Computer Models For Fire and Smoke

Model Name: COMPBRN III

Very Short Description: Zone model for compartment fires, compatible with

probabilistic analysis.

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References: Ho, V., Siu, N., and Apostolakis, G., "COMPBRN – III – A

Computer Code for Modeling Compartment Fires," UCLA-

ENG-8524, NUREC/CR-4566, November 1985.

Availability: On request (public domain)

Hardware: IBM-compatible PC

Math co-processor

5 1/4" floppy drive, 640 kB RAM, 10 MB hard disk

Language: FORTRAN 77

Size: 185 kB (executable), 100 kB (service) plus input and output

files (variable)

Detailed Description:

COMPBRN is a deterministic fire hazards computer program designed to be used in a probabilistic analysis of fire growth in a particular room. It is a zone model. COMPBRN III requires a large amount of input data to specify a particular problem. In addition to the geometry of the enclosure and the different fuel types present, physical parameters such as the density, specific heat, thermal conductivity, heat of combustion, piloted and auto ignition temperatures, burning rate constants, combustion efficiency, etc., are required for each fuel. The output includes the total heat release rate of the fire, the temperature and thickness of the hot gas layer, the surface temperature of individual fuel elements and the thermal heat flux at user-specified locations.