



BLME.GuideInfo Ceiling Panels for Use Beneath Sprinklers

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[Building Materials] (Surface Burning Characteristics) Ceiling Panels for Use Beneath Sprinklers

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GENERAL

This category covers ceiling panels certified with respect to surface-burning characteristics as indicated in the individual certifications.

Ceiling panels are intended to be installed beneath sprinklers without significantly affecting the suppression characteristics of the sprinkler system when the panels are installed in accordance with the installation instructions provided with each package of panels. Unless otherwise noted in the individual certifications, drop-out ceiling panels are intended for use with standard-response sprinklers only.

Ceiling panels consist of either the drop-out or the open-grid type. The drop-out panels have demonstrated, through test, the ability to fall from the suspended-ceiling-grid system when exposed to fire conditions beneath the grid system, and do not significantly affect sprinkler response and distribution characteristics when investigated to [UL Subject 723S](#), "Outline of Investigation for Drop-Out Ceilings Installed Beneath Automatic Sprinklers." Certifications based upon this test method utilize standard-response sprinklers rated 165°F. The open-grid panels either comply with the opening requirements included in ANSI/NFPA 13, "Installation of Sprinkler Systems," or have demonstrated, through test, not to significantly affect sprinkler response and distribution characteristics.

Authorities Having Jurisdiction should be consulted before installation.

PRODUCT IDENTITY

The following product identity may appear on the product:

Ceiling Panel for Use Beneath Sprinklers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, see Surface-burning Characteristics ([BIKT](#)) and Building Materials ([AABM](#)).

REQUIREMENTS

The basic standard used to investigate products in this category is [ANSI/UL 723](#), "Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials."

UL MARK

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Additional Certification Markings

Products covered under this category are additionally marked with the following information:

For drop-out ceiling panels:

CERTIFIED AS TO SURFACE-BURNING CHARACTERISTICS

+

**WHEN INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED WITH EACH CARTON,
MAY BE USED BENEATH SPRINKLERS SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION.**

+ Flame-spread and smoke-developed values applicable to the product

For open-grid ceiling panels:

CERTIFIED AS TO SURFACE-BURNING CHARACTERISTICS

+

MAY BE USED BENEATH SPRINKLERS, SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION.

+ Flame-spread and smoke-developed values applicable to the product

Alternate UL Mark

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**CEILING PANELS FOR USE
BENEATH SPRINKLERS
SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS
+
Control No.**

+ Flame spread and smoke developed values applicable to the product

The Classification Mark will also include one of the following statements:

- **For Drop-Out** — "When installed in accordance with installation instructions provided with each carton, may be used beneath sprinklers subject to the Authorities Having Jurisdiction."
- **For Open Grid** — "May be used beneath sprinklers, subject to the Authorities Having Jurisdiction."

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