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Foreword

This sub-report by Working Group 2 for the Nordic Sprinkler Research Group is funded by Innovation Norway. World-wide accessible sources at date of writing of evidence on performance of sprinklers in fire have been compiled.

The report include sprinklers, residential sprinklers and water mist for protection of residential, care, hospital, office, education and retail type of buildings.

Research objectives are to:

1. Support Working Group 1 on development of a guide to assess trade-offs in fire design with sprinklers – for use in performance based design (PBD).
2. Provide a knowledge base for use by code or standard developers on prescriptive requirements and test criteria.
3. Provide a knowledge base for fire protection engineers or code officials in doing design verification of fire safety concepts.
4. Provide a knowledge base on evidence of sprinkler performances for researchers.

All sources are referenced and categorized for ease of use. Sources on Internet are linked to. This is a first edition, and limitations are:

- Most laboratory test evidence exist as non-disclosed proprietary reports - these can not be included in a publicly available knowledge base.
- Project resources prevent further data harvesting or elaborations to be made.

In recognizing global lack of a knowledge base for performance based design, however, we consider the present edition a useful status on evidence by 2010.

Updated editions may include new or missing material which can be submitted by research stakeholders world-wide.

Sprinkler Performance Knowledge Base

A fire safety design with sprinkler can neither be established nor verified without consensual and credible, real evidence.

The main table lists sources on *evidence of performance* by sprinkler and summarizes the content of each for easy search. The designations in left column contain links to entries which are accessible on the internet.

Listings of annexes 1 and 2 are the most extensive and include related research on trade-offs, codes, cost etc. Annex 1 categorizes the sources while 2 provide overview by topic.

Performance Categories

Performances

- Effectiveness to protect life from fire
- Effectiveness to extinguish, control or minimize property damage by fire
- Effectiveness as compensatory measure for prescriptive measures
- Reliability: Probability to perform as designed - on demand
- Cost

Entries are categorized

- A. Sources on evidence of performance – life and property loss reduction
- B. Sources on evidence of performance – reliability
- C. Standards and codes specifying trade-offs or sprinkler performance criteria
- D. Literature on sprinkler performances, cost/benefits or sprinkler trade-offs
- E. Miscellaneous literature relevant to sprinkler performances

The main table of report summarizes content of sources in categories A and B. Annexes 1 and 2 each cover all categories.

Applications of the Sprinkler Performance Knowledge Base

The compilation is what we registered world-wide on sprinkler performance. It can be used by engineers, researchers and authorities for tasks such as:

- Developing prescriptive code requirements
- Developing optimum performing sprinkler systems
- Develop, review or update sprinkler system standards
- Compare performances against alternative extinguishing systems (see below)
- Compare performances against alternative protection measures (see below)
- Setting of insurance rates and rebates
- Fire safety assessment of existing buildings

Procedure for Application in Performance Based Design (PBD)

Typical Procedure

1. A sprinkler system is planned to comply with installation standard.
2. Task: Assess risk of a specific fire scenario. Probability and consequences of sprinkler operating?
3. Search most relevant entry in categories A (consequences) and B (reliability). To find faster, first search Appendix B by topic to find appropriate entries, make note of their designations and return to table.
4. Read description of the entries in table to decide which one(s) are the most relevant and click link(s) in left column to access the source. If no link, consider access by other means like purchasing it.
5. If successful, the source provide useful evidence for qualitative assessment of the specific scenario, or it provide a way of approach to assess it.

Examples

See sample sketches on separate page. These are made up to illustrate how a qualitative design may be communicated transparently for third party review.

Use of Result in PBD Reporting

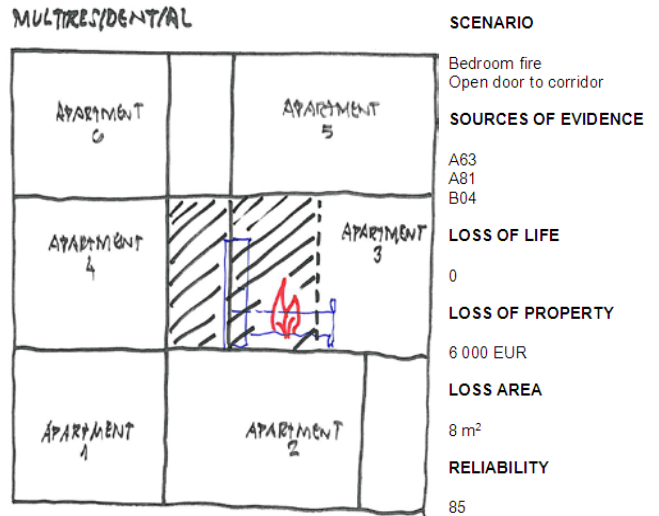
A PBD report should refer to the source(s) used for the qualitative assessment. The robustness or safety margin of results from the qualitative assessment will determine what additional analyses may be required.

Note that this way one can assess performance and reliability of sprinkler only.

Most often, the main design task is trade-off with sprinkler which require comparison against performance of alternative extinguishing systems or prescribed protection by code. For this purpose a method is being developed (WG 1 Draft): "*Methodology for Verifying Trade-offs in Buildings with Fire Sprinklers*".

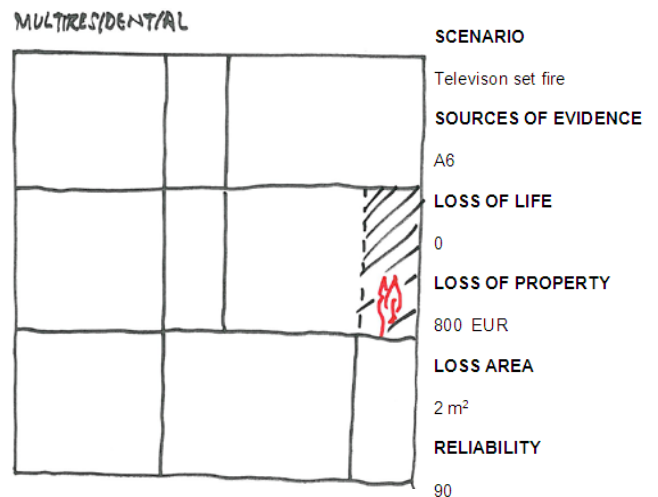
Assessment of sprinkler performance in residential block scenario:

Bedroom fire
(sources A63, A,81, B04)



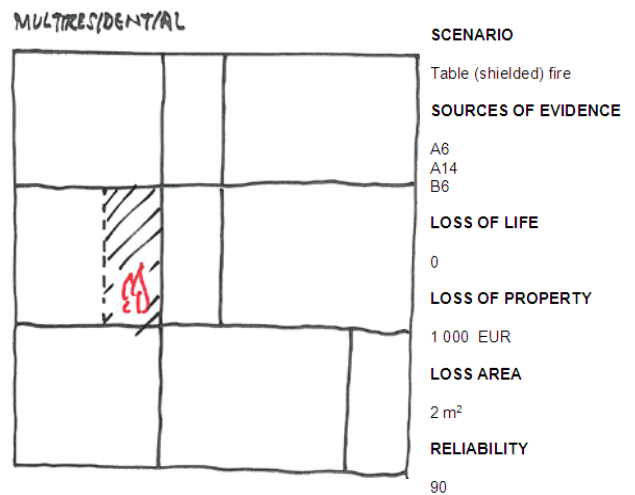
Assessment of sprinkler performance in residential block scenario:

Television set fire
(source A06)



Assessment of sprinkler performance in residential block scenario:

Table fire
(sources A06, A14, B06)



Quick Overview to find which Sources Apply to A Scenario

(search by topic)

Annex 1 can be searched by these topics in column headings:

- I Fire extinguishing performance for protection of life
- II Fire extinguishing performance for protection of property
- III Application, ad hoc or in situ type of tests
- IV Standard tests performed by laboratory
- V Reliability
- VI Cost
- VII Building regulation
- VIII Code requirements
- IX Trade-offs
- X Miscellaneous



*Fire extinguished by water based system
in standard laboratory test*



*Real fire extinguished by stand alone water
mist system in a living room of a disabled
person*

(Sandefjord.Nettsted dsb.no)

SOURCE	SCENARIO	PERFORMANCE		CREDIBILITY	COMMENT
		Loss of Life Reduction	Property Loss Reduction		
ID of literature compilation				Ranking 1-5 * 5=highest	

Reliability

A Sources on evidence of performance – Life and property loss reduction

A1	<p>Bedrooms in care homes. Does sprinkler protect persons intimate with fire – in the fire room? 6 tests: nightwear and bedclothes. Pork w/skin 'body target'. FED analyses.</p> <p>Click IDs in this column to access (internet versions only)</p>	<p>Occupants of which nightwear or bedclothes initially are set on fire will not survive.</p> <p>Other occupants of the room do not experience untenable conditions</p> <p>Reference tests without sprinkler cause rapid death to persons intimate with fire and untenable conditions for others in the room</p>	<p>Not explored (sprinkler performance suggest fire limited to within 1 or few m²)</p> <p>Report by Williams et al for ODFM: Bedroom sprinkler respond to bed fire within few minutes at heat release rate as low as 100 kW at ceiling temperatures 100-150 °C.</p>	5	<p>In the present tests sprinklers operated within 74-96 °C at heads – indicating the lower RTI values in comparison with study by Williams et al.</p> <p>The tests are reported in detail.</p> <p>This report conclude on residential sprinkler cost-effectiveness.</p>
A2	<p>Realistic kitchen fire in domestic two story maisonette dwelling. Chip pan fire.</p>	<p>Not a threat to able occupants</p> <p>Improved visibility in exits compared to non-sprinklered.</p>	<p>Effective control of pan fire.</p>	4	<p>Some impairment of visibility in close vicinity during early stage of the sprinkler activation.</p> <p>No spread to other items (likely fatal potential for sleeping if spread occur)</p>
A2	<p>Realistic bedroom fire in domestic two story maisonette dwelling. Bedding fire – sprinklered + non-sprinklered tests</p>	<p>Not a threat to able occupants</p> <p>Improved visibility in exits compared to non-sprinklered.</p> <p>Unsprinklered fire likely fatal as not sufficient time to move</p>	<p>Effective and rapid extinguishment.</p>	4	<p>Some impairment of visibility in close vicinity during early stage of the sprinkler activation.</p>
A2	<p>Realistic lounge fire in domestic two story maisonette dwelling. Armchair fire – sprinklered + non-sprinklered tests</p>	<p>Visibility as in non-sprinklered fire. No toxic threat to occupants able to exit.</p> <p>Unsprinklered fire likely fatal as not sufficient time to move</p>	<p>Effective and rapid extinguishment.</p>	4	
A2	<p>Realistic fire in shop in a shopping centre. 108 m², h 4 m, enclosed room with no venting. Fire in 100 kg of mixed items: Clothing, toys, bo-oks, futons, wood shelves – sprinklered and non-sprinklered tests</p>	<p>Visibility as in non-sprinklered fire. No toxic threat to occupants able to exit.</p> <p>Unsprinklered fire likely fatal as not sufficient time to move</p>	<p>Effective and rapid extinguishment.</p>	4	

A3	Prior, preliminary study of test results of A2 in regard to survivability at sprinkler-controlled fires.	See A2	-	3	This report include an overview of suvivability at sprinkler and water mist activations from several sources including commercial, residential, aircrafts.
A4	See A26, A28, A32, A33 and A34	See A26, A28, A32, A33 and A34	Refer to FM Global 1995 analysis: Water mist system w/booster pump on public mains increase failure rate by 0.03 compared to residential sprinkler system without pump.	4	Meeting memo include brief discussion on reliability of water mist systems.
A5	Compiled experience with performance test methods for water based systems sprinkler, residential sprinkler, high/low mist	All systems tested: Good life safety performance Most challenging test: Corner test to UL 1626 (UL 2167)	All systems tested: Prevented fire spread room-corridor Most challenging test: Corner test to UL 1626 (UL 2167)	4 Results in this entry from a summary (review main report when available)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UL 1626 • UL 2167 • FM 2030 • FM 5560 Appendix I (US LH Class) • IMO Res. A. 800 • DSB/SRSA guidelines <p>No reference to VdS test methods. Authors suggest review of the DSB/SRSA guide on acceptance criteria.</p>
<u>A6</u>	Test series of residential sprinkler performance in 18 fire tests. Fuel burnt by area recorded, FEDanalysis Lounge, compartment and room of origin 30 min fires	Occupants in room of fire origin would not experience extreme pain from convected heat. In all of sprinklered fires death would not occur. Visibility: Sprinkler no significant effect, not worse and not improved	Property protection performance was not main objective. However, main report include data on extent of property damages by area.	4 Results in this entry from Summary Report Main report include data on extent of proerty damages.	A1 is a continuation of the A6 research. Project goal to determine cost-effectiveness criteria to justify installation: See A1 for updated findings and conclusions. A6 concluded residential sprinkler were not cost-effective for life safety. <i>However, additional benefits like reducing property loss etc could make residential sprinkler cost-effective overall.</i>
A7	Test series of sprinkler, low pressure water mist and high pressure water mist to determine secondary effects of spray on invaluable paintings	-	The secondary damage impact on paintings vary with type of system and painting location on wall. Impact varied with type of painting as well, authentic old or new.	4 (see also Swedish language main report)	The results are inconclusive. Comparison with Norwegian ad hoc test results suggest locations and spray directions of nozzles are governing factors rather than type of system or type of painting

A8	See A6	See A6	See A6	See A6
A9	Water mist system performance in large fires in road tunnels.	The improvement on life safety was obvious. Main factor: cooling effect by water mist on the smoke layer.	The property loss reduction was evident. Main factor is cooling effect by water mist on the smoke layer.	3 (pre-liminary, not final report)
A10	Reported findings from a questionnaire on 1000 installed water mist systems in UK in all categories of purpose of Approved Document B.	Performance is not reported.	Performance is not reported.	3
			Few fire events are registered for the >1000 systems. For all of these events the water mist systems performed successfully.	
			The >1000 water mist systems are all proved fit for purpose by use of standards, fire demonstrations and performance tests. The systems are installed in dwellinghouses, flats and maisonettes in that order (most in dwellinghouses) according to officials. <i>Most of them are installed as compensatory measures to Building Regulation requirements (trade-offs).</i>	
			This entry is less relevant for performance of water mist in fires - except for reliability to respond at real fires.	
A11	See A1	See A1	See A1	See A1
A12	Test standard applying realistic set ups for fire in cabin, luxury cabin, corridor, public space etc on board ships.	See 'Comments'. Refer to document for details.	See 'Comments'. Refer to document for details.	4/5
			The furnished 'cabins' are relevant to residential rooms on land. Approved systems pass acceptance criteria which are detailed in terms of loss of mass, ignited items, percentage of damage to items etc. Acceptance criteria is generally considered to exceed those of sprinklers, though equivalence is the aim.	
A13	In this chapter trade-offs with residential sprinklers or conventional sprinklers are discussed.	Performance is not reported.	Performance is not reported.	4
			This book and the actual chapter is on residential sprinkler history and general It is relevant for describing the early tests and the objectives for developing residential sprinkler systems in the US.	
A14	US Benefit-cost analysis of residential sprinkler systems	The reduced loss of life is 100 % fewer civilian fatalities and 57 % fewer civilian injuries (background study of fires 2002-2005 with 13D sprinkler system and smoke alarms)	Reliability was not part of study. However, the reported statistics (at left) is evidence that life safety reliability is very high. Loss of property is not addressed by '13D' systems. Still, a substantial loss reduction is evident.	4/5
		Expected present value of net benefits (PVNB) (in 2005 \$) is \$2919 for colonial, \$3099 for townhouse and \$4166 for ranch style houses. Lives and property are both valued.	Reduced loss of property was 32 %. Expected present value of net benefits (PVNB) (in 2005 \$) is \$2919 for colonial, \$3099 for townhouse and \$4166 for ranch style houses. Lives and property are both valued.	
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			This report is currently the most in-depth analysis of cost-effectiveness by residential sprinkler systems. The most costeffective residential system is '13D' type on which the study is based. This report provide good performance quantification of a particular type of sprinkler system in terms of economic benefit for three types of bldgs. Such reports should be useful if provided for each of common sprinkler systems.	

	<p>The report stress that more complicated standard sprinkler systems may not exhibit net benefits, as the most simple kind of '13D' systems proved for the studied three categories of residences.</p>
A15	<p>See A2</p> <p>See A2</p> <p>See A2</p>
A16	<p>See A3</p> <p>See A3</p> <p>See A3</p>
A17	<p>See A1</p> <p>See A1</p> <p>See A1</p>
A18	<p>Reliability, cost and water quality of residential sprinkler systems (Aus.)</p> <p>-</p> <p>Reliability of most simple residential system (compare to 'D') is less than that of an ordinary sprinkler system.</p> <p><i>By enhancements the simple system become more reliable and is suggested for multi-residential buildings and care facilities (typical use of 'R' systems). This would include health and mental hospitals (for which one normally apply conventional sprinkler) if supported by an extended study.</i></p> <p>Reliability figures quoted from referenced work are 80-85 % (Rohr US 2001) and 94-100% (Rohr & Hall US 2005). The current research study deducts 95% as 'overall residential sprinkler reliability'.</p> <p>4/5</p> <p><i>We find this report particularly relevant to the prime topics of the current Nordic Sprinkler Group. Including trade-off concepts and cost-effectiveness.</i></p> <p>The residential sprinkler systems of this cost-effective kind are referred to as "combination domestic fire sprinkler systems" in Aus. and compare to 'D' systems or "multi-purpose network sprinkler systems" in the US.</p> <p>The water quality and reliability research of this report is quite comprehensive. The water quality issue stems from stagnant water in pipe ends where water is never fully drained.</p> <p>See A2</p> <p>See A2</p> <p>See A2</p>
A19	<p>See A10</p> <p>See A10</p> <p>See A10</p>
A20	<p>Recessed and concealed sprinklers tested to determine performance compared to pendant sprinkler in residential premises.</p> <p>Based on 12 'stylised' tests (standard tests using realistic furniture in laboratory) and 10 realistic table and television fires, recessed or concealed heads compare to pendant sprinklers in terms of life safety in the room of fire origin, although correct installation also proved crucial.</p> <p>Slow growing and shielded fires proved a challenge to control by recessed or concealed sprinklers.</p> <p>4/5</p> <p>This extensive article provide an overview on UK research on sprinklers and residential sprinklers as of Nov 2007.</p> <p>Residential sprinklers cost-effective for care homes and all blocks of flats <i>when more than 11 storeys</i>. Not cost-effective for other dwellings unless one apply trade-offs to increase the effectiveness.</p> <p>See A10</p> <p>See A10</p> <p>See A10</p>
A21	<p>The report on which A20 is based.</p> <p>See A20</p> <p>See A20</p>
A22	<p>A report on benefits and trade-offs using sprinkler. Extinguishing and control performances of sprinklers</p> <p>Summarizes the results of some of the other entries in this compilation. <i>Guide and calculations on how to</i></p> <p>Summarizes the results of some of the other entries in this compilation. Discuss and list example trade-offs</p> <p>Reliability is addressed by discussion based on statistical data of common fire protection measures.</p> <p>3/4</p> <p><i>This report is the single source that best addresses objectives of the Nordic Group WG 2 Project.</i></p> <p>(As being referred to by UK ADB: May</p> <p>See A20</p> <p>See A20</p> <p>See A20</p>

	<i>determine sprinkler effectiveness in a given buildings – for use with performance based fire safety design and trade-offs.</i>	<i>for sprinkler as well as for residential sprinkler systems. Guide and calculations on how to determine sprinkler effectiveness in a given buildings – for use with performance based fire safety design and trade-offs.</i>	<i>It compare sprinkler to other measures. All evidence support the statement sprinkler reliability by far outperforms reliability of for instance fire rated compartmentation.</i>	<i>rank as 5)</i>	<i>In some respect this document provides method and guide like the WG 2 aims for. The report is referred to by UK ADB prescriptive code.</i>
A23	and residential sprinklers and water mist. For use with performance based or prescriptive design. Cost, reliability and table listing trade-offs in UK ADB prescriptive code.	-	-	3	Interesting for these two residential fire scenarios.
A24	Extinguishing tests conducted by laboratory: A realistic kitchen fire and a bedroom fire. Several 'extinguishing' agents' tested. Sprinkler used for bedroom fire only.	The test results are interesting but less for general conclusions. It can be valuable to check this if one evaluates sprinkler suitability at kitchen and bedroom fire scenarios.	See A23	See A23	See A23
A25	Article explaining why minimum water density demand of NFPA 13D and 13R was increased 2002.	-	-	4	The discussion on performance of residential sprinkler of two different densities is relevant.
A26	A presentation on SINTEF criteria and test method for autonomous extinguishing systems for living room for disabled persons.	Sofa fire, upholstered chair fire, cooking stove fire scenarios. Door closed and open. Non-rated wall and ceiling surfaces. See complete report A28 for details. See Axx for tests of same scenarios.	-	4/5	See complete report A28 for details.
A27	See A36	See A36	See A36	See A36	See A36
A28	See A26	The test method applies realistic furniture etc and a dedicated set of acceptance criteria. The tests assume disabled person in the room of fire origin. The 4 systems tested did not meet the criteria but for one exception.	-	4/5	This test method and criteria is adopted by authorities in Sweden and Norway. Finland did verifying tests and suggests review of parameters/criteria on details. Being considered in UK. Such systems are not known for being addressed by any other standard.
A29	Fire safety of two safety designs are compared using two different methods of analysis: Gretener (SIA DOC 81) method plus a method applying probability of severe fires that threaten construction integrity.	Life safety excluded from study. A 60 min design with small compartments compared to a sprinklered design with larger compartments and 30 min rating. <i>The probabilistic method is reported to serve well. Author points at considerable savings for design of structures involving steel or timber.</i>	-	4/5	Swiss research. <i>The only source and method identified that analyse consequences of interaction of active and passive systems and sprinkler as a compensating measure for increased and fewer compartments - as opposed to work on sprinkler to reduce fire resistance only.</i>
A30	Presentation on the paper	See A29	See A29	See A29	See A29

of A29. Provide details and sample calculations.

<p>A31</p> <p>Article on successful real fire incident involving water mist in care home.</p>	<p>Fire in pillow/bed in a care home living room was automatically extinguished by the water mist system prior to manual intervention.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>3</p> <p>This sample success story of water mist is similar to numerous successful sprinkler activations. This is the way water mist works as expected. The article reminds of minor damage compared to room damage without sprinkler</p>
<p>A32</p> <p>See A26 and A28</p>	<p>See A26 and A28</p>	<p>See A26 and A28</p>	<p>See A26 and A28</p>
<p>A33</p> <p>Report discusses challenge of comparing performance of different water based suppression systems. It points at need for a guide.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>4/5</p>	<p>Relevant when comparing different type of systems for extinguishing or suppression at specific applications.</p>
<p>A34</p> <p>See A33</p>	<p>See A33</p>	<p>See A33</p>	<p>See A33</p>
<p>A35</p> <p>A detailed report on tests made in laboratory to assess performance of a water mist system at fires in paper archive, compact shelves archive and fixed video cassette archive.</p>	<p>Proprietary report.</p>	<p>Proprietary report.</p>	<p>This report is listed as <i>an example of numerous</i> laboratory tests made for manufacturers and not accessible for research. Such reports contain detailed and highly useful data for those assessing specific system performance at an application. The merit of such reports should be ranked high and favoured to general methods or tests to determine performance (comment by this author)</p>
<p>A36</p> <p>Complete overview of tests to determine residential sprinkler performance in fire - made up to 2001.</p>	<p>Test methods are described. Since most use realistic furnished test rooms they are relevant to assess performance of residential sprinklers as a compensatory measure.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>4/5</p> <p>The report complements the other listed sources on fire tests, since few of these cover historic development tests prior to 2001.</p>
<p>A37</p> <p>Comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of residential sprinklers. Reliability, probabilities, statistics, damage reducing performance, cost etc.</p>	<p>A method of risk assessment included. Performance is based on tests reported in other entries of this list.</p>	<p>Reliability is extensively handled. Much of content in A18 is discussed in this report as well.</p>	<p>4/5</p> <p>Although more recent works in this list addresses the same, this report may be the most thorough one.</p>
<p>A38</p> <p>Paper deals with challenge of comparing performances of different systems for different applications.</p>	<p>Laboratory tests are referenced on applications of aviation, sensitive artefacts and paintings.</p>	<p>Reliability is briefly discussed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Performance based design with sprinklers require quantification in terms of loss of damage, loss of life etc. A new set of acceptance criteria is proposed.</p>
<p>A39</p> <p>Full scale tests of multiroom configuration with corridor and sprinkler</p>	<p>Conditions in corridor and target room tenable in all sprinkler tests. 1 MW wood crib. Burn room 15m³</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Conclusions similar as A2 and A3 and is very clear. However, use of wood crib less realistic than A2 and A3 test fires.</p>

B Sources on evidence of performance – Reliability

B1.1	Reliability study of sprinkler installations in DK by inspections	-	97.6 % of systems were considered operational at time of inspection.	3	The reliability study is unusual: Most other studies are based on fires. Entry B2 discusses this study. A similar study was performed earlier in NO: Results are very different – 74 and 80 % - despite similar systems and no pumps. The reason is obviously the way data is handled. See B8 on how to handle this.
B1.2	Comments to entry B1	-	-	3	The study cannot compare with any other and caution should be exerted when applying the results.
B2	An anonymised report distributed by an IAFSS forum member in 2005.	-	A controversial report presenting less good reliability data on sprinklers using statistical data and being critical of former statistics. This report is important since it changed statistical reports.	2	It is believed this report caused NFPA to change its way of presenting statistical data. They became more nuanced and reliability figures lowered. By now, the general opinion is NFPA reports are fair and correct – they also compare to figures published by NIST and BSI.
B3	NFPA article on the 2008 statistical report on sprinklers. See B7 for extensive report published 2009.	-	See B7 for updated figures 2009	4	Published annually.
B4	See B7	See B7	See B7	4	See B7
B5	See B7	See B7	See B7	4	See B7
B6	A summary of death statistics in Europe and arguments to prevent future loss by sprinkler	-	Pointing at sprinkler superior reliability and loss reduction, listing multiple-death fires.	2	-
B7	The NFPA annual report on sprinkler statistics 2009	Extensive loss of life reduction statistics	Extensive loss reduction statistics	4	The most comprehensive statistics world-wide on sprinkler loss reduction and reliability performance
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In reported structure fires large enough to activate them, sprinklers operated in 95% of fires in sprinklered properties. -Wet pipe sprinklers operated in 96% of these fires vs. 84% for dry pipe sprinklers. - In reported structure fires large enough to activate them, sprinklers operated and were effective in 91% of fires in sprinklered properties. 		

-Wet pipe sprinklers operated and were effective in 92% of fires vs 77% for dry pipe sprinklers.

B8	A compilation of 7 reports on sprinkler statistics from various countries of the world.	-	The reliability of sprinkler systems in Sweden is 92%.	3	A good report which handles diverse criteria of reports systematically. Note the results are in line with the most comprehensive reports (B7, B11, B15).
B9	See B7	See B7	See B7	4	See B7
B10	See B7	See B7	See B7	4	See B7
B11	A summary of statistics on sprinkler versus other protection systems. Made 9 years prior to B8.	-	Distinguishes on <i>operational</i> and <i>performance</i> reliability and discuss the implications of definitions and comparing statistics. Due to available sources most are <i>operational</i> data only and figures are high for sprinkler: 95-99%. Fire compartments w/doors: 69%(gypsum), 81%(masonry)	4/5	This makes up the single US source attempting to compare reliability of fire protection systems. An equivalent study is B15 and figures compare well.
B12	See B12	See B12	See B12	4/5	See B12
B13	See A29 and A30	See A29 and A30	See A29 and A30	4	See A29 and A30
B14	An article on sprinkler system reliability out of various statistical sources.	-	Conforms to terminology of B11 and results by sources varies 81.3% to 99.5%. A sound discussion on reliability estimates, probability calculations etc.	3/4	It is useful to consider B7, B11, B15 as well while applying this research article
B15	Standard on how to handle reliability of fire protection measures in performance based analyses. List of reliability data deducted from various statistics.	-	Overall reduction in loss due to provision of sprinklers: 50 % Probability of successful sprinkler operation: Maximum: 0.95 % General: Property protection: 0.9 % Life safety: 0.8 % Minimum: 0.75 %	4/5	This makes up the single UK source attempting to compare reliability of fire protection systems. An equivalent study is B18 and figures compare well.

* *Ranking of credibility: This table include Category A and B sources (test evidence) only. Ratings of knowledge base entries in Categories C-E are generally lower.*

ANNEX 1

Compiled Literature by Category

A Sources on Evidence of Performance – Loss Reduction (life and property)

1. Shipp, M; Clark, P: *Sprinkler Effectiveness in Care Homes*. BRE Ltd. ODPM Final Research Report BD2546. 2006.
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