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Part 1: Building aperture products

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## Foreword

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PAS 1188, *Flood protection products – Specification*, is issued in four parts:

- *Part 1: Building aperture products;*
- *Part 2: Temporary products;*
- *Part 3: Building skirt and wall sealant systems;*
- *Part 4: Demountable products.*

Guidance is available from *Six steps to flood resilience: Guidance for local authorities and professionals* [1] and *Delivering benefits through evidence: Temporary and demountable flood protection guide* [2]. Other publications

on flood resistant and resilient construction are, *Preparing for floods: Interim guidance for improving the flood resistance of domestic and small business properties* [3] and, *Improving the flood performance of new buildings: Flood resilient construction* [4] and other recent relevant publications (see publications [5] to [8]).

Parallel guidance is available for property owners in, *Six steps to property level flood resilience: Guidance for property owners* [9] and, *SMARTeST Work package 2 – Report D2.3: Guidance for code of practice* [10].

Guidance is also available from the National Flood Forum ([www.floodforum.org.uk](http://www.floodforum.org.uk)) and Flood Protection Association ([www.thefpa.org.uk](http://www.thefpa.org.uk)) websites.

Attention is drawn to the need to consider the prevention of the ingress of flood water into buildings through building fabric (i.e. walls and floors), horizontal pipes, waste water fittings and floor gullies. Anti-flood devices for buildings are covered in BS EN 13564-1.

### Information about this document

This is a full revision of PAS 1188-1:2009, and introduces the following principal changes:

- normative and informative references have been updated;
- foam products have been included;
- designated maximum water depths have been updated;
- subclause 4.4, leakage test requirements have been changed;
- subclause 4.7, marking, has been amended and updated with list items c), d) and g) moved to Annex C;
- Annex C has been updated to include a deployment guide and user manual;
- some editorial amendments have been undertaken.

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*Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.*

Requirements in this standard are drafted in accordance with *Rules for the structure and drafting of UK standards*, subclause J.1.1, which states, “Requirements should

be expressed using wording such as: 'When tested as described in Annex A, the product shall ...'. This means that only those products that are capable of passing the specified test will be deemed to conform to this standard.

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Particular attention is drawn to the following specific regulations and associated documents:

- Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1991, Technical Booklet L [11];
- Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1994, Technical Booklet E [12];
- Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1994, Technical Booklet K [13];
- Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 1994, Technical Booklet N [14];
- Statutory Rules of Northern Ireland 2000, Technical Booklet R [15];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 1991, Approved Document B [16];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 1991, Approved Document F [17];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 1991, Approved Document H [18];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 1991, Approved Document J [19];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 1991, Approved Document M [20];
- The Building Regulations (England and Wales) 2006, Approved Document C [21];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard D [22];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard E [23];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard F [24];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard K [25];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard M [26];
- The Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 1990, Technical Standard Q [27];
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 [28];
- The Fire Precautions Act 1971 [29];
- The Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 [30].

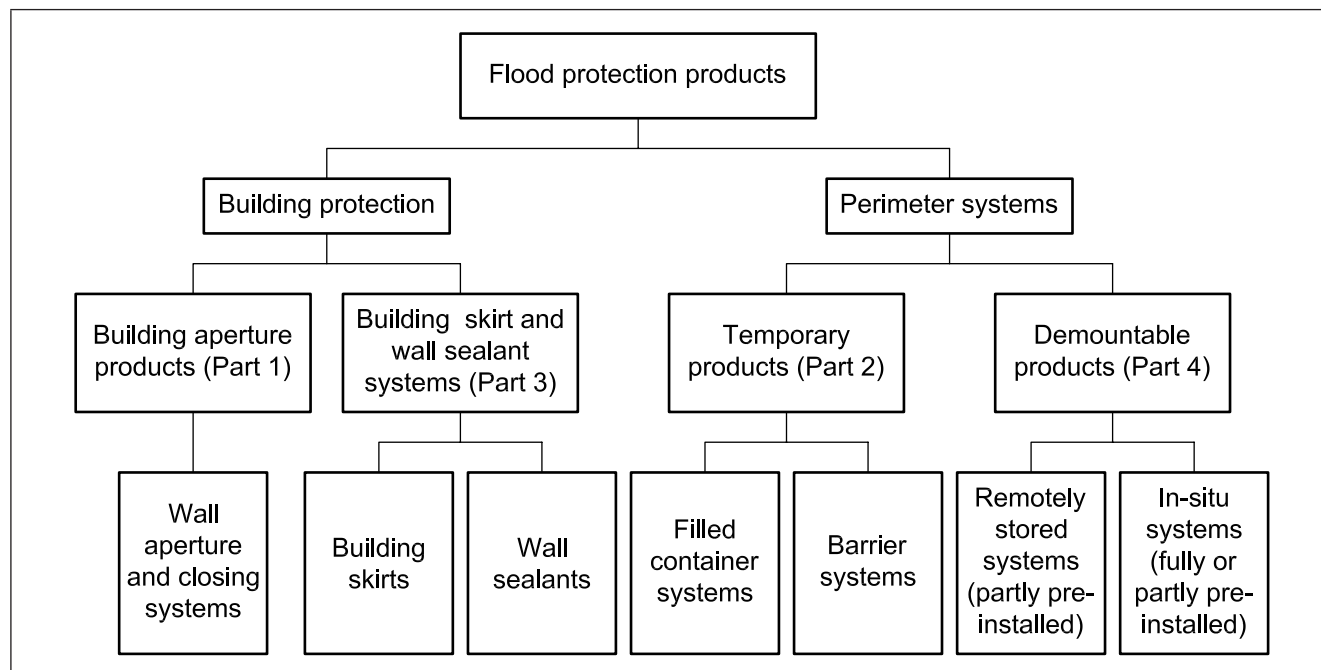
*NOTE 1 For rooms containing gas appliances attention is drawn to the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 [30] and manufacturers' instructions regarding the free circulation of air both in and out of the building. In such instances special care may be taken with the use of air ventilation bricks.*

*NOTE 2 It is important that air vent flood protection covers are removed as soon as floodwaters have receded so that sub-floor ventilation is maintained.*

## 0 Introduction

The general classification of flood protection products and the relationship between groups of products with each other is shown in Figure 1. Figure 1 also indicates which parts of the PAS 1188 series is relevant for each classification.

Figure 1 Flood protection products: general classification



*NOTE 1 Attention is also drawn to the need to ensure a safe evacuation of persons in the event of an emergency and to access and egress for persons with impaired movement. This is particularly important for basements, where there is a risk that flooding could occur rapidly and to a depth sufficient to be a risk to life. In basement situations, consideration may be given to other measures such as water level alarm systems and automatic pumping systems.*

*NOTE 2 Other risks also need to be considered including gas safety, particularly if bottled gas is being used for temporary heating and cooking, and adequate ventilation of exhaust fumes from equipment, such as generators and pumps. Boilers with low level vents are not to be used during flooding if the vent has been covered.*

*NOTE 3 Maintaining the structural integrity of the building to which the product may be applied should also be considered in the design of the product, designated maximum water depth and its deployment to the building. Attention is drawn to the Construction Design and Management Regulations 2007 [31] and parts relevant to the roles and responsibilities of designers.*

## 1 Scope

This PAS specifies requirements for the designation, testing, factory production control, installation documentation and marking for different types and configurations of flood protection products.

This PAS is applicable to flood protection products intended for use in the temporary sealing of building apertures and entrances to properties, including boards and flood doors, in the event of static flood water rising up to a level between 540 mm and 840 mm above aperture threshold level, except where they are designed to completely cover or replace small apertures, such as air-bricks or air vents. It covers wall aperture closure systems and foam products.