ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor Program

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Value to architects, specifiers & GCs

The importance of selecting specialty firestop contractors

- Increased Quality
- Increased Safety
- Reduced Costs
UL and ULC Qualified Firestop Contractors said....

......the UL Qualified Firestop Contractor Program....

- 95% said “enhances my company’s credibility”
- Almost 60% said “it opens doors to new business”
- Almost 50% said “allows me to bid on projects I normally wouldn’t have access to”
When asked “Have you seen specifications requiring a UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor?”

Almost 70% said “yes, I have seen specifications requiring a UL or ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor”
What are the Requirements?

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What is a Management System?

Management system principles provide a framework for how companies operate and result in:

- Taking responsibility and authority for good work practices
- Consistent and effective control of key processes and project management
- Promotion and standardization of good work practices
- Planned training & qualification of employees
- Enhanced communication, leadership, effective remote site management, accountability, contractual control, and control of suppliers and materials
What is a Management System?

- Review Construction Document Requirements
- Procurement of Firestop Materials
- Storage, Handling, Preservation & Delivery of Firestop Materials
- Installation & Quality Assurance Procedures
- Inspection & Testing
- Control of Non-Conforming Materials
- Training & Qualifying Staff
- Corrective & Preventive Actions
- Management System Monitoring & Improvement
- Documentation & Record Keeping
What are the Requirements?

Management must be committed to your organizations’ management system and provide evidence of that commitment by:

- Establishing a policy
- Communicating the importance of meeting requirements
- Defining and communicating responsibilities and authorities of staff
- Providing adequate resources
- Conducting management reviews to continually improve the effectiveness of the management system

The DRI is responsible for:

- Planning & conducting periodic audits of the management system
- Reporting audit results
- Maintaining audit records

Document these responsibilities and requirements
Documentation & Recordkeeping

Documents

- Policy
- Procedures
- Work Instructions
- Records
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Management System Manual
3 procedures must be documented:

- Control of Non-Conforming Materials
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Detailed Steps to carry out the Procedures or Processes
Forms used to record information become records
Records required:

- Construction records, including contracts, systems and amendments
- Incoming material inspection
- Installation inspection and test records
- Equipment records including calibration when applicable
- Customer complaint records, with corrective action (and preventative action as appropriate)
- Corrective and Preventive Action records
- Non-conforming material records
- Staff education, training, competency evaluations and training effectiveness
- DRI Audits
- Management review records
Ten Elements of a Management System

1. Construction Document Requirements & Review
2. Procurement of Firestop Materials
3. Storage, Handling, Preservation & Delivery of Firestop Materials
4. Installation & Quality Assurance Procedures
5. Inspection & Testing
6. Control of Non-Conforming Materials
7. Training & Qualifying Staff
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9. Management System Monitoring & Improvement
10. Documentation & Recording Keeping
How do I find a ULC Qualified Firestop Contractor?

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Within each building materials product category listed here, you will find product information, testing and certification details and other useful resources.
Qualified contractor programs

The qualified contractor programs provide architects, authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), general contractors, manufacturers, building owners and others with a way to identify contractors that comply with the qualified contractor program requirements.

For many years, UL has been classifying firestops and spray-applied fire resistive materials (SFRMs) and listing them in UL Fire Resistance Directory. Now, through the UL qualified contractor program, UL provides the industry with a way to identify contractor firms involved in the installation of firestops and SFRMs that have been assessed by an independent third party. In Canada, UL’s affiliate ULC also provides a wide range of certification services including certifying and listing firestops in the Canadian Fire Resistance Directory. Firestop contractors interested in coverage for Canada can do so through ULC’s qualified firestop contractor program.

The programs include contractor firms that have demonstrated knowledge and a comprehensive management system specifically focused on the selection and installation of firestop systems or spray-applied fire-resistive materials (SFRMs). The contractor firm systems audited under this program provide an integrated approach (demonstrated knowledge and management system) to controlling the processes in addressing architectural, AHJ and customer requirements. Once program requirements are met, the contractor is issued a certificate effective for one year. The contractor may also use the qualified firestop contractor program marking or qualified SFRM contractor program marking. Contractors are re-audited annually by UL to assess continued compliance with the program.

If you are an architect, AHJ, general contractor, manufacturer or building owner, please visit our qualified contractors list to find qualified contractors.

If you are a contractor, these qualified contractor programs are available to you:
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