Computer Models For Fire and Smoke

Model Name: WALLEX

Very Short Description: Model for the calculation of heat transfer from window fire

plume to wall above window.

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Research in Construction, National Research Council of

Canada.

References: 1. Oleszkiewicz, I., "Heat Transfer from a Window Fire Plume

to a Building Facade," Collected Papers in Heat Transfer – 1989, HTD – vol. 123, pp. 163-170, American Society of

Mechanical Engineers, New York, NY

2. Law, M., "Fire Safety of Bare External Structural Steel,"

The Steel Construction Institute, U.K. 1989

Availability: Program will be available in future. Calculations can be made

by NRCC at present.

Hardware: Apple Macintosh, IBM-compatible PC

Language: BASIC

Size: 10 kB

Detailed Description:

Input:

Fire compartment dimensions, window(s) dimensions and fire load or expected

heat release rate.

Output:

Total (radiant + convective) heat flux density along centerline above window.

Assumptions:

The model uses formulae for flame dimensions and temperature, developed by M. Law and modified by I. Oleszkiewicz. The heat transfer formulae are semi-

empirical and are based on general formulae for heat transfer and data collected in full-scale experiments at NRCC.