetic average of the five readings shall be used as the specimen diameter.

7.3 Number of Cable Lengths. The number of cable lengths used in the test shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) The number of cable lengths shall equal 286 mm (11.25 in.) (width of the cable tray) divided by the diameter of specimen in millimeters (inches).
- (2) The number of cable specimens shall equal the measured inside width of the rack divided by the cable diameter as determined using a diameter tape or equivalent (*see Section 7.2*). The result of the division shall be rounded off to the nearest lower whole number of specimens that fit in the tray, with consideration for the presence of cable fasteners.

7.4 Cable Mounting.

7.4.1 The specimens shall be laid into the tray in parallel, straight rows without any space between adjacent specimens other than those needed for the cable fasteners described in 7.4.2.

7.4.2 Bare copper tie wires not greater than a wire cross-section of 1620 circular mils or 0.823 mm² (18 AWG) shall be used to fasten cable specimens to the rungs of the cable tray at

two positions — that is, wires shall be tied to the first rung near the air-inlet end and to the last rung near the exhaust end.

Chapter 8 Test Procedure

8.1 Procedure. A test procedure shall be followed as described in 8.1.1 through 8.1.12.

8.1.1 At the start of each test day, the furnace shall be preheated as described in 6.6.1 and 6.6.2.

8.1.2 The furnace shall be cooled as described in 6.6.3.

8.1.3 The cable tray and supports shall be placed in the test chamber as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b) and described in Section 4.4, with the tray end at the air-inlet end and not more than 25 mm (1 in.) downstream from the centerline of the burners.

8.1.4 The cable specimens shall be installed as described in Section 7.4.

8.1.4.1 If a single cable tray is used, cable specimens shall be permitted to be installed prior to placement of the cable tray in the chamber.

8.1.5 The steel plate shall be placed in the fire test chamber, as described in 6.3.1.1.

8.1.5.1 One 6 mm × 1.22 m × 0.61 m (0.25 m × 4 ft × 2 ft) section of uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board shall be placed on the top cover support ledges of the furnace chamber, to overlap the steel plate a maximum of 76 mm (3 in.), as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b) at the fire end.

8.1.5.2 The removable test chamber top, protected by a full uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board, shall be placed in position on top of the furnace side ledge.

8.1.6 The air-inlet shutter shall be placed in position to provide an opening of 76 mm ± 1.5 mm (3 in. ± 0.06 in.).

8.1.6.1 To maintain airflow control throughout each test run, the exhaust duct damper shall be controlled by a closed-loop feedback system with respect to the air-inlet draft gauge static pressure.

8.1.6.2 Throughout the test, the air supply shall be maintained at a temperature of 18.3°C–26.7°C (65°F–80°F) and a relative humidity of 45–60 percent.

8.1.6.3 Test room pressure shall be maintained at 0–12 Pa (0–0.05 in. of water column) greater than ambient barometric pressure.

8.1.7 The smoke measurement system shall be checked to ensure zero optical density.

8.1.8 The fire test chamber temperature at the floor thermocouple at 3.96 m (13 ft) shall be checked to ensure that it is at a temperature of 41°C ± 3°C (105°F ± 5°F).

8.1.8.1 If the temperature is below the range in 8.1.8, the cable test specimens shall be removed and the fire test chamber shall be preheated as described in 6.6.1 and 6.6.2.

8.1.8.2 The furnace shall then be allowed to cool until the floor thermocouple at 3.96 m (13 ft) registers a temperature of 41°C ± 3°C (105°F ± 5°F).

8.1.8.3 If the chamber has been cooled down and reheated, the cable test specimens shall be installed as described in Section 7.4.

8.1.9 The exhaust shall be adjusted to establish the airflow requirements of 6.3.5 in the test chamber.

8.1.9.1 The initial photoelectric cell output shall be recorded.

8.1.10 The test gas flame shall be ignited (as per Section 6.6), and the data acquisition system shall be started simultaneously.

8.1.10.1 The distance and time of maximum flame travel distance shall be observed and recorded.

8.1.10.2 The photoelectric cell output, the gas pressure, the pressure differential across the orifice plate, and the volume of gas used shall be recorded at intervals of 2 seconds continuously throughout the test.

8.1.11 The test shall be continued for 20 minutes.

8.1.11.1 The test shall be terminated by shutting off the fuel supply and stopping data acquisition.

8.1.12 After the gas supply to the ignition flame is shut off, smoldering and other conditions within the furnace shall be observed and recorded, and the specimens shall then be removed for examination.

8.2 Exhaust Duct Velocity Measurement Calculations.

8.2.1 Linear velocity in the duct shall be calculated as follows:

$$V = k\sqrt{\Delta PT} \quad [8.2.1]$$

where:

V = linear duct velocity (m/sec)

k = constant for the bidirectional probe [m/sec (Pa^{-0.5}) (K^{0.5})]

ΔP = pressure difference recorded across the bidirectional probe (Pa)

T = airflow temperature (K)

8.2.2 The constant k is determined experimentally by calibrating the bidirectional probe with a standard flow measuring device.

Chapter 9 Post-Test Cleanup and Inspection

9.1 Debris. All debris from the furnace shall be removed.

9.1.1 Any molten debris that is stuck to the brick and cannot be removed physically shall be destroyed by placing scrap lumber in the chamber, placing the removable top cover in position, and igniting the lumber with the burner until all the molten debris is consumed.

9.1.2 All char and ash shall be removed from the fire test chamber.

9.1.3 An alternative method of removing any molten debris shall be to replace the affected bricks on the chamber floor.

9.2* Windows. The windows shall be cleaned after each test.

9.3* Supports. The ladder and supports shall be cleaned of debris.

9.4 Damaged Boards.

9.4.1 The damaged uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board protecting the removable top cover shall be replaced after each test.

9.4.2 The 6 mm × 1.22 m × 0.61 m (0.25 in. × 4 ft × 2 ft) section of uncoated fiber-reinforced cement board placed on the top cover support ledges shall be discarded after each test.

9.5 Preparation for Next Test. Cleaned trays and supports shall be placed in the fire test chamber, and the removable top cover shall be positioned above the top cover support ledges.

9.6 Cleanliness of Smoke Measurement System. The smoke measurement system shall be cleaned, and 100 percent light transmission shall be confirmed.

Chapter 10 Calculations

10.1 Optical Density of Smoke.

10.1.1 The smoke obscuration shall be calculated as optical density of smoke from the photoelectric cell data as follows:

$$OD = \log_{10} \frac{I_0}{I} \quad [10.1.1]$$

10.1.2 The peak optical density shall be the maximum optical density as determined by using a three-point running average of optical density values recorded during the test.

10.1.3 The average optical density (OD_{av}) shall be calculated as follows:

$$OD_{av} = \frac{\Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} 0.5(OD_{i+1} + OD_i)}{1200} \quad [10.1.3]$$

where:

Δt = scan time (seconds)

N = number of data points

i = data point counter

OD_i = optical density value at each scan from $i = 1$ to $i = N - 1$

1200 = test time in seconds (20 minutes)

10.1.4 The individual optical density of smoke values used in the equation shall be the values measured at each individual scan.

10.2 Exhaust Duct Velocity Measurement Calculations.

10.2.1 Linear velocity in the duct shall be calculated as follows:

$$V = k\sqrt{\Delta PT} \quad [10.2.1]$$

where:

- V = linear duct velocity (m/sec)
- k = constant for the bidirectional probe [m/sec (Pa^{-0.5}) (K^{0.5})]
- ΔP = pressure difference recorded across the bidirectional probe (Pa)
- T = airflow temperature (K)

10.2.2 The constant k is determined experimentally by calibrating the bidirectional probe with a standard flow measuring device.

Chapter 11 Report

11.1 Data. The report shall include the following information for each test:

- (1) A detailed description of the wires or cables tested
- (2) The number of lengths used as specimens for the test
- (3) The maximum flame travel distance in meters (feet)
- (4) A graph of flame travel distance versus time for the duration of the test
- (5) The values of the peak optical density of smoke and average optical density of smoke
- (6) A graph of the optical density of the smoke generated during the test versus time for the duration of the test
- (7) A graph of duct velocity during the test
- (8) Observations of the condition of the test specimens after completion of the test
- (9) All other information required to be recorded

Chapter 12 Precision and Bias

12.1* Applicability. The precision and bias of this test method has not been determined.

Annex A Explanatory Material

Annex A is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only. This annex contains explanatory material, numbered to correspond with the applicable text paragraphs.

- ▲ A.1.1.1 This standard is referenced in NFPA 90A as a test method that electrical wires and cables and optical fiber cables are required to comply with for use in plenums. The pass/fail requirements are a maximum peak optical density of 0.50 or less, an average optical density of 0.15 or less, and a maximum flame spread distance of 1.52 m (5 ft) or less. NFPA 70 contains informational notes that reference this standard, with the same pass/fail requirements, as the test method used to list cables for use in plenums, in Articles 725 (Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Remote-Control, Signaling, and Power-Limited Circuits), 760 (Fire Alarm Systems), 770 (Optical Fiber Cables), 800 (Communications Circuits), 820 (Community Antenna Television and Radio Distribution Systems), and 830 (Network-

Powered Broadband Communications Systems). In NFPA 70 a cable complying with the above requirements is said to be "a cable that is low-smoke-producing and fire-resistant" by "having adequate fire-resistant and low-smoke-producing characteristics." It should be noted that the property of a cable being "fire resistant" as described in NFPA 70 does not address the same issues of fire resistance that are addressed when testing products or assemblies by use of a temperature-time curve, such as described in ASTM E119, *Standard Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials*. Procedures for testing fire-resistant cables are described in ANSI/UL 2196, *Standard for Tests of Fire Resistive Cables*, which is a test that does use a time-temperature curve.

A.1.1.3 The changes made in equipment for this test were deemed necessary in order to obtain proper precision from the test when the equipment is used for small quantities of wire and cable, which produce much smaller quantities of heat release and smoke obscuration.

A.1.3 It has been shown that results from this test method rank wires and cables in the same way as do the results of tests on wiring exposed to fires in simulated plenums.

A.4.2.3.2 The operation and calibration of this equipment is based on the use of insulating firebrick. The physical and thermal properties of the brick are as follows:

Maximum recommended temperature:	1427°C	(2600°F)
Bulk density:	0.77 ± 0.046 g/cm ³	(48 ± 3 lb/ft ³)
Thermal conductivity at mean temperature of:		
260°C (500°F)	0.23 W/m·°C	1.6 Btu-in./hr·ft ² ·°F
538°C (1000°F)	0.27 W/m·°C	1.9 Btu-in./hr·ft ² ·°F
815°C (1500°F)	0.32 W/m·°C	2.2 Btu-in./hr·ft ² ·°F
1093°C (2000°F)	0.37 W/m·°C	2.6 Btu-in./hr·ft ² ·°F

A.4.2.3.3 A high-temperature glass acceptable for the inside glass panes should contain 96 percent silica and 3 percent boric oxide (B₂O₃). The glass should have thermal conductivity as follows:

- (a) [A.4.2.3.3a]

$$\frac{1.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W}}{\text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \text{ at } -100^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\left(6.9 \frac{\text{Btu} \times 10^{-4} \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} \text{ at } -148^\circ\text{F} \right)$$

- (b) [A.4.2.3.3b]

$$\frac{1.26 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W}}{\text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \text{ at } 0^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\left(8.7 \frac{\text{Btu} \times 10^{-4} \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} \text{ at } 32^\circ\text{F} \right)$$

(c)

[A.4.2.3.3c]

$$\frac{1.42 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W}}{\text{m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}} \text{ at } 100^\circ\text{C}$$

$$\left(9.8 \frac{\text{Btu} \times 10^{-4} \text{ in.}}{\text{ft}^3 \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} \text{ at } 212^\circ\text{F} \right)$$

The glass should have a nominal thickness of 6 mm (0.25 in.) and should withstand temperatures up to 900°C (1652°F).

The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees. Vycor® glass — available from Fisher Scientific International, Inc., Liberty Lane, Hampton, NH 03842, (603) 926-5911 — or its equivalent, has been shown to be suitable for this purpose.

A.4.2.3.6 Materials acceptable for this purpose should be suitable for very high temperatures. Examples include water-cooled structural-steel tubing and high-temperature furnace refractories, for example, those based on zirconium materials (such as Zircon®). This product information is being provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees.

A.4.2.5.1.2 $K_p c$ is equal to the thermal conductivity times the density times the specific heat.

A.4.2.5.2.4 A water-filled trough, as shown in Figure 4.2.3.1(b), has been found suitable for this purpose.

A.4.2.7.3 The high-temperature mineral composition material should have the same physical characteristics as the material described in 4.2.5.1.

A.4.2.9.1 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees:

- (1) *Lamp.* General Electric Model 4405, 12 V sealed-clear auto spot lamp (Part Number 4405), has been found acceptable for this purpose. This light source can be procured from any electrical supplies vendor.
- (2) *Recording device.* A meter suitable for this purpose is a Weston Instruments No. 856-990103BB photronic cell, which can be procured from Huygen Corp., P.O. Box 316, Wauconda, IL 60084.

A.4.2.9.7 Detailed engineering drawings are in Annex C.

A.6.3.3.1 A downward trend in static pressure indicates leakage in the fire test chamber or exhaust system.

A.6.3.5.4.3 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees. A Thermo Systems Inc. Model 1610 velocity transducer (thermal anemometer or equivalent), using a readout accurate to 0.001 V, has been found acceptable for the purpose. See 4.2.8.1 for bidirectional probe details.

A.6.4.1 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees. Wratten filters from the Kodak Company have been found suitable for this purpose. The part numbers of some of the filters are as follows: ND0.1-KF1702; ND0.3-KF1710; ND0.5-KF1718; and ND1.0-KF1740. The filters can be purchased from a professional photography supplies vendor. Certification of calibrated optical density values should be documented.

A.6.5.1 The igniting fire length of 1.37 m (4.5 ft) is controlled by the total gas input of 86 kW (294,000 Btu/hr) and the air draft 1.22 m/sec (240 ft/min) through the tunnel.

The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees: A Cutler-Hammer gas calorimeter has been found suitable for measuring this gas heating value.

A.6.6.1.1 Preheating is for the purpose of establishing the conditions that exist following successive tests and to indicate control of the heat input into the test chamber.

A.9.2 Oven cleaner fluid has been found suitable for this purpose. A putty knife or another appropriate instrument has also been found to be suitable for cleaning purposes.

A.9.3 A wire brush and putty knife have been found suitable for this purpose.

A.12.1 A research project was conducted under the auspices of the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation — International NFPA 262 Fire Test Harmonization Project — and a technical report was prepared by J.T. Chapin and P. Gandhi. The report presents data on repeatability and reproducibility for four cable test samples tested in five laboratories.

Annex B Smoke and Heat Release Measurements

This annex is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.

B.1 General. In this section, equipment, procedures, and calculations used for the determination of heat and smoke release rates are provided.

B.2 Volumetric Flow Rate. The volumetric flow rate in the exhaust is calculated as follows:

[B.2]

$$V_s = VA$$

where:

V_s = volumetric flow rate (m³/sec)

V = linear duct velocity (m/sec)

A = duct area (m²)

B.3 Smoke Release Rate Measurement.

B.3.1 Smoke Release Rate Equipment. The smoke release rate equipment consists of the smoke measurement system described in 4.2.9 and the airflow measurement system described in 4.2.8.

B.3.2 Smoke Release Rate Calculation.

B.3.2.1 The smoke release rate is calculated as follows:

$$SRR = \left(\frac{OD}{l} \right) \left(\frac{T_p}{T_s} \right) V_s \quad [\text{B.3.2.1}]$$

where:

- SRR = smoke release rate (m^2/sec)
- OD = optical density (calculated as described in 10.1.1)
- l = path length for smoke measurement (duct diameter, m)
- T_p = temperature at the photoelectric cell (K)
- T_s = temperature at the bidirectional probe (K)
- V_s = volumetric flow rate (m^3/sec)

B.3.2.2 Peak smoke release rate is the maximum value of smoke release rate during the test.

B.3.2.3 Total smoke release is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Total smoke} = \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} 0.5(SRR_{i+1} + SRR_i) \quad [\text{B.3.2.3}]$$

where:

- total smoke = total smoke release ($1/\text{m}^2$)
- Δt = scan time (seconds) = 2 seconds
- N = number of data points
- SRR_1 = first smoke release rate value
- i = data point counter
- SRR_i = smoke release value from $i = 1$ to $i = N - 1$

B.4 Heat Release Rate Measurement.

B.4.1 Heat Release Rate Equipment.

B.4.1.1 The heat release rate equipment consists of the airflow measurement system described in 4.2.8 and gas analysis and sampling equipment described herein.

B.4.1.2 The gas analysis and sampling equipment consists of the following:

- (1) Stainless steel gas sampling tube, located in the exhaust duct to obtain a continuously flowing sample, for determining the oxygen concentration of the exhaust gas as a function of time
- (2) Particulate filters to remove particulate smoke
- (3) Ice bath, drierite, and silica gel to remove moisture from the gas sample
- (4) Ascarite to remove carbon dioxide
- (5) Pump and flow control devices
- (6) Oxygen analyzer

The filters and water trap are placed in line ahead of the analyzer to remove particulate and water. The oxygen analyzer should be capable of measuring the oxygen concentration in the range from 0 percent to 21 percent with a full-scale accuracy of ± 0.25 percent. The signal from the oxygen analyzer is to be within 10 percent of its final value within 30 seconds after a step change is introduced in the composition of the gas stream flowing past the inlet to the gas sampling tube. A typical arrangement of the heat release rate gas sampling equipment is shown in Figure B.4.1.2.

The following product information is being provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees. An analyzer found acceptable for this purpose is Siemens Oxymat 5F Type Oxygen Analyzer. For information on the selection of the analyzer and the acceptable drift and noise characteristics, see Section B.5.

B.4.2 Procedures for Calibration of Test Equipment.

B.4.2.1 Analyzer Calibration. The oxygen analyzer is zeroed and spanned prior to the start of each day of testing. The analyzer is zeroed by introducing 100 percent nitrogen gas to the instrument at the same pressure and flow rate as set for sample gases. The analyzer is spanned by introducing ambient duct air via the sample probe and adjusting the span to 20.95 percent oxygen. The spanning and zeroing process is continued until adjustment-free accuracy is obtained. Following zeroing and spanning, linearity of the analyzer response curve is verified by introducing bottled gas of a known oxygen concentration (for example, 19 percent oxygen) to the analyzer. The delay time of the analyzer is checked by introducing ambient duct air to the analyzer and noting the time the analyzer readings reach 90 percent of the final reading.

B.4.2.2 Delay Time of Oxygen Analyzer. The delay time of the oxygen analyzer is determined at the flow velocities to be used during the test. The burner is ignited, allowed to reach steady state, and then turned off. The delay time of the analyzer is determined as the time difference between the time when steady state of the burner is reached and the time when the analyzer reading reaches 90 percent of the final reading. The delay time is used to time shift all subsequent oxygen readings.

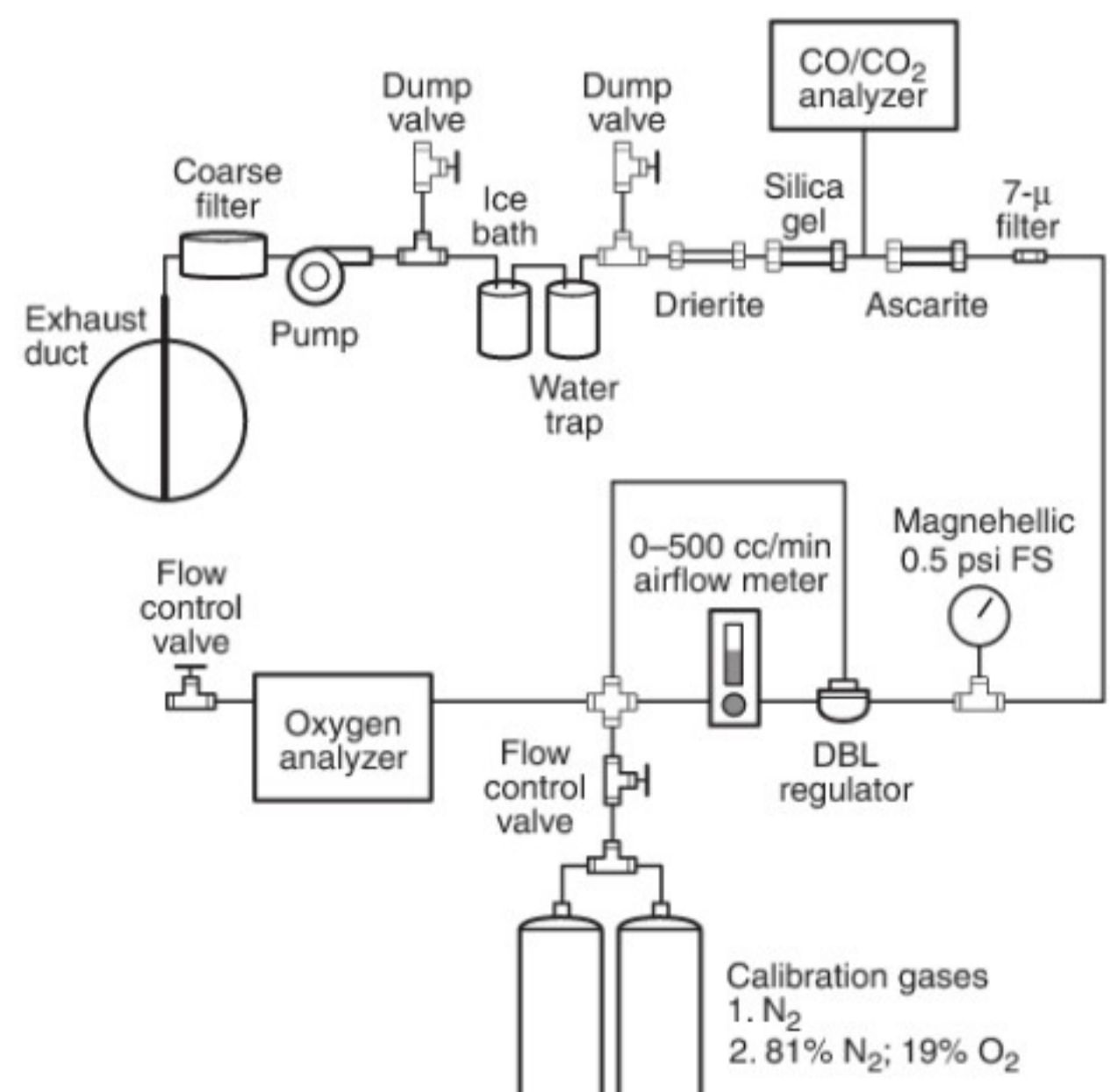


FIGURE B.4.1.2 Schematic of Gas Sampling System.

Δ B.4.2.3 Calibration Test. A 5-minute heat release calibration test is performed at the start of testing each day. The heat release measurement instrumentation is calibrated by burning methane gas and comparing the total heat release measured from oxygen consumption and total heat release calculated from the metered gas input. The methane values for heat of combustion, 50 MJ/kg, and the corresponding heat of combustion per kg of oxygen consumed, 12.54 MJ/kg, are used for the calculations. The calibration constant, C_f , is calculated using the following equation:

$$C_f = \frac{\text{heat release rate based on gas consumed}}{\text{heat release based on calorimetry}} = \frac{\text{gas flow rate} \times \text{heat content of gas}}{\text{average heat release rate of burner at steady state}} \quad [\text{B.4.2.3a}]$$

For example, this equation takes the following form:

$$C_f = \frac{32,785\dot{V}}{\frac{\Delta t \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} 0.5(HRR_{i+1} + HRR_i)}{180}} \quad [\text{B.4.2.3b}]$$

where:

32,785 = heat produced (kJ) per unit volume (m^3) of methane at 25°C

\dot{V} = methane gas flow rate supplied to the burner (m^3/sec)

Δt = scan time in seconds = 2

HRR = heat release rate as calculated using the equation in B.4.4.1 with $C_f = 1$

i = i th data point

N = number of data points from 60 seconds to 240 seconds

HRR_i = heat release value from $i = 1$ to $i = N - 1$

180 = 60 percent of test time (seconds) during which the burner is at steady state

B.4.2.4 Calibration Constant. The calibration constant is employed to adjust the heat release rate measured during testing to obtain the actual heat release rate. The formula for calculating the rate of heat release is specified in B.4.4.

B.4.3 Heat Release Test Procedure.

B.4.3.1 The power to the analyzers and pump is turned on. All filters are inspected and replaced, if necessary. The ice for the cold trap is refilled. The flowmeters are checked and adjusted, if necessary.

B.4.3.2 The procedures specified in B.4.2 are performed.

B.4.3.3 The power to the digital acquisition equipment and the computer is turned on.

B.4.3.4 The test is conducted with procedures described in Chapter 6.

B.4.4 Heat Release Rate Calculations.

B.4.4.1 The heat release rate is calculated using the following equation:

Δ [B.4.4.1]

$$HRR = E' C_f M \left(\frac{0.2095 - Y}{1.105 - 1.5Y} \right)$$

where:

HRR = heat release rate of the specimen and burner (kW)

E' = heat produced (kJ) per unit volume (m^3) of oxygen consumed at 25°C ($E' = 17.2 \times 10^3$ for cable testing; and $E' = 16.4 \times 10^3$ for calibration testing with methane gas)

C_f = calorimeter calibration factor determined by the procedure defined in B.4.2.3 (when this equation is used during calibration tests, $C_f = 1$)

M = volumetric flow rate in the duct (m^3/sec) referred to 25°C

0.2095 = ambient mole fraction of oxygen

Y = oxygen concentration (mole fraction)

1.105 = ratio of moles of combustion products to the moles of oxygen consumed

1.5 = chemical expansion factor

B.4.4.2 Peak Heat Release Rate. The peak heat release rate is the maximum heat release rate for the duration of the test.

B.4.4.3 Total Heat Released. The total heat released is calculated as a time integral of the heat release rate calculated in B.4.4.1 using a trapezoidal rule as follows:

Δ [B.4.4.3]

$$\text{Total heat released} = \Delta t \left(\sum_{i=2}^{N-1} 0.5(HRR_{i+1} - HRR_i) \right)$$

where:

total heat released = kJ

Δt = scan time (seconds) = 2 seconds

N = number of data points

HRR_1 = first heat release rate

i = i th data point

HRR_i = heat release value from $i = 1$ to $i = N - 1$

B.4.5 Heat Release Rate Posttest Procedure.

B.4.5.1 Inspect the drierite and ascarite used for the heat release measurements. Replace them if the drierite has turned pink or if the ascarite has become hard.

B.4.5.2 Inspect the filters after each test. Replace them if they appear to be dirty.

B.4.5.3 Inspect the water trap and remove any condensed water. If ice is used in the water trap, replenish as necessary.

B.4.5.4 Blow out the holes of the gas sampling line and the bidirectional probe lines to remove any accumulated soot deposition.

B.5 Method for Determining Suitability of Oxygen Analyzers for Making Heat Release Measurements.

B.5.1 General. The type of oxygen analyzer best suited for fire analysis is of the paramagnetic type. Electrochemical analyzers or analyzers using zirconia sensors have generally been found not to have adequate sensitivity or suitability for this type of work. The normal range for this type of instrument is 0–25 volume percent oxygen. The linearity of the paramag-

netic analyzers is normally better than can be checked by a user laboratory; thus, verifying their linearity is not necessary. It is important, however, to confirm the noise and short-term drift of the instrument used.

B.5.2 Procedure.

B.5.2.1 Connect two gas bottles having differing levels of oxygen approximately two percentage points apart (for example, 15 volume percent and 17 volume percent, or normal clean dry air and 19 volume percent) to a selector valve at the inlet of the analyzer.

B.5.2.2 Connect the electrical power, and let the analyzer warm up for up to 24 hours with one of the test gases flowing through it.

B.5.2.3 Connect a data acquisition system to the output of the analyzer. Quickly switch from the first gas bottle to the second bottle, and immediately start collecting the data, taking one data point per second. Collect data for 20 minutes.

B.5.2.4 Determine the drift by using a least-squares analysis fitting procedure to pass a straight line through the last 19 minutes of data. Extrapolate the line back through the first minute of data. The difference between the readings at 1 minute and 20 minutes on the fitted straight line represents the short-term drift. Record the drift in units of parts per million of oxygen.

B.5.2.5 The noise is represented by the root-mean-square deviation around the fitted straight line. Calculate that root-mean-square value, and record it in parts per million.

B.5.2.6 The analyzer is suitable for use in heat release measurements if the sum of the drift plus the noise terms is 50 parts per million oxygen (note that both terms are expressed as positive numbers).

B.5.3 Additional Precautions. A paramagnetic oxygen analyzer is directly sensitive to barometric pressure changes at its outlet port and to flow rate fluctuations in the sample supply stream. It is essential that the flow stream be regulated. Use either a flow rate regulator of the mechanical diaphragm type or an electronic mass flow rate controller. To protect against errors due to changes in barometric pressure, one of the following procedures should be used:

- (1) Control the back pressure to the analyzer with a back pressure regulator of the absolute type.
- (2) Measure the actual pressure electrically at the detector element, and provide a signal correction for the analyzer output.

B.6 Optional Data. If optional heat and smoke release rate is measured, report the following:

- (1) Peak HRR (kW) and time at which it occurred
- (2) Graph of the heat release rate curve
- (3) Total heat released (area under heat release rate curve) (MJ)
- (4) Graph of the smoke release rate curve
- (5) Total smoke released (area under the smoke release rate curve) (m²)
- (6) Peak smoke release rate (m²/sec)
- (7) Graph of smoke release rate versus time

Annex C Smoke Measurement System and Chamber-Brick Configuration: Detail Drawings

This annex is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.

C.1 Chamber-Brick Configuration. Figure C.1(a) through Figure C.1(c) detail the chamber-brick configuration.

C.2 Smoke Measurement System. Figure 4.2.9.1 and Figure C.2(a) through Figure C.2(r) detail the smoke measurement system.

No.	Description	No.	Description
1	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9") w/ 25.4 mm × 25.4 mm × 3 mm (1" × 1" × ⅛") cut out of 1 corner	21	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9") w/ 13 mm × 17 mm (½" × ⅝") notch along edge
2	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	22	Wedge (cut to fit)
3	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	23	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
4	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	24	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
5	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	25	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 103 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4⅛")
6	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")	26	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")
7	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	27	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
8	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	28	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
9	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	29	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
10	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	30	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
11A	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")	31	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
11B	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")	32	13 mm × 114.5 mm × 130 mm (½" × 4½" × 5⅛")
12	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	33	25.4 mm × 76 mm × 229 mm (1" × 3" × 9")
13	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9") w/ 25.4 mm × 25.4 mm × 1.5 mm (1" × 1" × ⅛") cut out of 1 corner	34	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
14	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	35	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
15	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	36	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
16	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	37	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
17	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")	38	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")
18	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 114.5 mm (2½" × 4½" × 4½")	39A	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
19	13 mm × 114.5 mm × 130 mm (½" × 4½" × 5⅛")	39B	64 mm × 114.5 mm × 229 mm (2½" × 4½" × 9")
20	25.4 mm × 76 mm × 229 mm (1" × 3" × 9")	40	Between window brick (cut to fit)
		41	Between window brick (cut to fit)

FIGURE C.1(a) Brick Sizes and Locations.

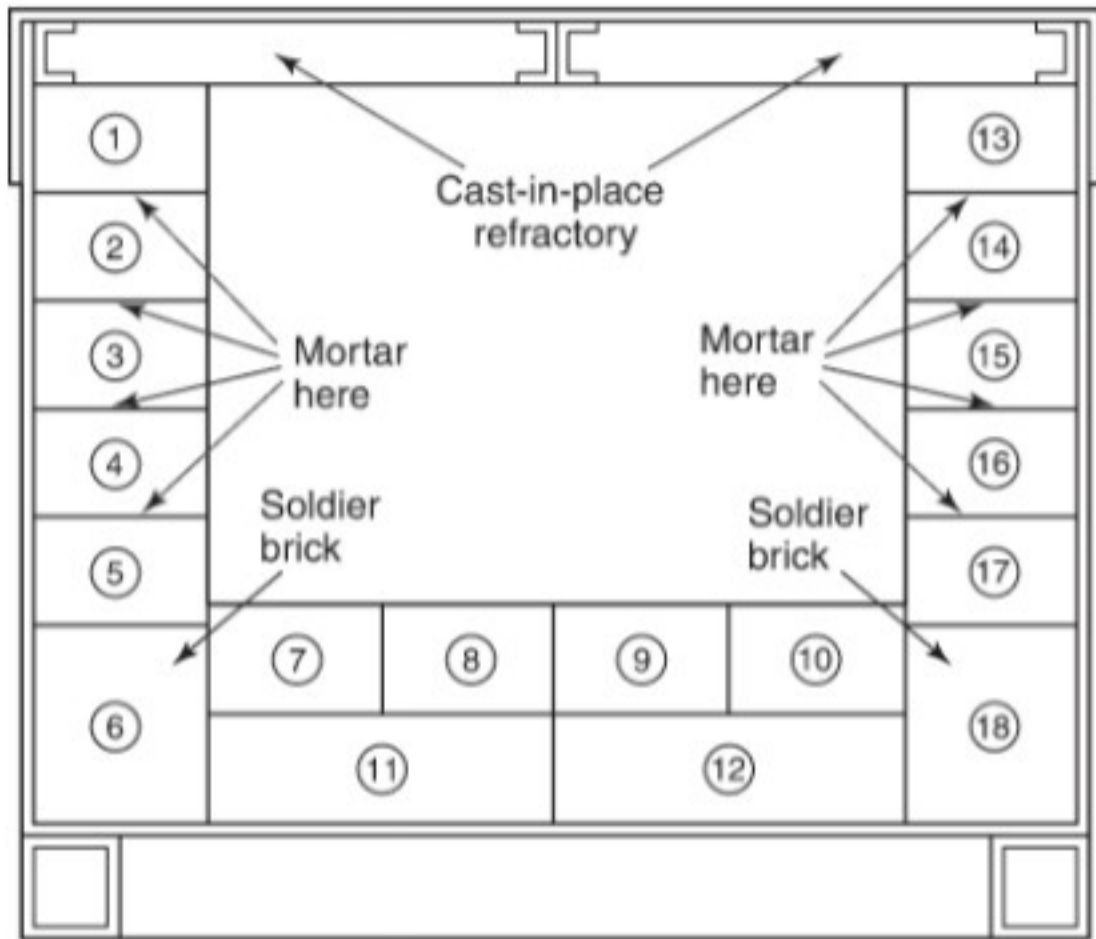


FIGURE C.1(b) Inlet Refractory Soldier Brick — Mortar at Side Faces Only.

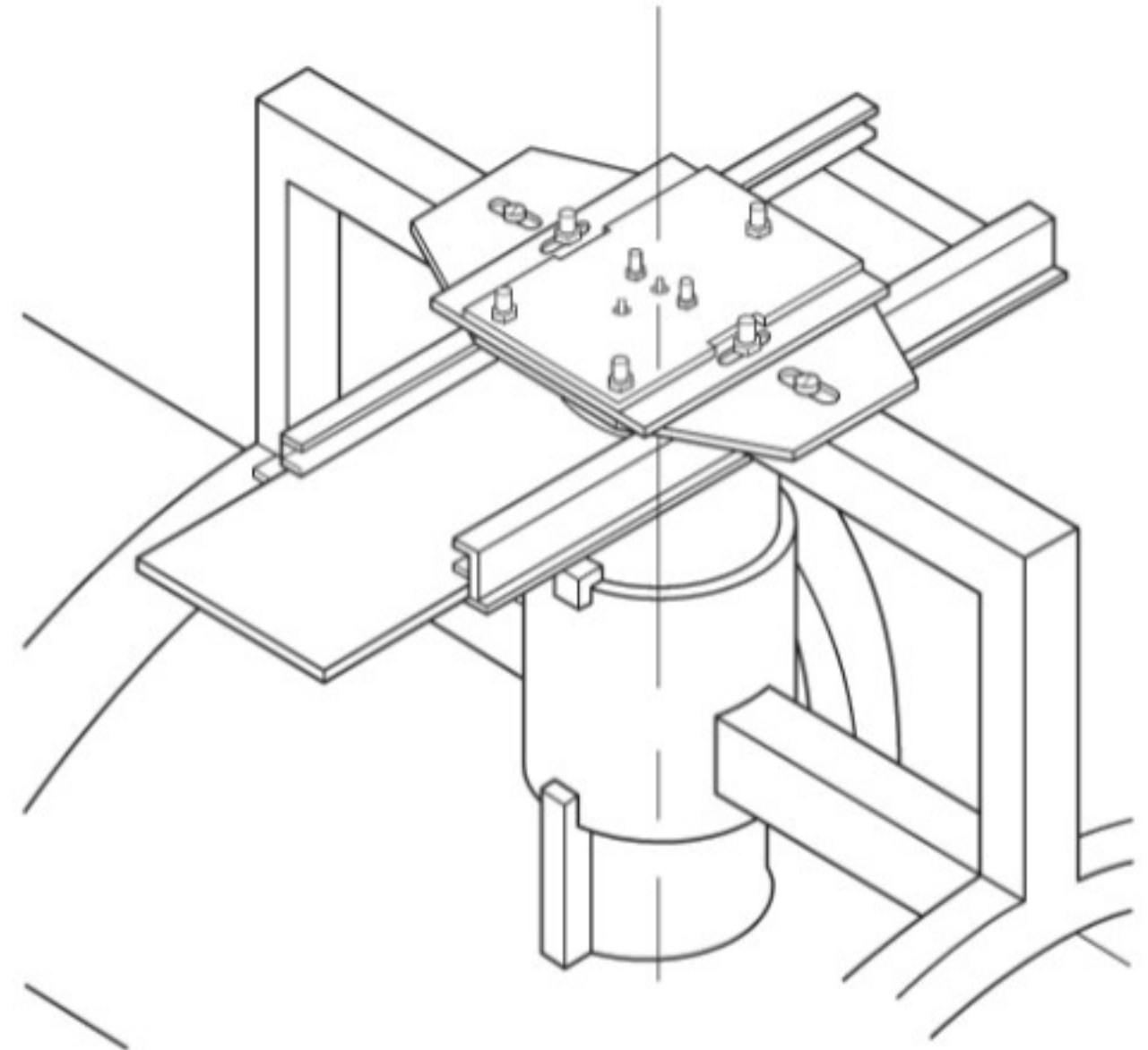


FIGURE C.2(a) Top View — Photo Detector.

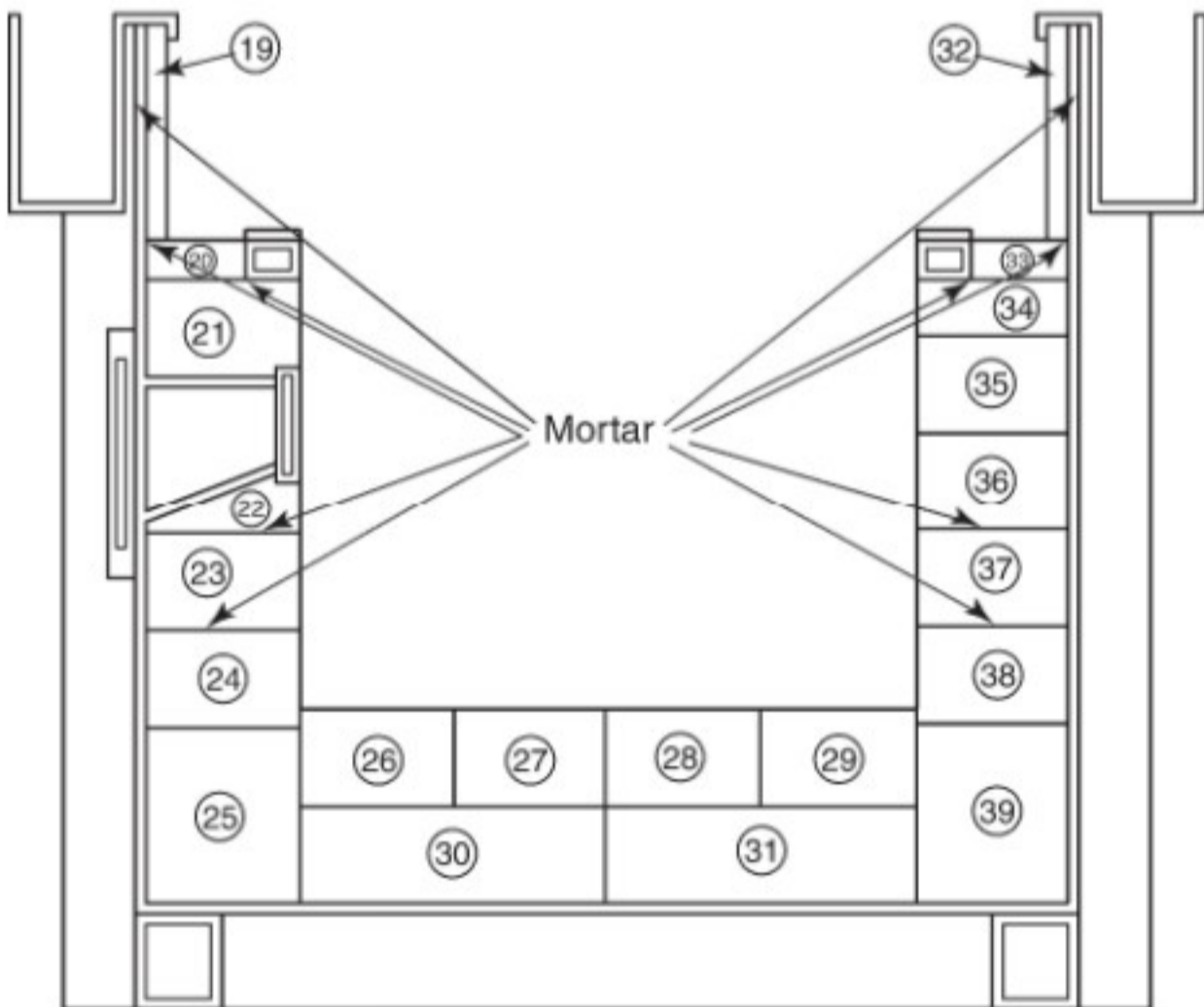


FIGURE C.1(c) Cross-Section of the Fire Test Chamber.

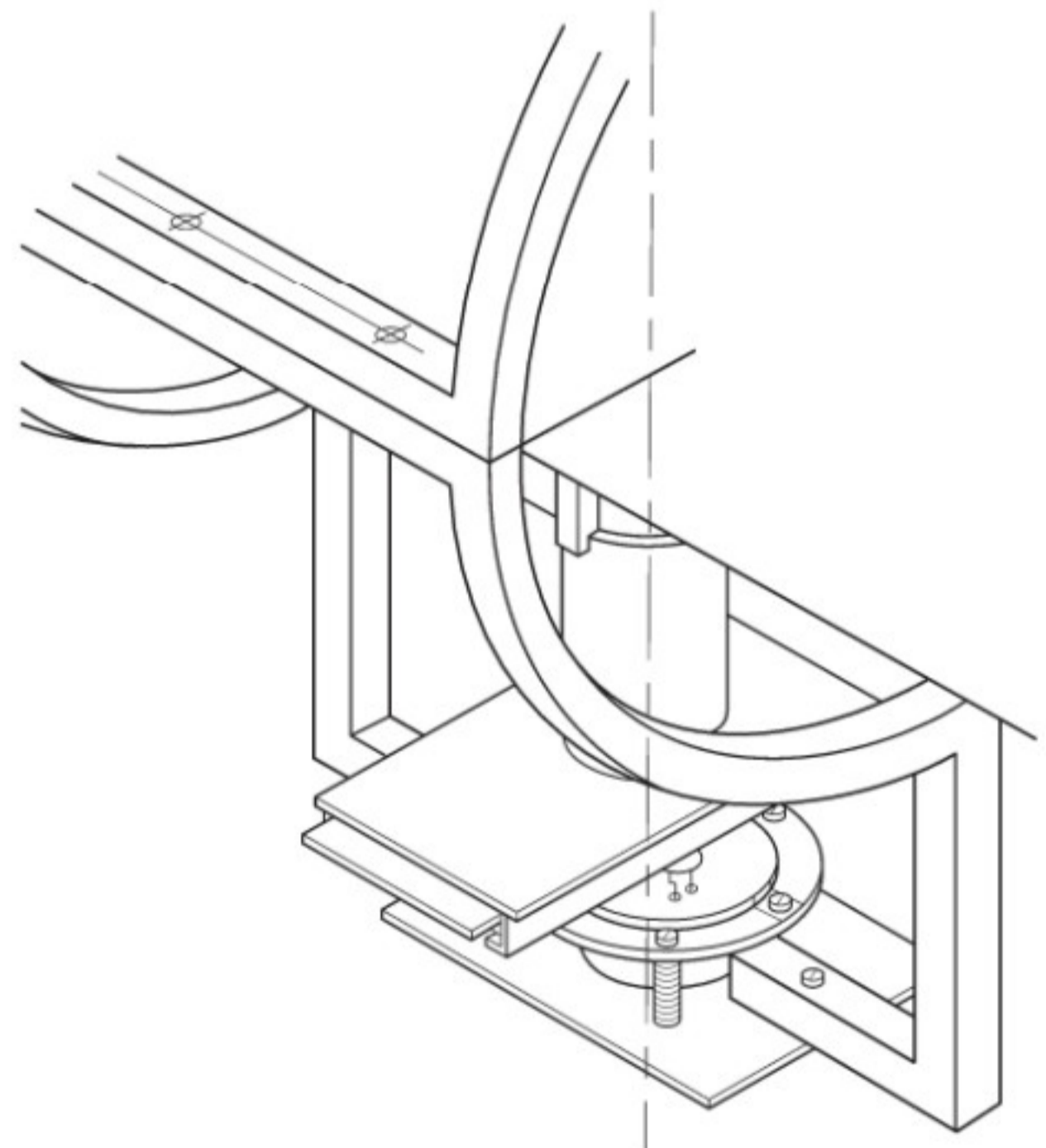


FIGURE C.2(b) Bottom View — Lamp.

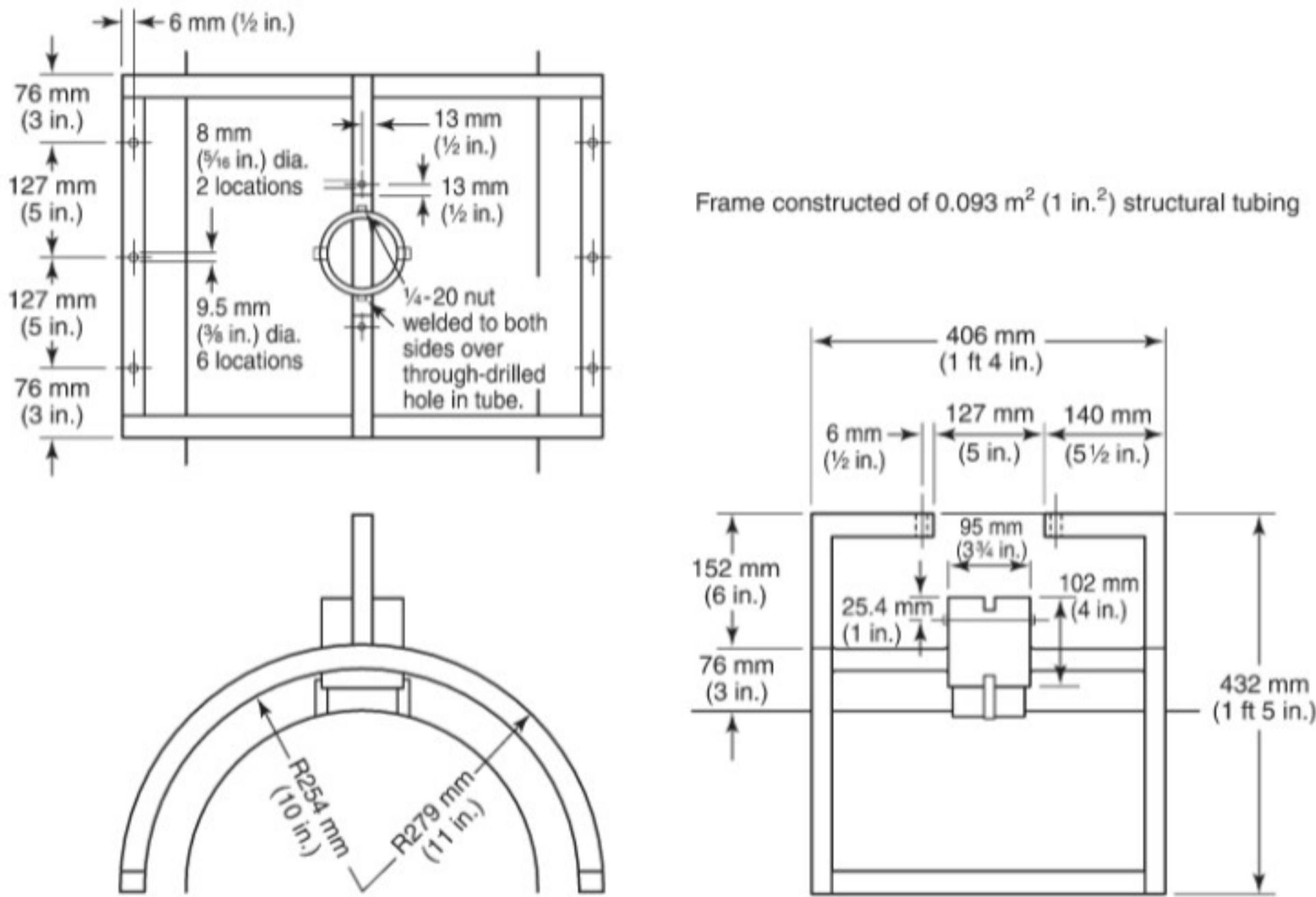


FIGURE C.2(c) Top Ring Half.

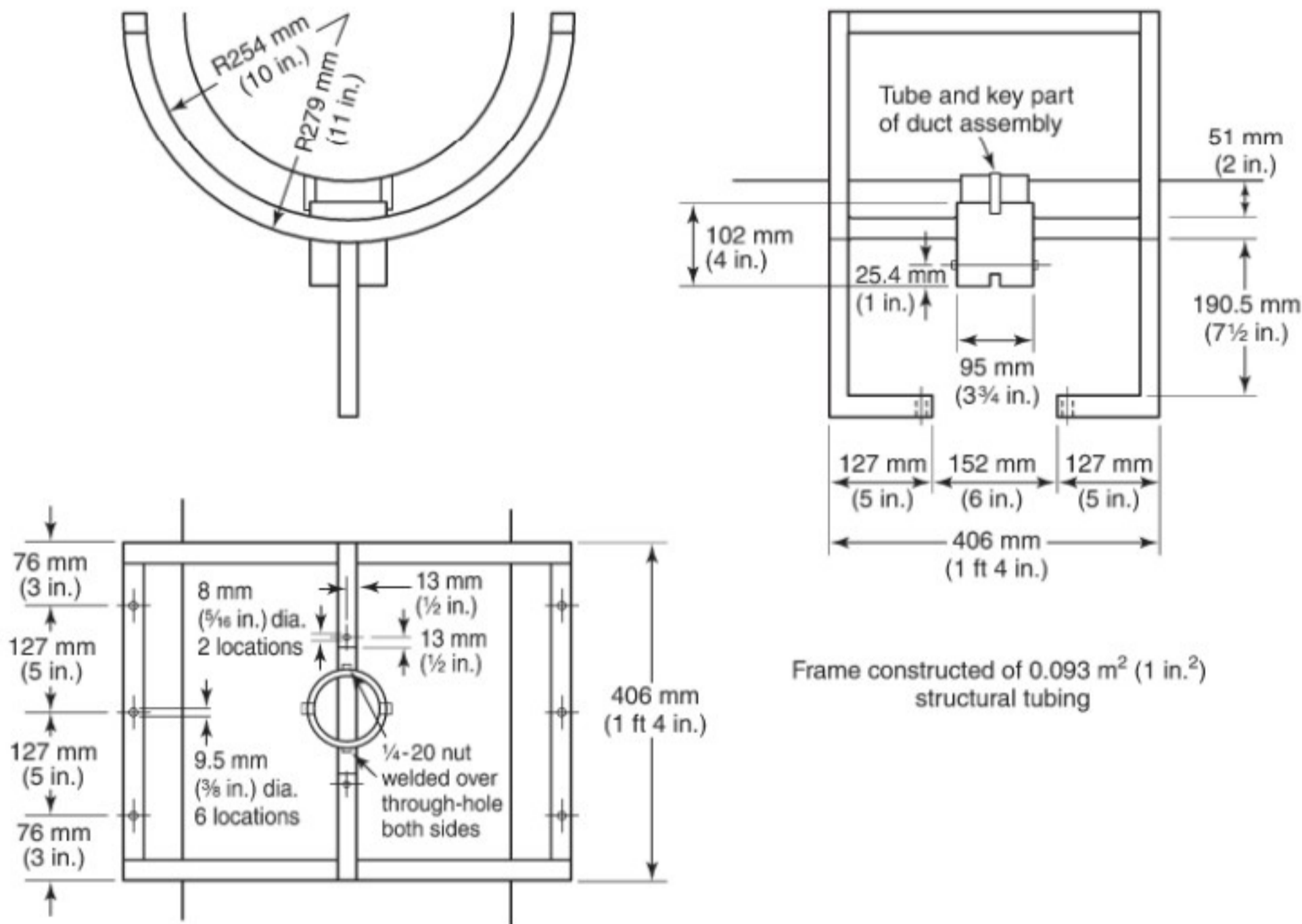


FIGURE C.2(d) Bottom Ring Half.

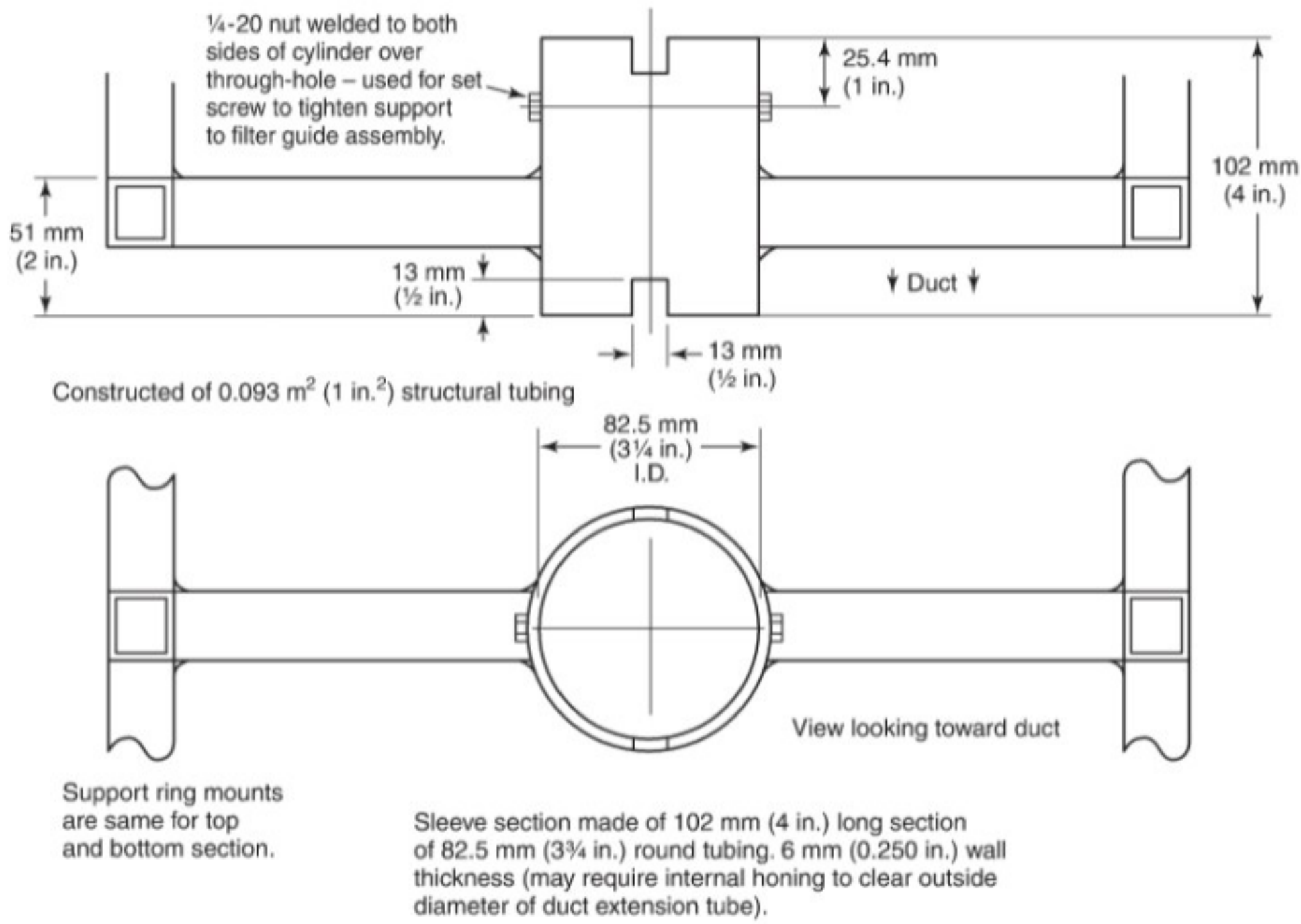


FIGURE C.2(e) Extension Tube Attachment.

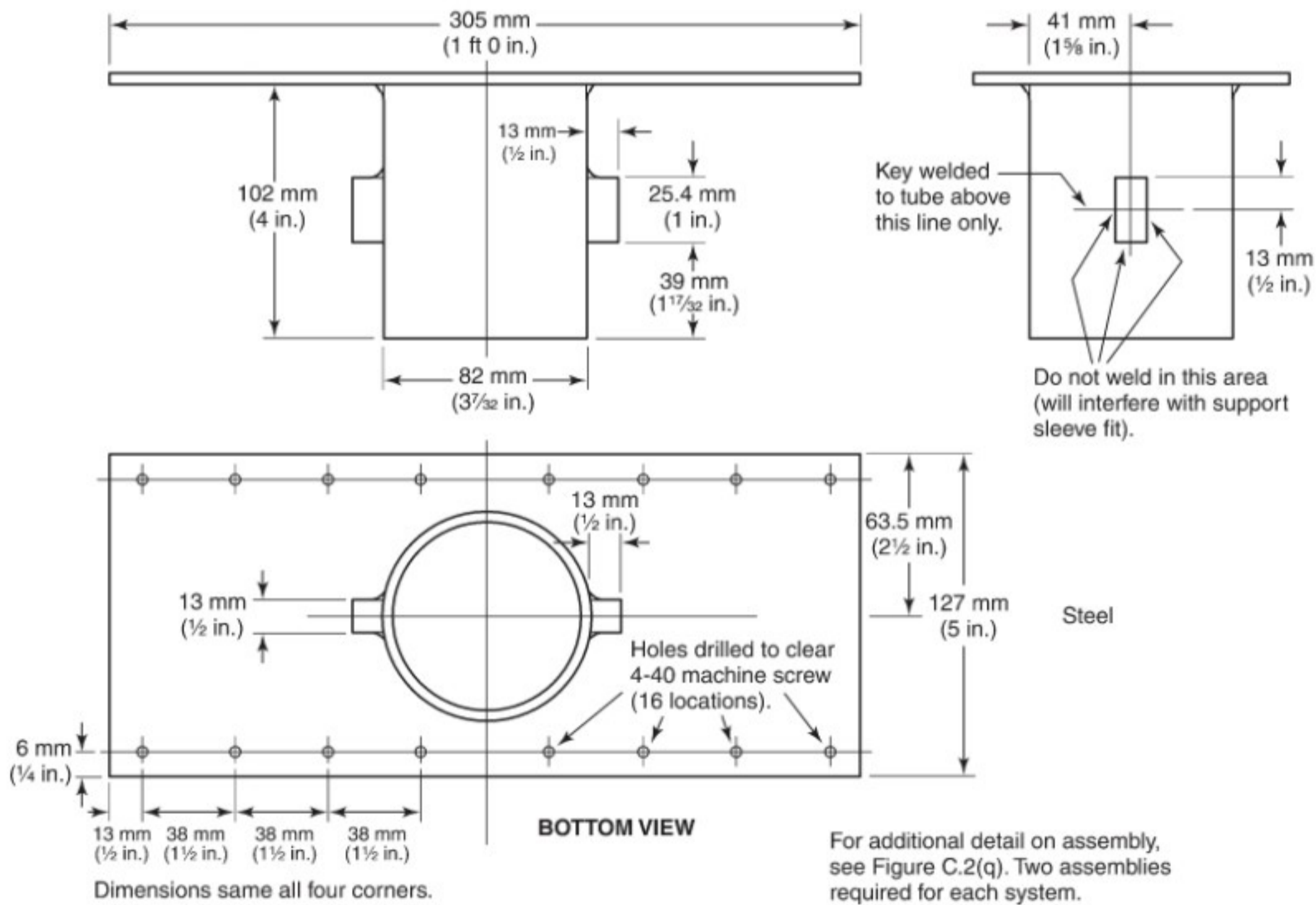


FIGURE C.2(f) Filter Holder Adapter Assembly.

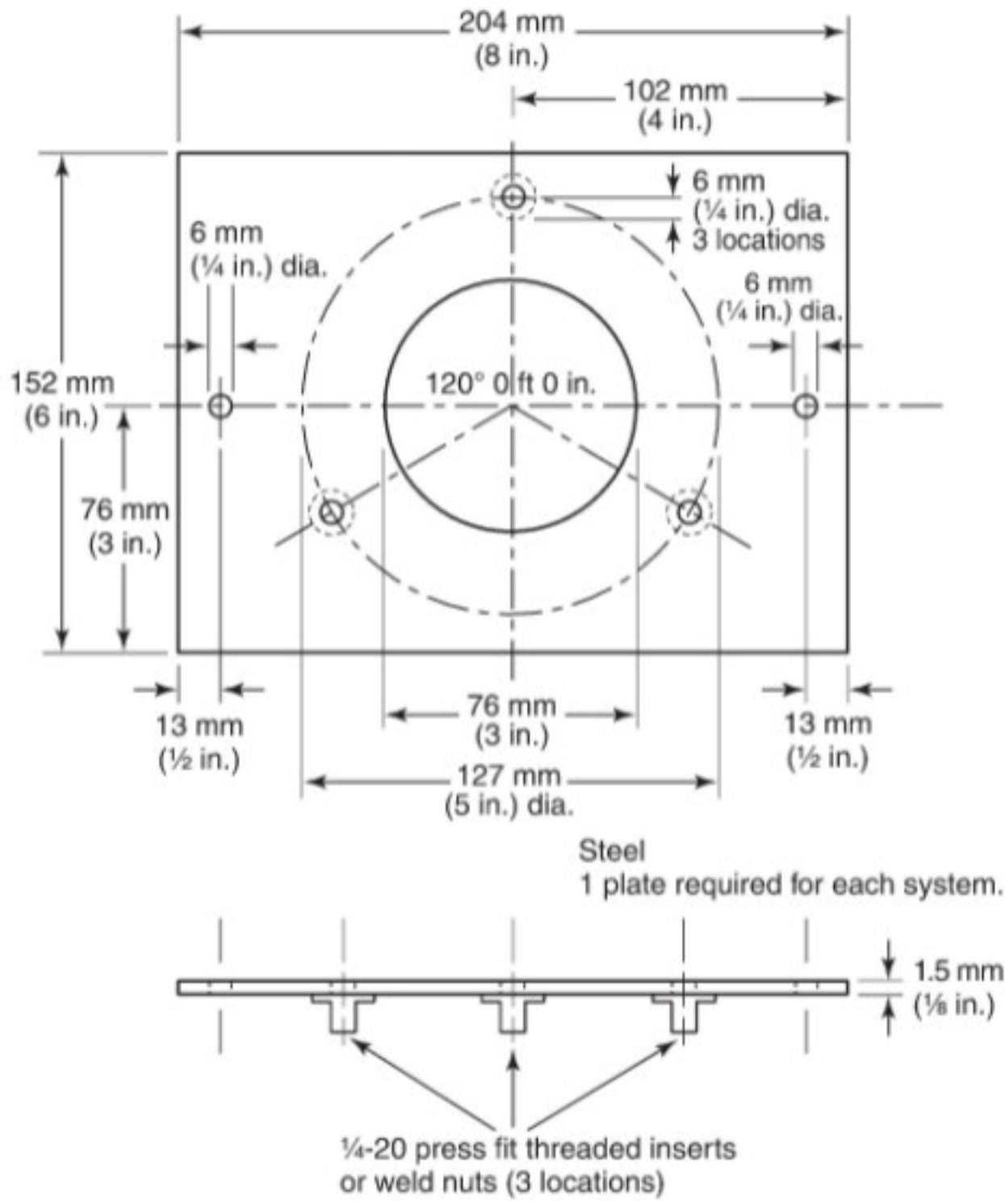


FIGURE C.2(g) Lamp Mounting Plate.

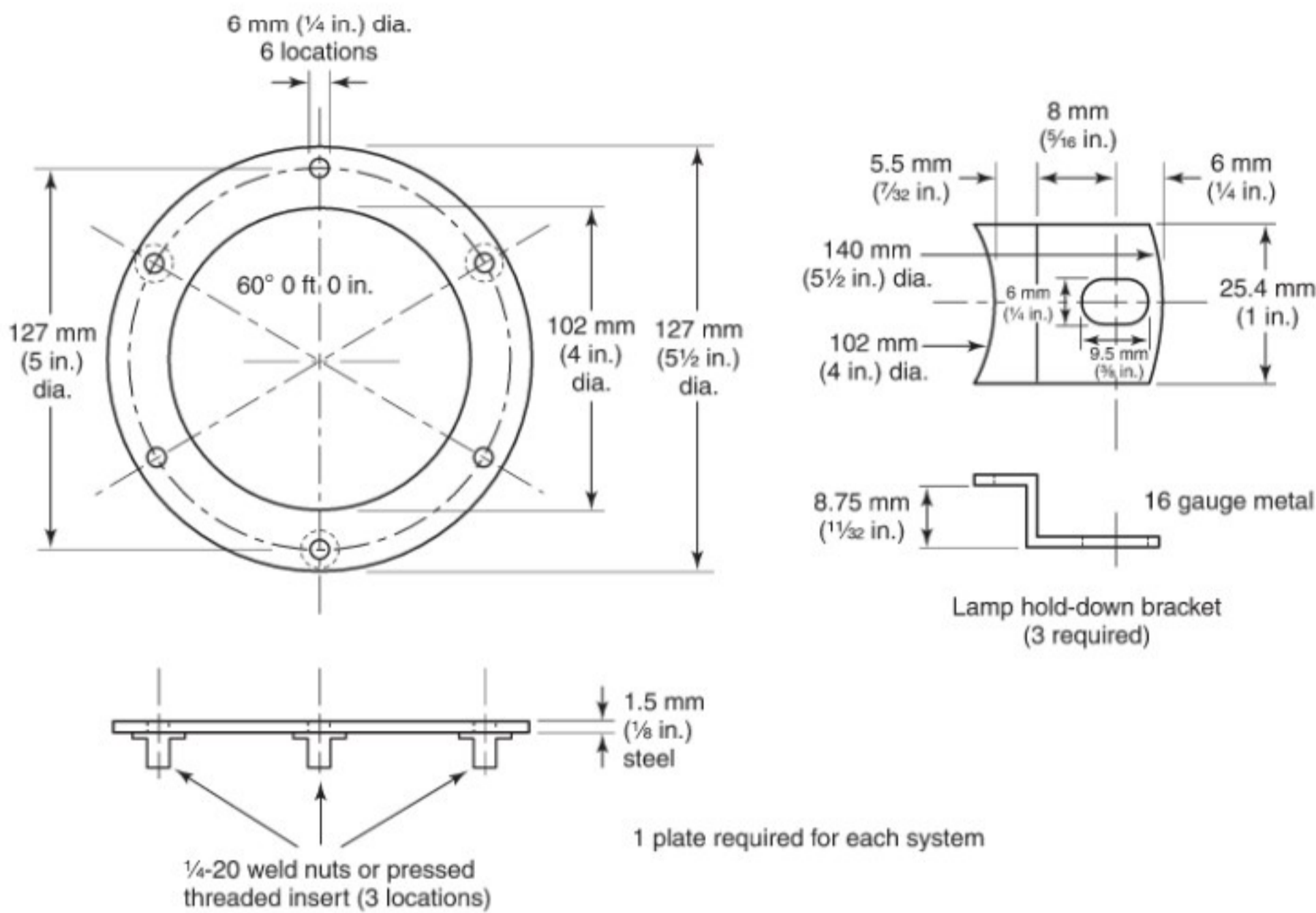
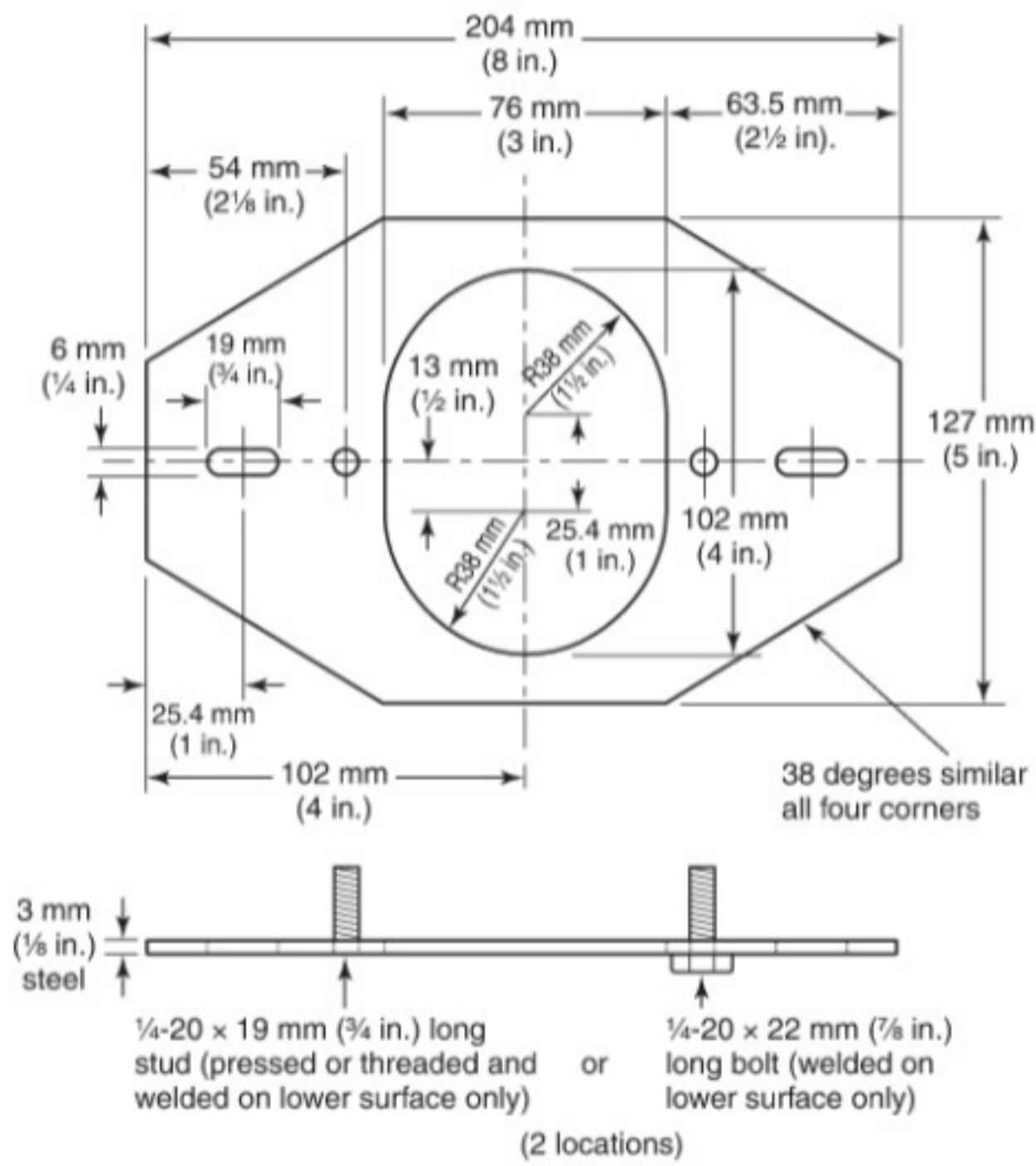
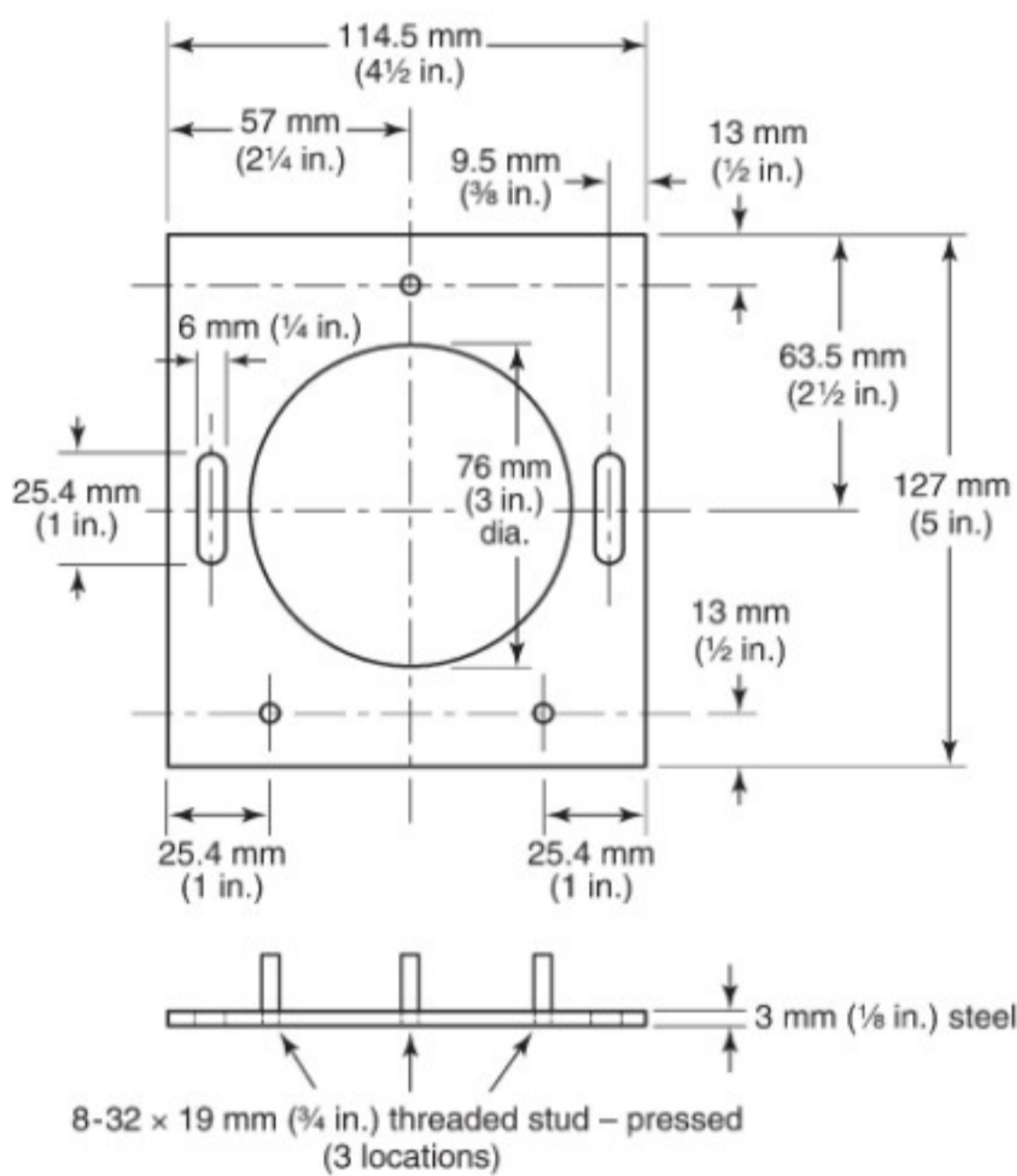


FIGURE C.2(h) Lamp Retaining Ring/Clamps.



1 assembly required for each system.

FIGURE C.2(i) Photocell Duct Inline Adjustment Plate.



1 assembly required for each system.

FIGURE C.2(j) Photocell Duct Cross Adjustment Plate.

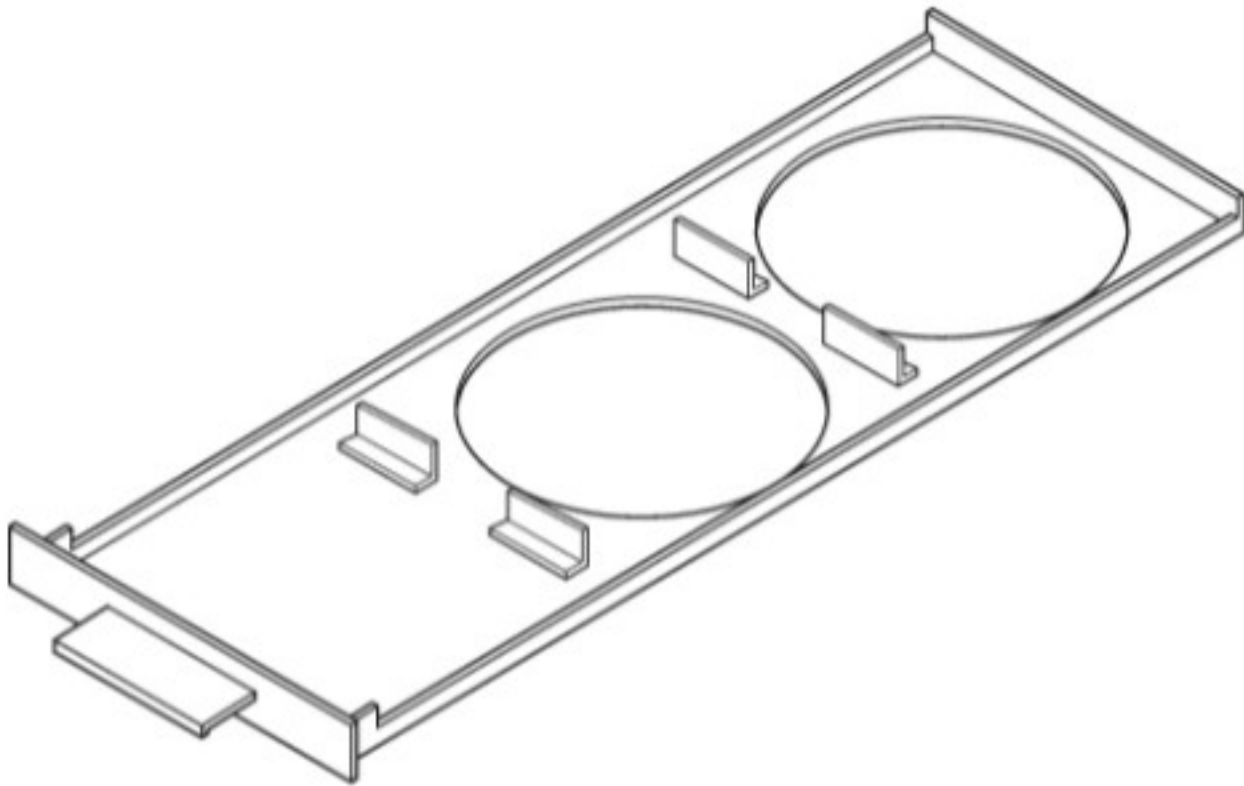


FIGURE C.2(m) Filter Holder Drawer.

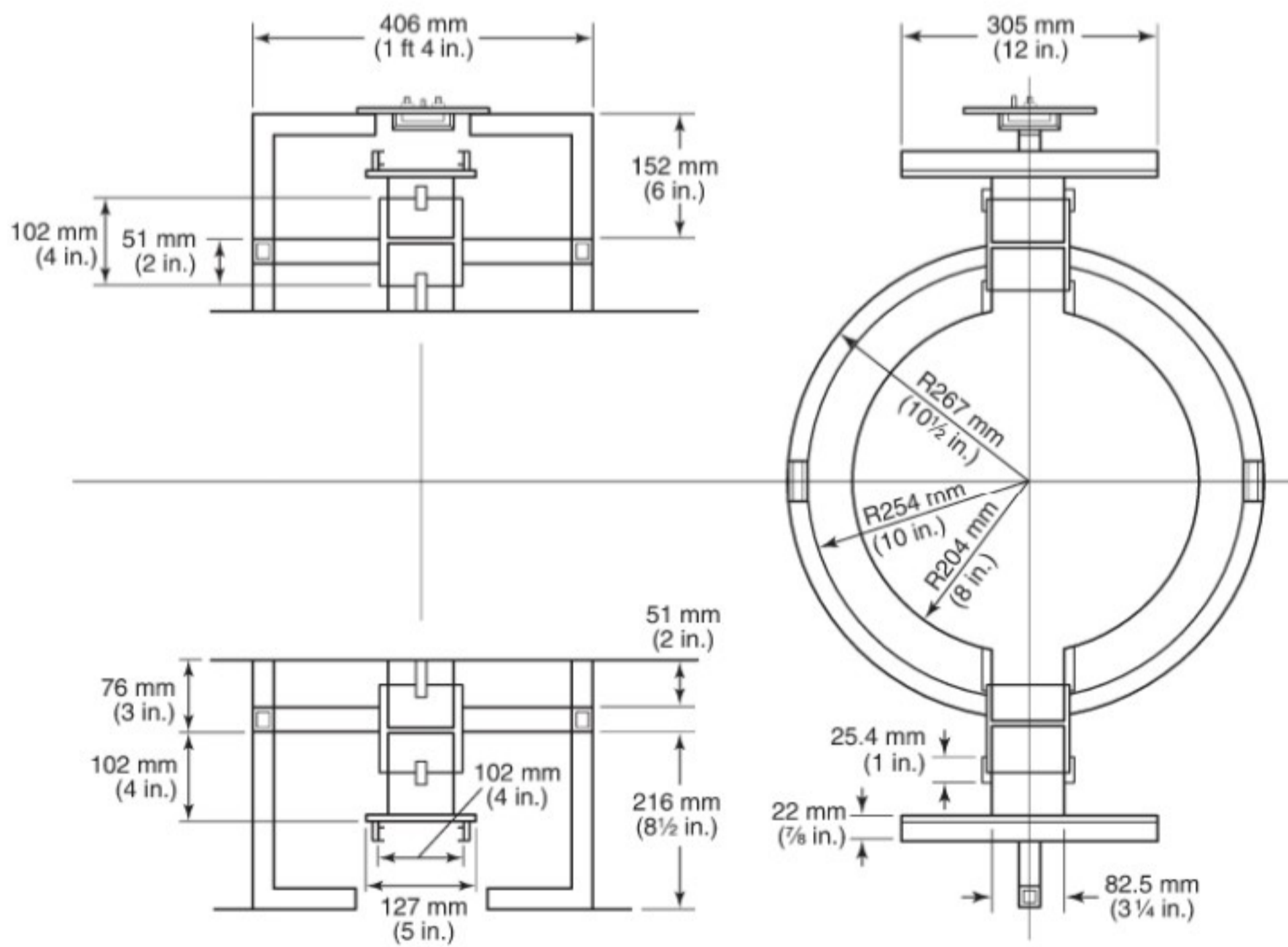


FIGURE C.2(n) Ring and Filter Holder Assembly Cross-Section.

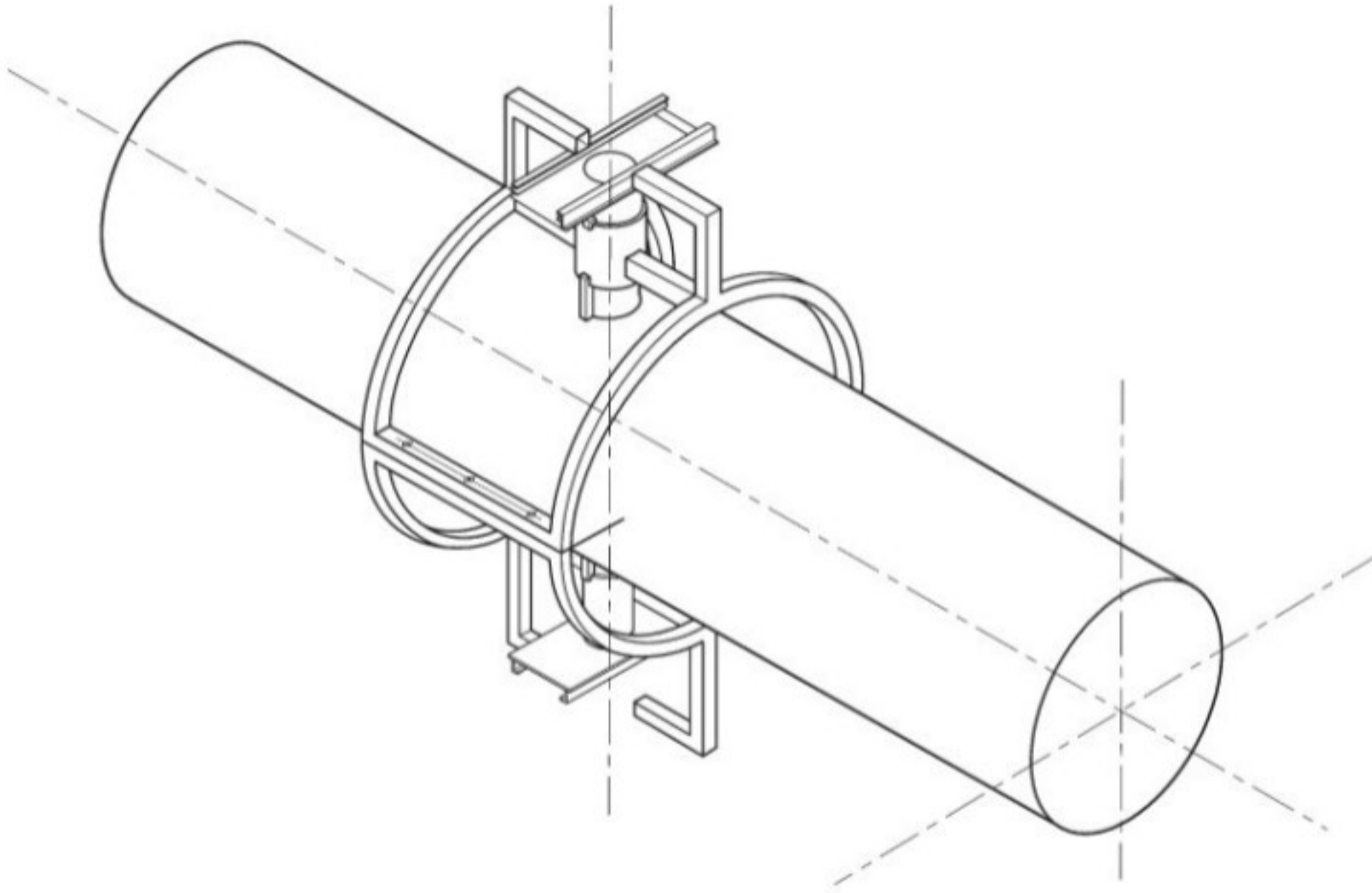


FIGURE C.2(o) Ring and Filter Assembly.

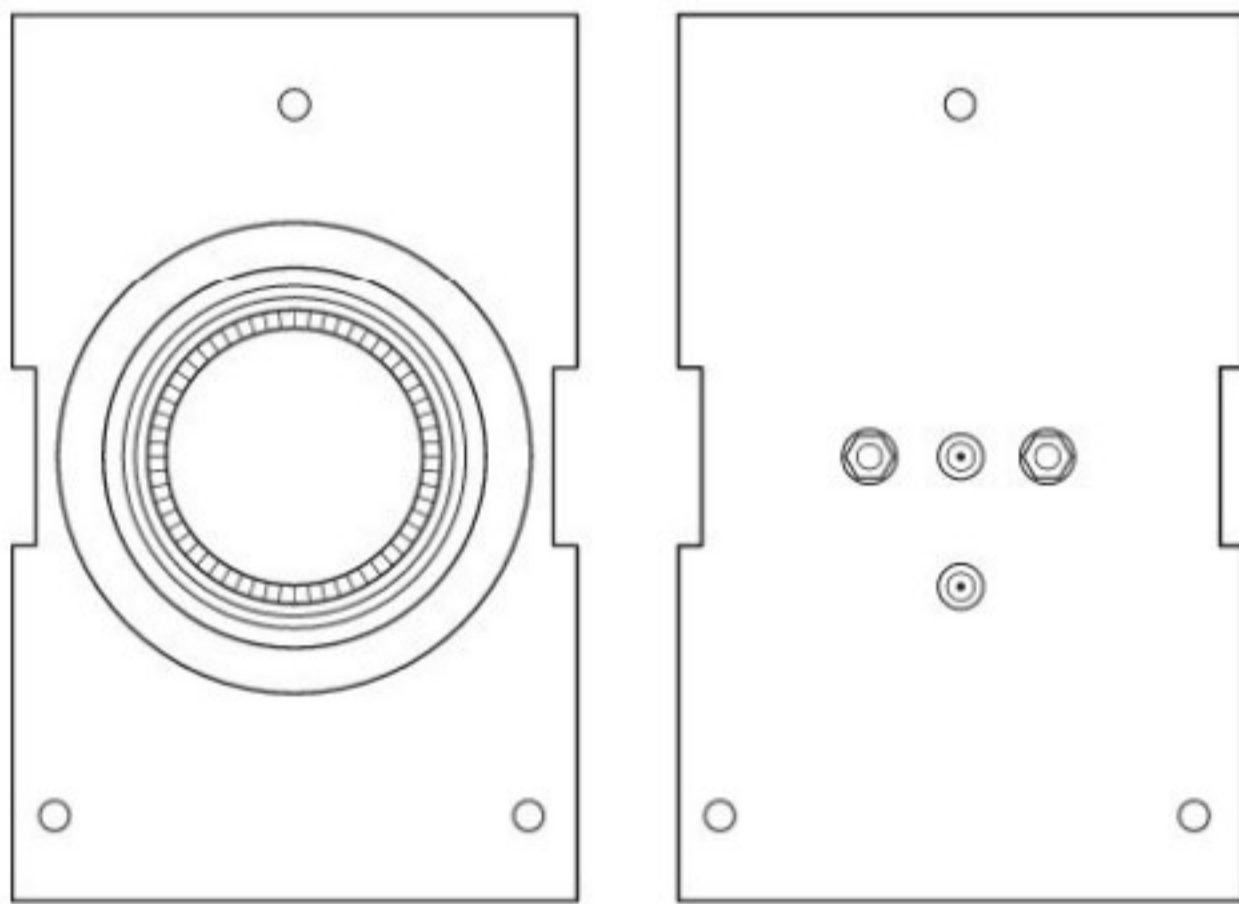


FIGURE C.2(p) Photocell Mounting Assembly.

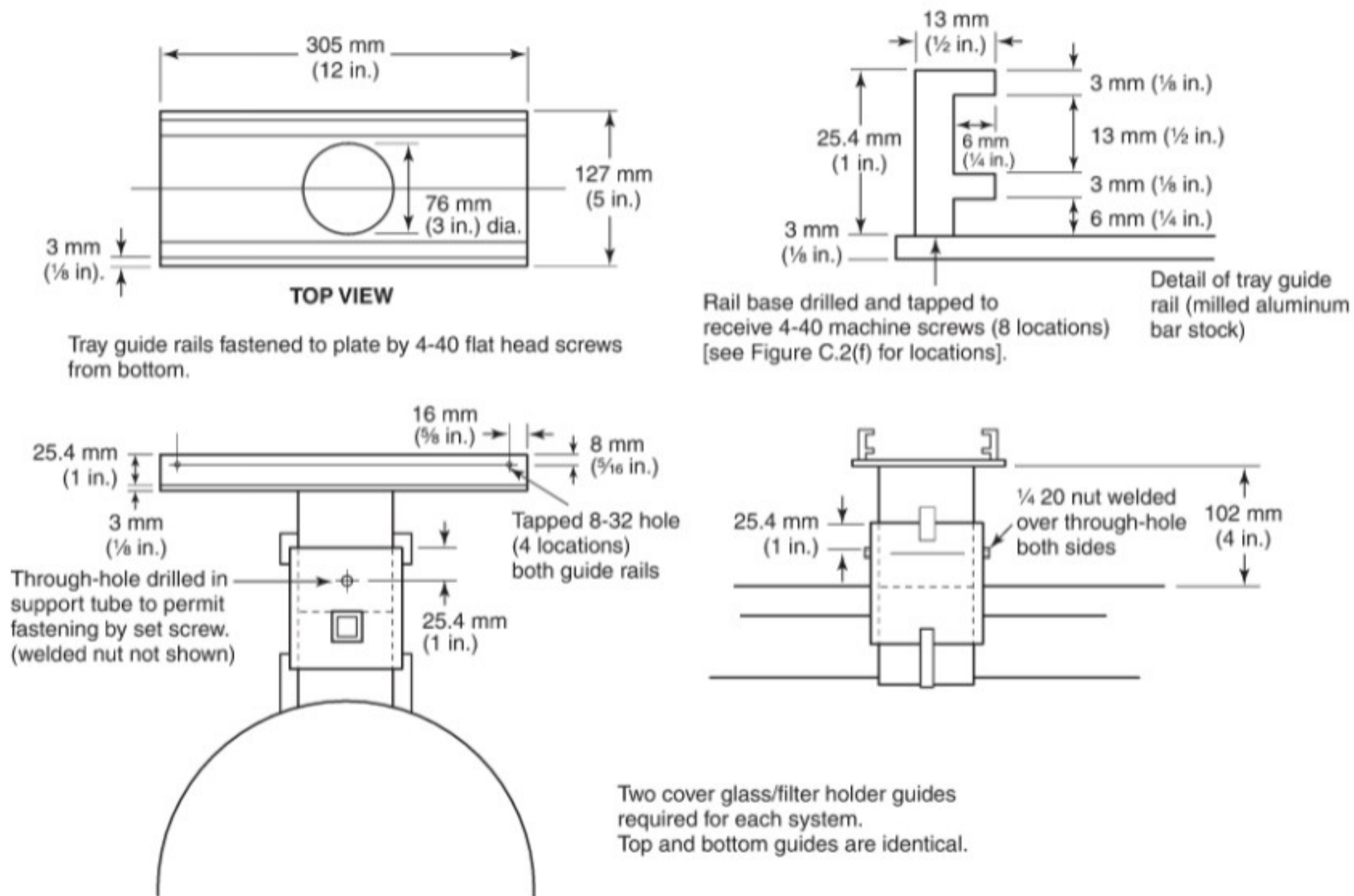


FIGURE C.2(q) Filter Adapter Assembly.

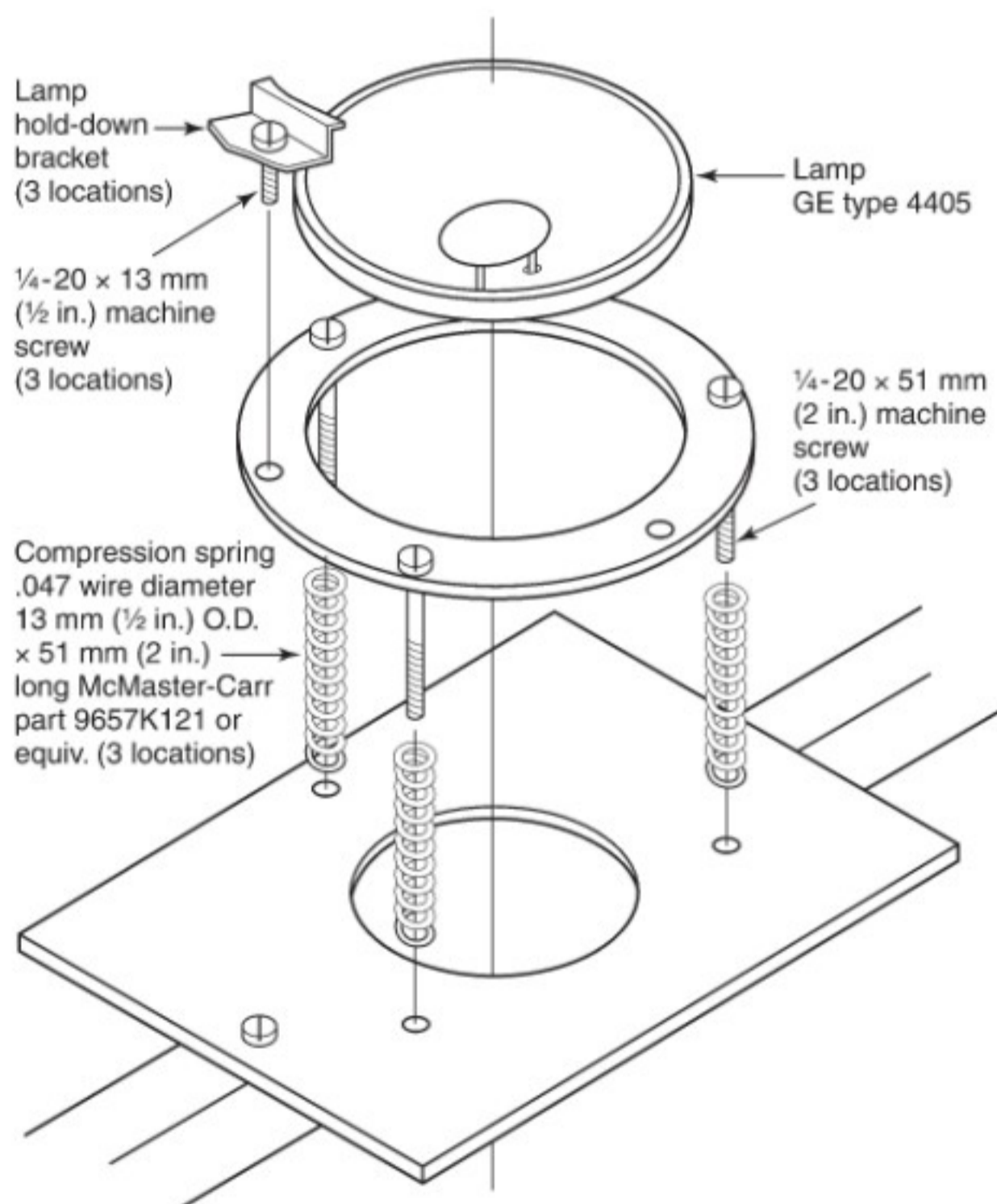


FIGURE C.2(r) Lamp Assembly View (Exploded).

Annex D Standard Reference Cable Test

This annex is not a part of the requirements of this NFPA document but is included for informational purposes only.

D.1 A verification procedure should utilize reference cable with known characteristics of flame travel distance, average optical density, and peak optical density.

D.1.1 The reference cable should be a 4-pair UTP CAT 3 cable (hereinafter identified as "149 reference cable"). It should be composed of four twisted pairs of insulated copper conductors housed in an overall jacket. There should be no ripcords or other components other than the conductors inside the jacket. The cable outside diameter should be 4.7 mm \pm 0.4 mm (0.186 in. \pm 0.018 in.).

D.1.1.1 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees: The original standard reference cable was available from Mohawk Cable (part No. M58631), but might no longer be available.

D.1.2 The jacket should be a smoke-suppressed, lead-free, flame-retarded PVC, using a standard ammonium octamolybdate (AOM) smoke suppressant and metal hydrate/halogen combination flame retardant package. The material contains a mixed-metals, lead-free stabilization package. The jacket thickness should be 0.4 mm \pm 0.04 mm (0.016 in. \pm 0.002 in.). The jacket material should be of a natural color, with no color concentrates. The jacket material should have the material specifications in accordance with Table D.1.2.

D.1.2.1 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees: A suitable jacket material for the standard reference cable is manufactured by AlphaGary, Cat. No. SG III 1012 NAT.

Table D.1.2 149 Reference Cable Jacket Material Specifications

Properties	Results	Tolerance	Method
Specific gravity	1.42	\pm 0.03	ASTM D792
Durometer D, instantaneous	69	\pm 3	ASTM D2240
Tensile strength, psi (15 mil)	2500	–	ASTM D412
Elongation, % (15 mil)	200	–	ASTM D412
Brittle point, C, (F-50)	-6	–	ASTM D746
Oxygen index, % (125 mil)	52	–	ASTM D2863
Smoke, %	5	–	ASTM D4100
Dielectric constant, 100 MHz @ 23°C	3.3	–	ASTM D150
Dissipation factor, 100 MHz @ 23°C	0.016	–	ASTM D150

D.1.3 The conductor insulation should be a smoke-suppressed, flame-retarded plasticized PVC, using a standard ammonium octamolybdate (AOM) smoke suppressant and metal hydrate/halogen combination flame retardant package. This material contains a mixed-metals, lead-free stabilization package. The insulation thickness should be 0.178 mm \pm 0.02 mm (0.007 in. \pm 0.0007). The insulation material should have the material specifications in accordance with Table D.1.3.

D.1.3.1 The following product information is provided for informational purposes only and has not been independently verified, certified, or endorsed by NFPA or any of its technical committees: A suitable conductor insulation material for the standard reference cable is manufactured by AlphaGary, Cat. No. SG III 1698 NAT.

D.1.4 The 149 reference cable should be tested with the same procedure as described in Chapter 8 to determine flame travel distance, average optical density of smoke, and peak optical density of smoke. The results should be as shown in Table D.2.

D.2 The results of the flame travel distance, average optical density of smoke, and peak optical density of smoke of the 149 reference cable should be as shown under Specification Range in Table D.2.

Table D.1.3 149 Reference Cable Conductor Insulation Material Specifications

Properties	Results	Tolerance	Method
Specific gravity	1.56	\pm 0.02	ASTM D792
Durometer D, instantaneous	68	\pm 3	ASTM D2240
Durometer D, 15 second	54	\pm 3	ASTM D2240
Tensile strength, psi (15 mil)	2500	–	ASTM D412
Elongation, % (15 mil)	190	–	ASTM D412
Tensile strength, psi (75 mil)	2200	–	ASTM D412
Elongation, % (75 mil)	210	–	ASTM D412
Brittle point, C, (F-50)	-3	–	ASTM D746
Oxygen index, % (125 mil)	49	–	ASTM D2863
Smoke, %	5	–	ASTM D4100
Dielectric constant, 100 MHz @ 23°C	3.3	–	ASTM D150
Dissipation factor, 100 MHz @ 23°C	0.016	–	ASTM D150

Table D.2 Results of Fire Properties of 149 Reference Cable

Properties	Specification Range	Average Value	Standard Deviation
Maximum flame travel, ft (m)	0.8–2.2 (0.3–0.7)	1.5 (0.46)	0.33 (0.10)
Average optical density of smoke	0.048–0.084	0.066	0.009
Peak optical density of smoke	0.132–0.232	0.182	0.025

Annex E Informational References

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Sequence of Events for the Standards Development Process

Once the current edition is published, a Standard is opened for Public Input.

Step 1 – Input Stage

- Input accepted from the public or other committees for consideration to develop the First Draft
- Technical Committee holds First Draft Meeting to revise Standard (23 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (10 weeks)
- Technical Committee ballots on First Draft (12 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (11 weeks)
- Correlating Committee First Draft Meeting (9 weeks)
- Correlating Committee ballots on First Draft (5 weeks)
- First Draft Report posted on the document information page

Step 2 – Comment Stage

- Public Comments accepted on First Draft (10 weeks) following posting of First Draft Report
- If Standard does not receive Public Comments and the Technical Committee chooses not to hold a Second Draft meeting, the Standard becomes a Consent Standard and is sent directly to the Standards Council for issuance (see Step 4) or
- Technical Committee holds Second Draft Meeting (21 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (7 weeks)
- Technical Committee ballots on Second Draft (11 weeks); Technical Committee(s) with Correlating Committee (10 weeks)
- Correlating Committee Second Draft Meeting (9 weeks)
- Correlating Committee ballots on Second Draft (8 weeks)
- Second Draft Report posted on the document information page

Step 3 – NFPA Technical Meeting

- Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) accepted (5 weeks) following the posting of Second Draft Report
- NITMAMs are reviewed and valid motions are certified by the Motions Committee for presentation at the NFPA Technical Meeting
- NFPA membership meets each June at the NFPA Technical Meeting to act on Standards with “Certified Amending Motions” (certified NITMAMs)
- Committee(s) vote on any successful amendments to the Technical Committee Reports made by the NFPA membership at the NFPA Technical Meeting

Step 4 – Council Appeals and Issuance of Standard

- Notification of intent to file an appeal to the Standards Council on Technical Meeting action must be filed within 20 days of the NFPA Technical Meeting
- Standards Council decides, based on all evidence, whether to issue the standard or to take other action

Notes:

1. Time periods are approximate; refer to published schedules for actual dates.
2. Annual revision cycle documents with certified amending motions take approximately 101 weeks to complete.
3. Fall revision cycle documents receiving certified amending motions take approximately 141 weeks to complete.

Committee Membership Classifications^{1,2,3,4}

The following classifications apply to Committee members and represent their principal interest in the activity of the Committee.

1. M *Manufacturer*: A representative of a maker or marketer of a product, assembly, or system, or portion thereof, that is affected by the standard.
2. U *User*: A representative of an entity that is subject to the provisions of the standard or that voluntarily uses the standard.
3. IM *Installer/Maintainer*: A representative of an entity that is in the business of installing or maintaining a product, assembly, or system affected by the standard.
4. L *Labor*: A labor representative or employee concerned with safety in the workplace.
5. RT *Applied Research/Testing Laboratory*: A representative of an independent testing laboratory or independent applied research organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
6. E *Enforcing Authority*: A representative of an agency or an organization that promulgates and/or enforces standards.
7. I *Insurance*: A representative of an insurance company, broker, agent, bureau, or inspection agency.
8. C *Consumer*: A person who is or represents the ultimate purchaser of a product, system, or service affected by the standard, but who is not included in (2).
9. SE *Special Expert*: A person not representing (1) through (8) and who has special expertise in the scope of the standard or portion thereof.

NOTE 1: “Standard” connotes code, standard, recommended practice, or guide.

NOTE 2: A representative includes an employee.

NOTE 3: While these classifications will be used by the Standards Council to achieve a balance for Technical Committees, the Standards Council may determine that new classifications of member or unique interests need representation in order to foster the best possible Committee deliberations on any project. In this connection, the Standards Council may make such appointments as it deems appropriate in the public interest, such as the classification of “Utilities” in the National Electrical Code Committee.

NOTE 4: Representatives of subsidiaries of any group are generally considered to have the same classification as the parent organization.

Submitting Public Input / Public Comment Through the Online Submission System

Soon after the current edition is published, a Standard is open for Public Input.

Before accessing the Online Submission System, you must first sign in at www.nfpa.org. *Note: You will be asked to sign-in or create a free online account with NFPA before using this system:*

- a. Click on Sign In at the upper right side of the page.
- b. Under the Codes and Standards heading, click on the “List of NFPA Codes & Standards,” and then select your document from the list or use one of the search features.

OR

- a. Go directly to your specific document information page by typing the convenient shortcut link of www.nfpa.org/document# (Example: NFPA 921 would be www.nfpa.org/921). Sign in at the upper right side of the page.

To begin your Public Input, select the link “The next edition of this standard is now open for Public Input” located on the About tab, Current & Prior Editions tab, and the Next Edition tab. Alternatively, the Next Edition tab includes a link to Submit Public Input online.

At this point, the NFPA Standards Development Site will open showing details for the document you have selected. This “Document Home” page site includes an explanatory introduction, information on the current document phase and closing date, a left-hand navigation panel that includes useful links, a document Table of Contents, and icons at the top you can click for Help when using the site. The Help icons and navigation panel will be visible except when you are actually in the process of creating a Public Input.

Once the First Draft Report becomes available there is a Public Comment period during which anyone may submit a Public Comment on the First Draft. Any objections or further related changes to the content of the First Draft must be submitted at the Comment stage.

To submit a Public Comment you may access the online submission system utilizing the same steps as previously explained for the submission of Public Input.

For further information on submitting public input and public comments, go to: <http://www.nfpa.org/publicinput>.

Other Resources Available on the Document Information Pages

About tab: View general document and subject-related information.

Current & Prior Editions tab: Research current and previous edition information on a Standard.

Next Edition tab: Follow the committee’s progress in the processing of a Standard in its next revision cycle.

Technical Committee tab: View current committee member rosters or apply to a committee.

Technical Questions tab: For members and Public Sector Officials/AHJs to submit questions about codes and standards to NFPA staff. Our Technical Questions Service provides a convenient way to receive timely and consistent technical assistance when you need to know more about NFPA codes and standards relevant to your work. Responses are provided by NFPA staff on an informal basis.

Products & Training tab: List of NFPA’s publications and training available for purchase.

Information on the NFPA Standards Development Process

I. Applicable Regulations. The primary rules governing the processing of NFPA standards (codes, standards, recommended practices, and guides) are the NFPA *Regulations Governing the Development of NFPA Standards (Regs)*. Other applicable rules include NFPA *Bylaws*, NFPA *Technical Meeting Convention Rules*, NFPA *Guide for the Conduct of Participants in the NFPA Standards Development Process*, and the NFPA *Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council*. Most of these rules and regulations are contained in the *NFPA Standards Directory*. For copies of the *Directory*, contact Codes and Standards Administration at NFPA Headquarters; all these documents are also available on the NFPA website at “www.nfpa.org.”

The following is general information on the NFPA process. All participants, however, should refer to the actual rules and regulations for a full understanding of this process and for the criteria that govern participation.

II. Technical Committee Report. The Technical Committee Report is defined as “the Report of the responsible Committee(s), in accordance with the Regulations, in preparation of a new or revised NFPA Standard.” The Technical Committee Report is in two parts and consists of the First Draft Report and the Second Draft Report. (See *Regs* at Section 1.4.)

III. Step 1: First Draft Report. The First Draft Report is defined as “Part one of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Input Stage.” The First Draft Report consists of the First Draft, Public Input, Committee Input, Committee and Correlating Committee Statements, Correlating Notes, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.3.) Any objection to an action in the First Draft Report must be raised through the filing of an appropriate Comment for consideration in the Second Draft Report or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.3.1(b).]

IV. Step 2: Second Draft Report. The Second Draft Report is defined as “Part two of the Technical Committee Report, which documents the Comment Stage.” The Second Draft Report consists of the Second Draft, Public Comments with corresponding Committee Actions and Committee Statements, Correlating Notes and their respective Committee Statements, Committee Comments, Correlating Revisions, and Ballot Statements. (See *Regs* at 4.2.5.2 and Section 4.4.) The First Draft Report and the Second Draft Report together constitute the Technical Committee Report. Any outstanding objection following the Second Draft Report must be raised through an appropriate Amending Motion at the NFPA Technical Meeting or the objection will be considered resolved. [See *Regs* at 4.4.1(b).]

V. Step 3a: Action at NFPA Technical Meeting. Following the publication of the Second Draft Report, there is a period during which those wishing to make proper Amending Motions on the Technical Committee Reports must signal their intention by submitting a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM). (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.) Standards that receive notice of proper Amending Motions (Certified Amending Motions) will be presented for action at the annual June NFPA Technical Meeting. At the meeting, the NFPA membership can consider and act on these Certified Amending Motions as well as Follow-up Amending Motions, that is, motions that become necessary as a result of a previous successful Amending Motion. (See 4.5.3.2 through 4.5.3.6 and Table 1, Columns 1-3 of *Regs* for a summary of the available Amending Motions and who may make them.) Any outstanding objection following action at an NFPA Technical Meeting (and any further Technical Committee consideration following successful Amending Motions, see *Regs* at 4.5.3.7 through 4.6.5.3) must be raised through an appeal to the Standards Council or it will be considered to be resolved.

VI. Step 3b: Documents Forwarded Directly to the Council. Where no NITMAM is received and certified in accordance with the Technical Meeting Convention Rules, the standard is forwarded directly to the Standards Council for action on issuance. Objections are deemed to be resolved for these documents. (See *Regs* at 4.5.2.5.)

VII. Step 4a: Council Appeals. Anyone can appeal to the Standards Council concerning procedural or substantive matters related to the development, content, or issuance of any document of the NFPA or on matters within the purview of the authority of the Council, as established by the Bylaws and as determined by the Board of Directors. Such appeals must be in written form and filed with the Secretary of the Standards Council (see *Regs* at Section 1.6). Time constraints for filing an appeal must be in accordance with 1.6.2 of the *Regs*. Objections are deemed to be resolved if not pursued at this level.

VIII. Step 4b: Document Issuance. The Standards Council is the issuer of all documents (see Article 8 of *Bylaws*). The Council acts on the issuance of a document presented for action at an NFPA Technical Meeting within 75 days from the date of the recommendation from the NFPA Technical Meeting, unless this period is extended by the Council (see *Regs* at 4.7.2). For documents forwarded directly to the Standards Council, the Council acts on the issuance of the document at its next scheduled meeting, or at such other meeting as the Council may determine (see *Regs* at 4.5.2.5 and 4.7.4).

IX. Petitions to the Board of Directors. The Standards Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the codes and standards development process and the issuance of documents. However, where extraordinary circumstances requiring the intervention of the Board of Directors exist, the Board of Directors may take any action necessary to fulfill its obligations to preserve the integrity of the codes and standards development process and to protect the interests of the NFPA. The rules for petitioning the Board of Directors can be found in the *Regulations Governing Petitions to the Board of Directors from Decisions of the Standards Council* and in Section 1.7 of the *Regs*.

X. For More Information. The program for the NFPA Technical Meeting (as well as the NFPA website as information becomes available) should be consulted for the date on which each report scheduled for consideration at the meeting will be presented. To view the First Draft Report and Second Draft Report as well as information on NFPA rules and for up-to-date information on schedules and deadlines for processing NFPA documents, check the NFPA website (www.nfpa.org/docinfo) or contact NFPA Codes & Standards Administration at (617) 984-7246.



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