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RE: Flame Spread Ratings of States Industries panels.

Fire ratings may be specific to local fire protection jurisdictions; however National Fire Protection Association, Life Safety Code, NFPA 101 is generally recognized throughout the United States. NFPA 101 list 3 flame spread categories;

Class A 0 to 25 Flame Spread Class B 26 to 75 Flame Spread Class C 76 to 200 Flame Spread

States Industries regularly conducts third-party testing of our products against the most current revision of ASTM E-84, Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials in order to comply with HUD Standard 24 CFR which requires Class C Flame Spread. We have maintained compliance throughout our 40 plus year history.

Most untreated wood products including veneer cored hardwood plywood meet Class C Flame Spread which is the standard required by many building codes.

Class A Flame Spread rating is attainable with the specification of fire rated MDF or particleboard cores. Prefinishing and face and back veneer choices thinner than 1/28", which includes most species, do not affect the flame spread ratings of fire rated cores. Specifications are unique to individual core manufacturer's products, but NAUF and FSC Certified cores are available.

States can arrange testing of specific items at the expense of the requesting party. Contact your States Industries LLC representative if you have additional questions.

Regards,

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