

FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

ADVANCED COMPOSITE TEXTILE LIMITED.

ACCORD ID: 11740

KASHOR, MASTER BARI, BHALUKA, MYMENSINGH.

OTHER FACTORIES: NONE



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SUMMARY

Advanced Composite Textile Limited. was surveyed for fire safety on 10/10/2015 by Jensen Hughes. This summary identifies the major deficiencies that were identified during the inspection.

The purpose of this survey was to identify significant fire safety issues and to provide recommendations for remediation based on applicable standards specified by the Accord. The scope of this initial fire safety inspection was limited to the review and identification of major fire safety issues. The inspection did not include identification of minor deficiencies, which will be further addressed as part of follow-up inspections.

Table 1 summarizes the major fire safety issues identified during the inspection. Recommendations have been provided to address each issue.

An implementation schedule shall be developed by the factory to remediate each of the findings. The specific timing of improvements, including any requested extensions due to design / installation constraints, shall be submitted to the Accord for approval.

Table 1. Findings And Recommendations

No.	Category	Finding	Recommendation	Remediation Timeframe
F-1	Fire Rated Construction	Rooms on the ground floor used for combustible storage are not separated by a minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction.	Provide dedicated storage rooms separated by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Where separate storage rooms are not feasible, provide defined storage areas and limit the storage arrangement as follows: - Maximum height of 2.45m (8 ft) and maximum area of 23m² (250 ft²) - If sprinkler protected: maximum height of 3.66m (12 ft) and maximum area of 93m² (1000 ft²) Separate areas of unenclosed combustible storage by a minimum clear distance of 3m (10ft).	Within 3 months



F-2	Fire Rated Construction	Exit stairs throughout the building are not separated from work areas on each floor by fire-rated construction due to unprotected openings and penetrations.	Separate the exit stairs from work areas and other building spaces on all floor levels by minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction. Provide minimum 1-hr fire rated doors and seal all unprotected openings and penetrations to maintain the fire separation.	Within 3 months
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Ensure that all fire doors are self-closing and positive latching, and are provided with fire exit (panic) hardware where serving production floors or assembly occupancies. If fire doors are required to be held open for functional reasons, provide automatic-closing devices tied to the fire alarm system. If applicable: Once fire doors are installed, every door in a stair enclosure serving more than 5 stories shall be provided with re-entry unless it meets ACCORD standard 6.8.3.1.



F-3	Fire Rated Construction	The boiler room on the ground floor is not separated by fire-rated construction due to openings and non-rated doors.	Separate the boiler room by a minimum 1-hr fire-rated construction for non-high rise, and 2-hr fire rated construction for high rise. Seal and/or protect all openings to maintain the required fire separations. Provide proper ventilation and consult a qualified engineer. When located to the exterior of a building, separate the boiler by a minimum distance of 3m (10 ft).	Within 3 months
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F-4	Fire Rated Construction	Storage rooms in each stair discharges directly into exit stair enclosure.	Openings from exit enclosure to storage spaces shall be provided with a vestibule with fire rated construction and openings. Provide a 1.5 hr fire rated door on the exit stair side and a 1-hr fire rated door on the storage room side. Ensure that the fire rating of the vestibule construction matches that of the exit stair enclosure.	Within 3 months
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F-5	Egress	Egress doors and gates throughout the building with locking features are provided at building exits, exit stairs, and exit discharge.	Remove locking features from all egress doors and gates. If locks are required for security reasons, utilize special door locking features complying with ACCORD standard 6.8.2.	Immediately
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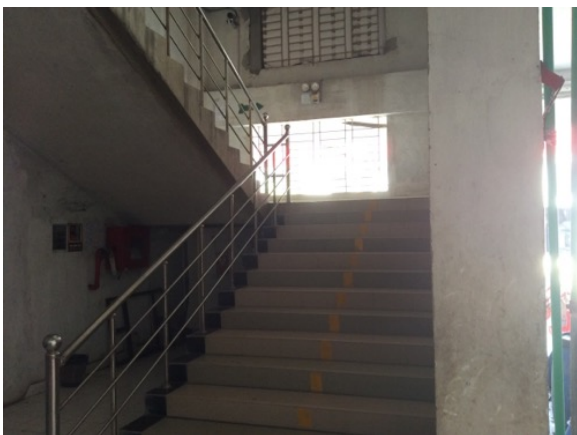
F-6	Egress	Storage was located in all exit stairs on the ground floor.	Remove all storage from exit stairs.	Immediately
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F-7	Egress	Exit stair doors throughout the building do not swing in the direction of egress travel.	Modify the egress door to swing in the direction of egress travel.	Within 3 months
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F-8	Egress	Handrails are not provided on both sides of all exit stairs.	Provide handrails on both sides of the exit stair. New handrails shall have a minimum height of 865 mm (34 in.) and a maximum height of 965 mm (38 in.) as measured from the leading edge of the tread. Intermediate handrails shall be provided when the stair width exceeds 2.2 m (87 in.) .	Within 3 months
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F-9	Fire Protection	The fire alarm system is antiquated, not a listed system and does not provide alarm and notification features consistent with acceptable standards.	Replace the fire alarm system with a new, listed automatic fire alarm system in accordance with NFPA 72 and ACCORD standards.	Design within 4 months, install within 9 months
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F-10	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance for the fire alarm system is not in accordance with NFPA 72.	Inspect, test and maintain the fire alarm system and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 72 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months
F-11	Fire Protection	Fire department connection is not provided.	Provide fire department connection in accordance with ACCORD standard 5.5.4.	Within 3 months
F-12	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers is not in accordance with NFPA 10.	Inspect, test and maintain the portable fire extinguishers and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 10 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months

F-13	Fire Protection	Inspection, testing and maintenance of the standpipe system is not in accordance with NFPA 14.	Inspect, test and maintain the standpipe system and keep written records on-site, in accordance with NFPA 14 and ACCORD standards.	Within 3 months
F-14	Fire Protection	The fire alarm system throughout the building does not appear to provide adequate audible notification coverage in accordance with NFPA 72.	Provide additional notification appliances such that the fire alarm system is audible throughout the building in accordance with NFPA 72 and ACCORD standards.	Within 6 months
F-15	Fire Protection	Standpipe system is required for the building, which has an occupiable floor 10 m (33 ft) or more above grade. The currently installed standpipe is non-rated and does not meet the standard.	Install a new class III standpipe system in accordance with ACCORD standard 5.4 and NFPA 14. A class I system shall be permitted in buildings protected throughout by an approved automatic sprinkler system.	Within 6 months
F-16	Fire Protection	Fire pump is not provided and appears to be needed for the standpipe system fire demand.	Provide a fire pump in accordance with NFPA 20 and ACCORD standards, or provide an alternative water supply source capable of meeting the required fire protection demand, subject to ACCORD approval.	Within 6 months
F-17	Fire Protection	Visible and audible notification throughout the building was not provided for the building in accordance with NFPA 72.	Provide visible and audible notification for the building in accordance with NFPA 72.	Within 9 months



F-18	Fire Protection	The building is equipped with single-station smoke alarms. Smoke alarm activation sounds only a local alarm and does not provide automatic fire alarm notification of occupants.	Remove single-station smoke alarms. Provide automatic smoke detection throughout the building, tied into the fire alarm system, in accordance with NFPA 72 and ACCORD standards.	Within 9 months
F-19	Egress Lighting	Inspection, testing and maintenance for the emergency lighting system was not in accordance with ACCORD standards.	Inspect, test and maintain the emergency lighting system in the accordance with ACCORD standards. Keep written records on-site.	Within 3 months