



EMSHIELD DFR2

Water / Fire / Traffic / Movement

One Install Does It All



Traffic Durable, Watertight, 2-Hour Fire-Rated Expansion Joint

EMSHIELD DFR2 is a watertight, fire-rated, traffic-durable primary seal for both retrofit and new structural expansion joints in horizontal-plane applications.

EMSHIELD DFR2 eliminates the need for additional fire blankets, mineral wools, liquid sealants, cover plates, or other fire stopping materials.

For joints from 1-inch (25mm) up to 4-inches (100mm) where +25% and -25% (total 50%) of nominal material size joint movement is expected.

EMSHIELD DFR2 (Deck, Fire-Rated 2-Hours) is the first in a comprehensive line of breakthrough, multifunction, structural expansion joint materials being released by EMSEAL. Tested and certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), to the rigors of UL 2079, additional versions for walls and floors are expected to be made available shortly—consult EMSEAL.

Fire-retardant-impregnated foam is factory pre-coated on the underside with an intumescent fireproofing material. The traffic surface receives a traffic-grade silicone coating. The resulting composite is then factory compressed to less than its nominal size for installation into structural or other openings.

EMSHIELD DFR2 provides a watertight, clean handling, UV stable, nonstaining, low-temperature-flexible, high-temperature-stable, watertight, traffic durable and fire-rated joint seal in a single installation process.

EMSHIELD DFR2 builds on EMSEAL's track record of over 30 years of innovation in sealing structural expansion joints with impregnated foam sealants.

Uses

For expansion joints in decks and floors where watertightness and/or a fire-rating and/or traffic durability are required. Applications examples are:

- Stadiums
- Parking Decks
- Stair Tower Perimeters
- Deck-to-Deck
- Arenas
- Floors
- Elevator Tower Perimeters
- Deck-To-Wall

Can be used alone or under any other expansion joint cover, plate or filler where depth of substrate allows.

Product Description

EMSHIELD DFR2 features a traffic-grade silicone sealing surface adhered to a fire-retardant impregnated foam backing and an intumescent bellows on the bottom (fire) side.

The system is installed into epoxy adhesive field-applied to the sides of the foam and on the joint faces. A field-injected silicone sealant band seals the bellows to the substrate at the traffic surface. (NOTE: The DFR2 system was tested and passed UL 2079 without installation of intumescent sealant bands from the underside and these are therefore NOT needed). Joints between each stick are executed using a field-applied silicone sealant at the top of the joint and field-applied intumescent sealant on the adjoining faces below the silicone.





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Features

Watertight — EMSHIELD DFR2 is installed with the tensionless traffic-grade, fuel-resistant bellows facing the traffic ensuring that watertightness is achieved.

Fire-Rated — The fire-retardant-impregnated foam and intumescent bellows is installed facing the lower floor ensuring 2-hour fire protection in accordance with UL-2079.

Non-Invasive Anchoring — There are no hard metal-to-substrate connections with EMSHIELD DFR2. This includes embedded pins, anchors, screws, bolts or tracks, trays or rails, flanges or coverplates. The system is locked to the joint faces by means of the 1) backpressure of the foam; 2) the epoxy adhesive, and 3) the injected sealant bands at the joint face.

Movement Capability +25% and -25% (50% total) of nominal material size.

Versatility — The standard EMSHIELD DFR2 top surface color is gray (other colors are optional). The standard underside color is "intumescent-red". This provides a visual inspection cue to ensure the presence of the fireproofing. At the designer's option, an additional silicone color coating can be applied to the underside.

Joint-Size Variation — Uniform bellows appearance, and the ability to handle variations in joint size through size-switching are among other system features.

Factory-Fabricated Termination and Transition — as in all EMSEAL expansion joint systems, continuity of seal through changes in plane and direction is an essential performance differentiator.

EMSHIELD DFR2 is manufactured in straight-run sticks which can be joined in the field to EMSEAL's patent-pending factory-fabricated "Universal-90" Transitions and Terminations. (see page 4) These are factory-fabricated single-piece 90° units which are coated on both sides with both luminescent and silicone coating allowing them to be installed as an upturn termination or as a downturn termination. Each has a 12-inch long horizontal leg and a 6-inch vertical leg. Terminations end in a 45° sealed and mitered end. Transitions end in an uncoated 90° cut to be adhered to another transition piece as used in treads and risers, parapets, curbs and other short-rise applications.

In addition to guaranteeing watertightness, EMSEAL's "Universal-90 terminations and transitions" allow for much faster and secure installation by eliminating field cutting at angles.

Performance

Capable of movements of +25%, -25% (50% total) of nominal material size.

Standard sizes from 1" (25mm) to 4" (100mm).

Depth of Seal for all sizes = 4" (100mm). Note: Typical thickness of concrete for a 2-hour rating = 4" (100mm).

Substrates must be solid, parallel and plumb.

Sizing

Product Code	Nominal Material Size (Joint Size @ Mean Temp.)	Depth of Seal
DFR2-100-100-02	1 " (25mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-125-100-02	1 1/4" (30mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-150-100-02	1 1/2" (40mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-175-100-02	1 3/4" (45mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-200-100-02	2 " (50mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-225-100-02	2 1/4" (55mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-250-100-02	2 1/2" (60mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-275-100-02	2 3/4" (70mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-300-100-02	3 " (75mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-325-100-02	3 1/4" (80mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-350-100-02	3 1/2" (90mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-375-100-02	3 3/4" (95mm)	4 " (100mm)
DFR2-400-100-02	4 " (100mm)	4 " (100mm)

Colors

Standard traffic surface color is gray (consult EMSEAL for options).

Standard underside color is "intumescent red" to facilitate visual inspection of presence of fire proofing. Additional color coating on bottom side is available as an option—consult EMSEAL.

Testing and Standards

EMSHIELD DFR2 has been tested and certified under UL 2079.

EMSHIELD DFR2 meets the requirements of ASTM E1966, ASTM E119 and ASTM E1399.

UL 2079, like ASTM E1966, was developed to encompass the fire testing of ASTM E119 and the movement cycling regime of ASTM E1399.

Warranty

Standard or project-specific warranties are available from EMSEAL on request. This product can only perform its designed function if it and the joint-gap into which it is installed is sized to suit anticipated joint movements in consideration of the movement capability of the product and in consideration of the temperature at time of installation, and if it is installed in strict accordance with EMSEAL's installation instructions.

Availability & Price

EMSHIELD DFR2 is available for shipment internationally. Prices are available from local representatives and/or directly from the manufacturer. The product range is continually being updated, and accordingly EMSEAL reserves the right to modify or withdraw any product without prior notice.

EMSHIELD DFR2 was tested and certified to UL 2079 in December 2008.
EMSEAL is currently waiting for a UL assembly number and authorization for use of the UL logo.

EMSHIELD DFR2 UL 2079 Testing and Certification

Manufacture

UL certification begins with certification of the manufacturing process. UL personnel observe the entire manufacturing process from impregnation to coating to packaging.

Installation

Next, an installation to include a joint between standard lengths, using the tools, and procedures that will be used in the field is observed by UL. Specifically, 4-inch nominal DFR2 was installed into 4-inch thick concrete slabs (4-inches of concrete are required for the concrete itself to provide 2-hours of fire resistance). Once the epoxy-adhesive and liquid sealants used in the installation were cured, the slabs were ready for cycling.

EMSHIELD DFR2 was tested both with just the intumescent bellows on the bottom side as well as with the intumescent bellows on the bottom side coated with a silicone bellows.

Joint Cycling

Before any fire testing can commence, the product must pass UL's cycling requirement through the extremes of the offered movement range (+25%, -25% from nominal). Joint movement under UL 2079 occurs at two levels. The first, 400 cycles @ 10 cycles/minute. This test is designed to simulate thermal and wind-sway cycling. The second, an additional 100 cycles @ 30 cycles per minute, is more rapid and is designed to simulate seismic movement. EMSHIELD DFR2 passed cycling at both levels.

Fire Resistance

Within 96 hours of the cycling tests the fire testing must occur. The concrete slabs are installed over the test oven.

The joint gap is set at the maximum offered opening for the material size tested (4-inch nominal material at +25% movement claim = 5-inches).

Thermocouples are placed on the top side of the material. For the DFR2, the thermocouples were placed directly on the material—in the middle of the product, at the substrate interface, and directly over the field-joint.

The oven is ignited and the temperature rises rapidly to near 1650 °F (899 °C) over 30 minutes. After two hours the internal temperature of the oven reaches 1850 °F (1010 °C).

The data from the thermocouples is monitored throughout the 2 hour duration of the test. To pass, no single thermo couple can read in excess of 356 °F (180 °C) at any point during the duration of the test.

Final Results

After two hours, no single thermocouple on the EMSHIELD DFR2 read in excess of 248 °F (120 °C).

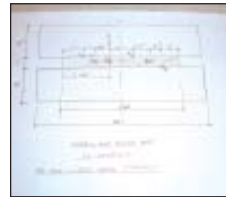
The successful conclusion of the test earns the EMSHIELD DFR2 the certification by UL of this product in sizes from 4-inches and smaller at depths of 4-inches and with a movement capability of +25% and -25% (total 50%) to be fire-rated for up to 2 hours.



Bottom view (fire side) of intumescent-only and intumescent plus silicone bellows coating.



Joint gap at maximum expansion (+25% of nominal size.)



Thermocouples are placed in predetermined locations on top of the expansion joint to effectively measure heat transfer.

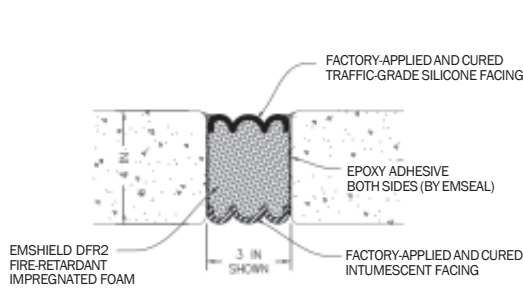


Testing oven below the EMSHIELD DFR2 reaches a maximum temperature of 1850 °F (1010 °C).

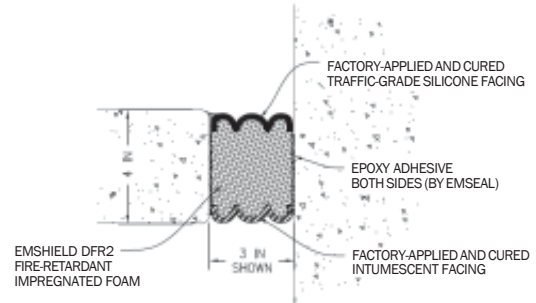


Thermocouples register no more than 248 °F (120 °C)

DFR2 In Deck Applications

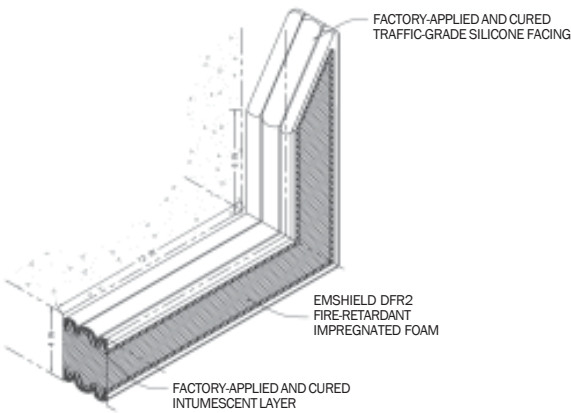


Deck to Deck

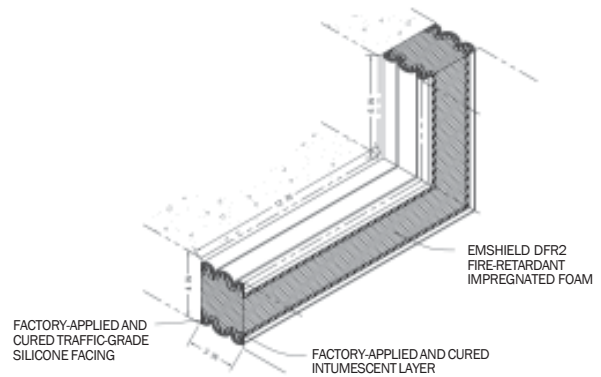


Deck to Wall

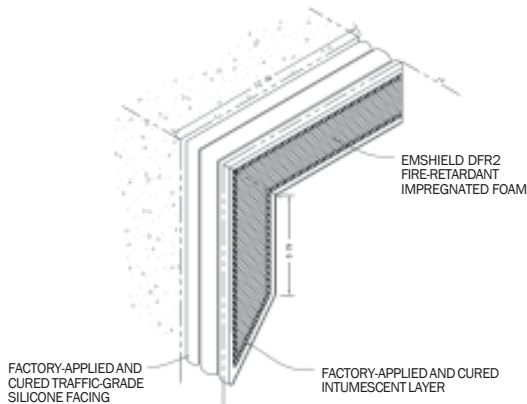
DFR2 Universal-90 Terminations and Transitions



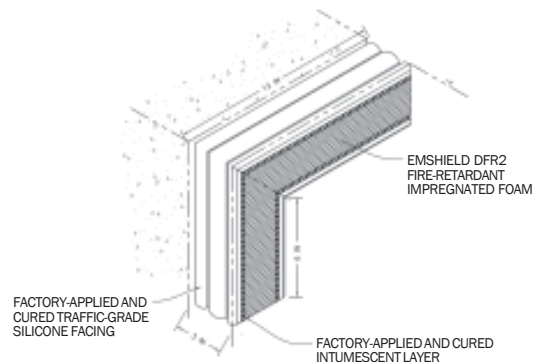
Upturn Termination to Vertical Rise



Horizontal to Vertical Upturn Transition



Downturn Termination to Vertical Overhang



Horizontal to Vertical Downturn Transition