

## Third Party Certification Passive fire protection

UKAS accredited third party passive fire protection certification schemes are run by several certification bodies.

Third party certification for products varies according to the terms of each scheme, but essentially includes verification of the test evidence and scope of application or use of the product, and a regular audit of the factory quality assurance (QA) system to ensure that the product as supplied to the contractor is to the same design as the original test samples.

Third party certification for installers is a process whereby the contracting company is seen to employ appropriately trained staff to design and/or install the required passive fire protection system.

Their work is independently audited by site inspections from the third-party organisation and a full record system is required as part of the scheme.

The use of such certification is recognised in Approved Document B (Use of Guidance; Independent certification schemes) and in the national equivalents.

The use of certificated installers is intended to reduce the incidence of passive fire protection being installed by unskilled or inappropriate contractors and/or the use of unsuitable materials and reduce essential work and re-work considerably.

Upon completion, a Certificate of Conformity is issued to the main contractor for each contract.

It is recommended to always use a certificated contractor or manufacturer for the products they install or manufacturer.

You can find a list of third party certificated installation contractors here  
<http://asfp.associationhouse.org.uk/default.php?cmd=260>

**Third Party Fire Certification includes:**

### Third Party Certification - Product

- Performance of products from a range to be tested
- Evidence from tests used in assessments to create a scope of certification to cover performance of the product range
- Factory production control audits / inspections of production of the products, typically these will be conducted annually
- Requirements for manufacturers to declare changes to products
- Ongoing product verification (audit tests / inspections) at predetermined frequencies

### Third Party Certification - Installer

- Audit of company operational / management procedures and processes (typically annual)
- Regular inspection of ongoing site work
- Competence assessment of supervision and installation personnel at site
- Award of certificate confirming scope of product types company can install under certification
- Listing of company on certification body website for access by regulatory authorities, building owners, insurers, management contractors etc. providing assurance
- Ability to issue a certificate of conformity to the client for works carried out on each specific project which is supported by the certification body

Further guidance may be found in the ASFP document '[Ensuring Best for Passive Fire Protection in Buildings](#)'

**Third Party Fire Certification schemes are listed below:**

### The Loss Prevention Certification Board

<http://www.redbooklive.com>

### Warrington Certification Ltd

<http://www.warringtoncertification.com/firas.html>

### EXOVA BM TRADA

<http://www.exovabmtrada.com/en-gb/certification/product-certification/q-mark-installation-maintenance-certification>

### International Fire Consultants Ltd

<http://www.ifccertification.com/certification/installer-certification.html>