



USE OF FIRESTOPPING COMPONENTS FROM DIFFERENT MANUFACTURERS/SYSTEMS

The ASFP is often asked if it is acceptable to 'mix and match' components from different manufacturers, or different systems made by the same manufacturer, when installing firestopping.

The simple answer is no. While it may be tempting to use e.g. manufacturer A's mineral fibre batt with manufacturer B's adhesive, the combination is unlikely to have been tested and therefore may not perform in fire as intended.

A follow up question is that if one has been told to use components from different manufacturers in a particular installation; is there any way one can get further advice as to their compatibility? In the absence of test evidence, the default answer is again no. While it may be possible to get an assessment from a fire consultant or test/certification body to cover such an application, such an installation may not be covered by any of the manufacturers' warranties or after sales service.

The ASFP strongly recommends the use of third party certificated products. Such products will have a scope of application which will cover their use with other compatible components which may include products from other manufacturers.