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This British Standard supersedes BS 5427-1:1996, which is withdrawn.

Information about this document

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the design and construction of external cladding assemblies for roofs and walls of buildings in the UK, using longitudinally profiled sheeting as the external surface, including standing seam. It is not applicable to profiled sheeting used as a supporting substrate, decking, structural liner trays, fully supported profiled sheets, structural composite formations of profiled metal sheeting and concrete, small element cladding or exceptional applications, such as buildings for cold storage.

The principal profiled sheeting materials covered by this British Standard are steel, aluminium, fibre cement, bitumen fibre and plastics, including insulated sandwich panel assemblies of profiled sheeting, thermal insulation and linings.

In addition to referencing performance recommendations, materials and components identified by other British Standards, advice on other materials and components which are in common use but not covered by other British Standards is also given.

This British Standard is intended for use by designers, manufacturers and installers of the roofing products.

This British Standard excludes profiled sheets used for structural purposes.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Standards publications

BS 476-3, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 3: Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

BS 476-6, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 6: Method of test for fire propagation for products*

BS 476-7, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 7: Method of test to determine the classification of the surface spread of flame of products*

BS 476-20, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 20: Method for determination of the fire resistance of elements of construction (general principles)*

BS 476-21, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 21: Methods for determination of the fire resistance of loadbearing elements of construction*

BS 476-22, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 22: Methods for determination of the fire resistance of non-loadbearing elements of construction*

BS 476-23, *Fire tests on building materials and structures – Part 23: Methods for determination of the contribution of components to the fire resistance of a structure*

BS 5250, *Code of practice for control of condensation in buildings*

BS 5516-1, *Patent glazing and sloping glazing for buildings – Part 1: Code of practice for design and installation of sloping and vertical patent glazing*

BS 6100-0, *Building and civil engineering – Vocabulary – Part 0: Introduction and index*

BS 6229, *Flat roofs with continuously supported coverings – Code of practice*