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# 1 INTRODUCTION

This report concerns tests conducted on a louvre to determine the Rainwater Penetration and the Pressure Drop versus Airflow Curves, with the associated Coefficient of Entry and Coefficient of Discharge, using the test methods contained within BS EN 13030:2001. It should be noted that BS EN 13030:2001 simply provides a method for testing and rating louvre samples, there are no minimum permitted values or recommendations for louvre performance.

The work was commissioned by Renson Ventilation NV and was carried out at BSRIA North from 11 to 16 March 2020.

## Items received for test

Test Item	BSRIA ID
Linus L.120 Blades + water gutter + mesh 2.3 x 2.3	101477A9

## 1.1 TEST ITEM INFORMATION

Contract	101477
Date	04/Mar/2020
Manufacturer	Renson Ventilation NV
Louvre Model	Linus L.120 Blades + water gutter + mesh 2.3 x 2.3
Material	Aluminium
Painted	No
Core Area Height	1020 mm
Core Area Width	1005 mm
Blade Pack Depth	90 mm
Frame Depth	60 mm
No. of Blades	9
Blade Pitch	120 mm
Blade Angle	30° approx.
No. of Banks	1
Guard Type	Insect
Guard Spacing	20 mm
Side Channels	No
Water Drip Tray	Yes
Blade Orientation	Horizontal

**Note:** Weather louvre core area - product of the minimum height H and minimum width W of the front opening in the weather louvre assembly with the louvre blades removed  
Blade Pack Depth refers to the distance from front of first bank to rear of last bank.

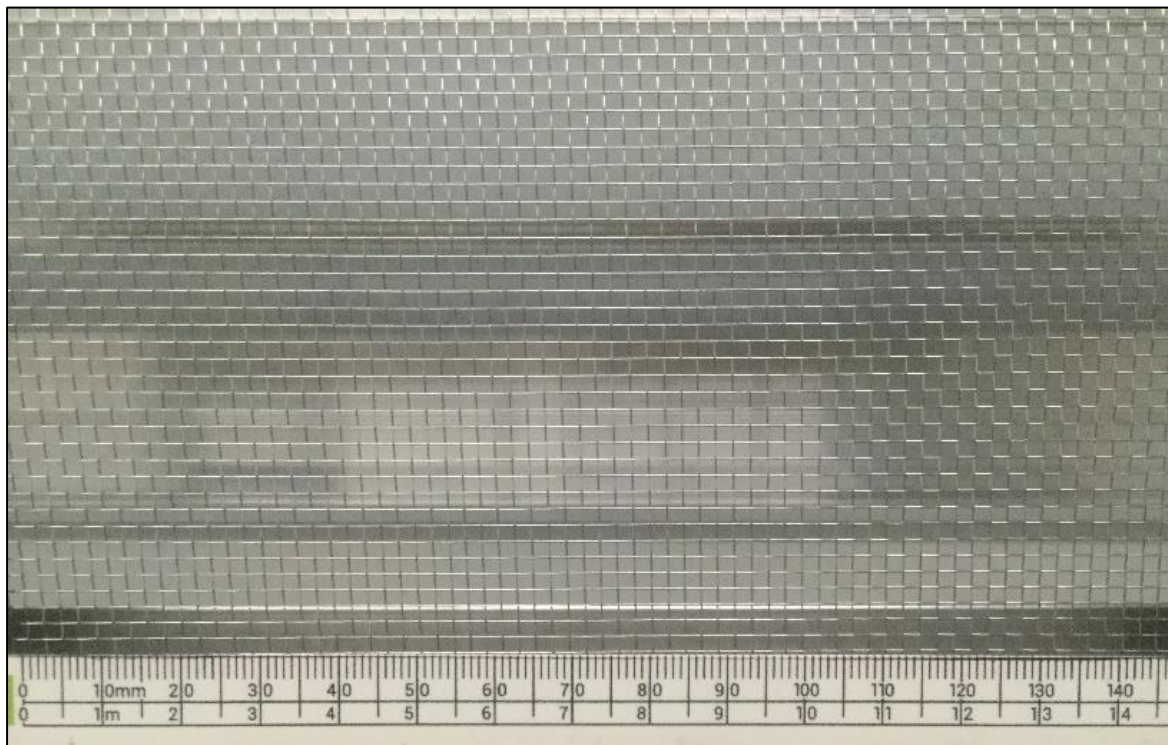
**Figure 1 Test item 101477A9 (front)**



**Figure 2 Test item 101477A9 (rear)**



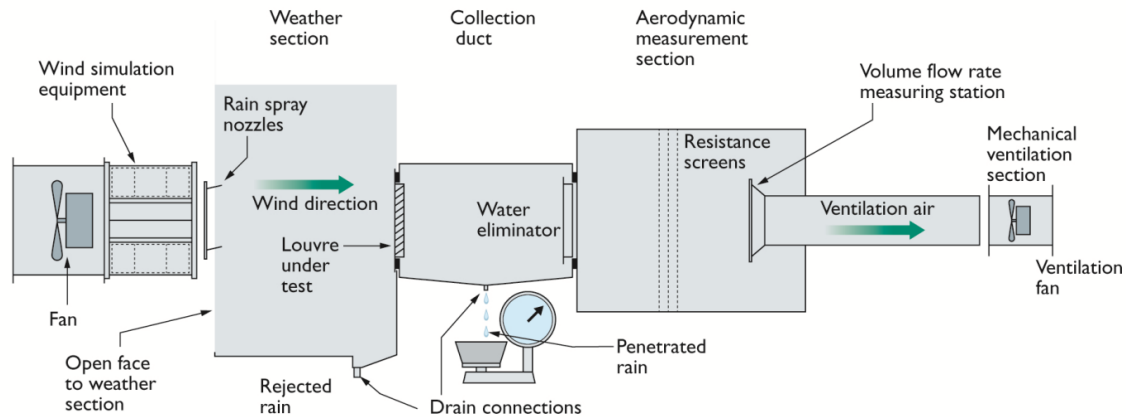
**Figure 3 Test item 101477A9 (close-up of guard)**





## 2 TEST METHOD

A schematic representation of the rig used during testing



The test comprises of two parts:

### 2.1 WATER PENETRATION

The weather louvre is subjected to fan driven wind at a speed of 13 m/s and water sprayed as rainfall at a rate of 75 l/h (+10% / -0%). In addition to the simulated wind and rain, air is drawn through the louvre at various set velocities (0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 m/s).

Each test is preceded by a suitable 'pre-test' soak which is typically around 30 minutes. Each test is run until the results become stable, and in any case, for a minimum of 30 minutes.

The penetrated water is collected in the collection duct and is measured and recorded against time elapsed. A range of measurements are taken to give the characteristic curve for the test louvre.

### 2.2 PRESSURE DROP

For this test, the Aerodynamic Measuring Section (AMS) is separated from the main rig. The louvre is then mounted in the upstream opening of the AMS.

Pressure tappings in the plenum walls of the AMS allow measurement of the static pressure within the plenum during testing. The airflow volume is calculated from the differential pressure at the measuring cones. The plenum has a set of settling screens within to produce even flow through the cones and therefore gives an accurate reading of the total volume.

By adjusting the fan speed, the total airflow through the system varies and therefore changes the pressure on the louvre under test. A range of measurements are taken to give the characteristic curve for the test louvre.

### 2.3 TEST EQUIPMENT USED

Test equipment	BSRIA ID	Calibration Expiry Date
Rain measuring system	353	19-12-20
Airflow cones	364	24-01-21
Fan	484	19-12-20
Flow meter	1688	17-06-20
Scales (water)	1599	15-05-20
Micromanometer	1600	19-12-20
Micromanometer	1601	19-12-20
Temperature and Pressure Gauge	1605	31-07-20
Water supply measurement	1749	20-12-20



### 3 RESULTS

#### 3.1 RAINWATER PENETRATION

Manufacturer Renson Ventilation NV

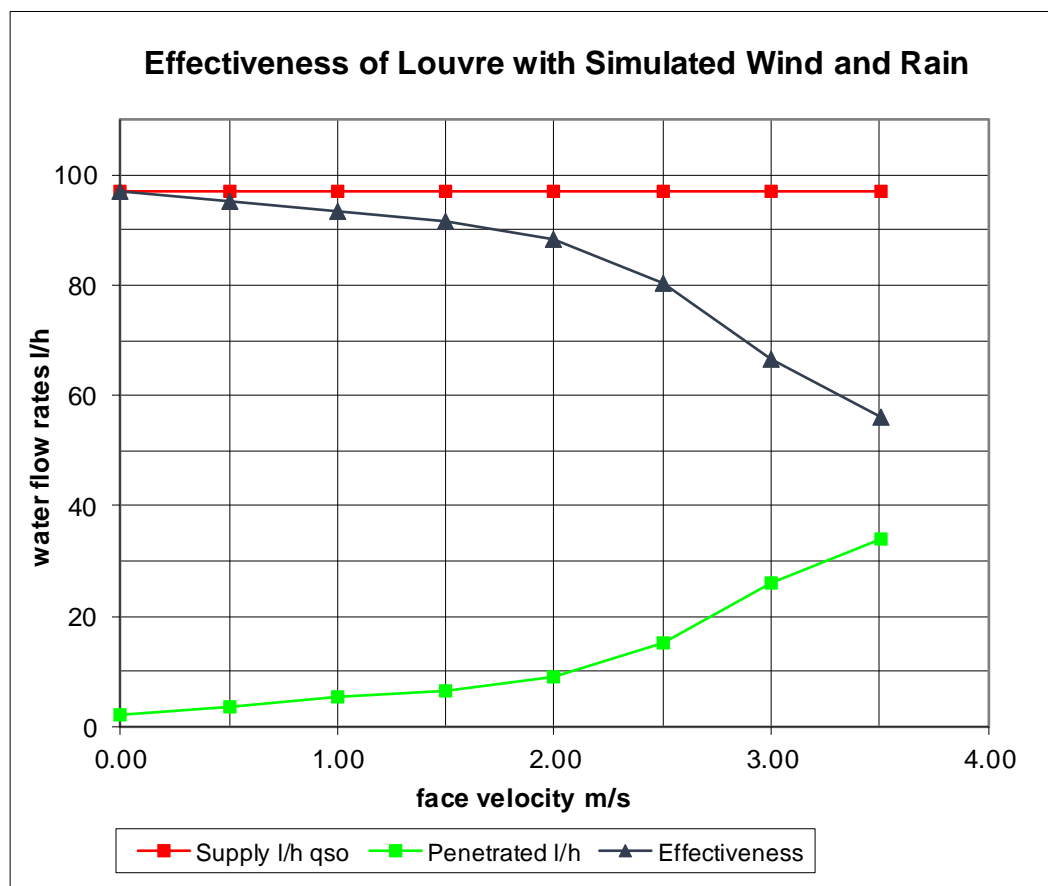
Date 11/03/2020

Model Linius L.120 Blades + water gutter + mesh 2.3 x 2.3

Contract 101477

Simulated Rainfall	75 (+10% / -0%)	mm/hr	Core Area Height	1020	mm
Wind Speed	13	m/s	Core Area Width	1005	mm
			Core Area Area	1.025	m <sup>2</sup>

Ventilation Rate		Water Flow Rates		Effectiveness %	Class
Volume m <sup>3</sup> /s	Velocity m/s	Supply l/h	Penetrated l/h		
0.00	0.00	97.2	2.2	97.1	B
0.51	0.50	97.2	3.6	95.3	B
1.03	1.00	97.2	5.2	93.3	C
1.54	1.50	97.2	6.6	91.5	C
2.05	2.00	97.2	8.9	88.5	C
2.56	2.50	97.2	15.1	80.5	C
3.08	3.00	97.2	25.9	66.7	D
3.59	3.50	97.2	34.1	56.2	D



### 3.2 COEFFICIENT OF ENTRY

Manufacturer Renson Ventilation NV

Date 16/03/2020

Model Linius L.120 Blades + water gutter + mesh  
2.3 x 2.3

Contract 101477

Air Temperature 16.6 °C

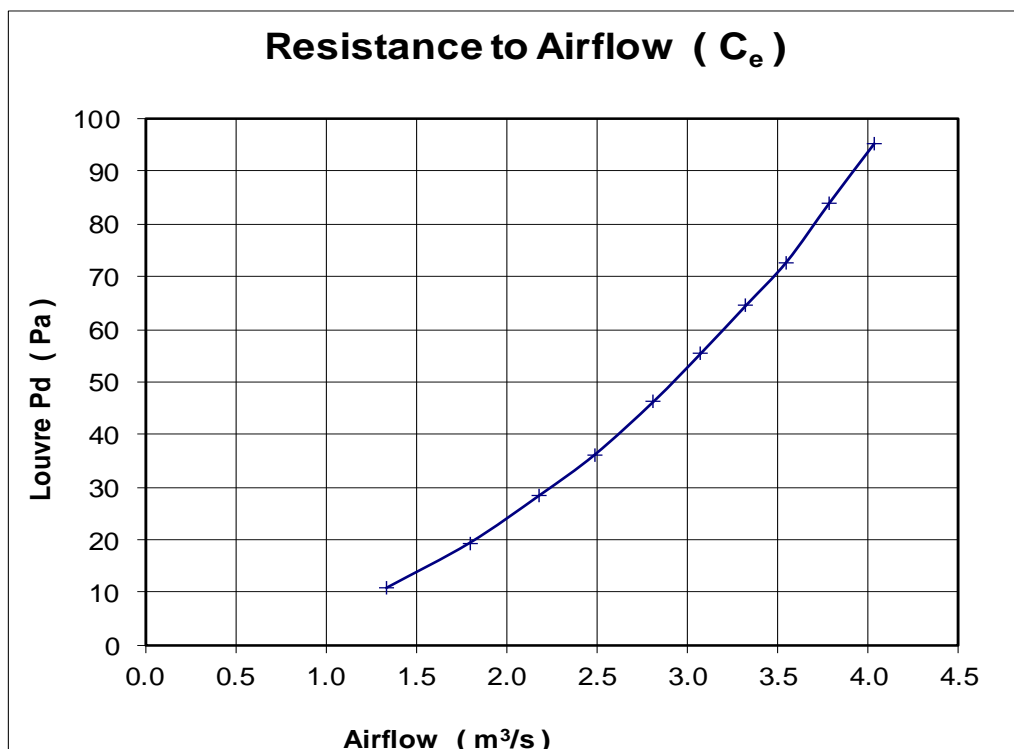
Core Area Height 1020 mm

Barometer 1014.5 mbar

Core Area Width 1005 mm

Air Density 1.215 kg/m<sup>3</sup>Core Area Area 1.025 m<sup>2</sup>

Louvre p.d. Pa	Louvre Face Velocity	Air Flow Rate		Coefficient C <sub>e</sub>
	m/s	Test m <sup>3</sup> /s	Theoretical m <sup>3</sup> /s	
10.8	1.31	1.339	4.322	0.310
19.3	1.75	1.796	5.778	0.311
28.4	2.13	2.184	7.009	0.312
36.1	2.43	2.488	7.903	0.315
46.3	2.75	2.816	8.950	0.315
55.5	3.00	3.078	9.799	0.314
64.5	3.24	3.324	10.563	0.315
72.8	3.46	3.548	11.222	0.316
84.0	3.69	3.784	12.055	0.314
95.2	3.93	4.030	12.833	0.314
Mean C <sub>e</sub>				0.313
Class				2



A 'trendline' for the above graph would follow  $y = 6.0647x^{1.9693}$

### 3.3 COEFFICIENT OF DISCHARGE

Manufacturer Renson Ventilation NV

Date 16/03/2020

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Air Temperature 17 °C

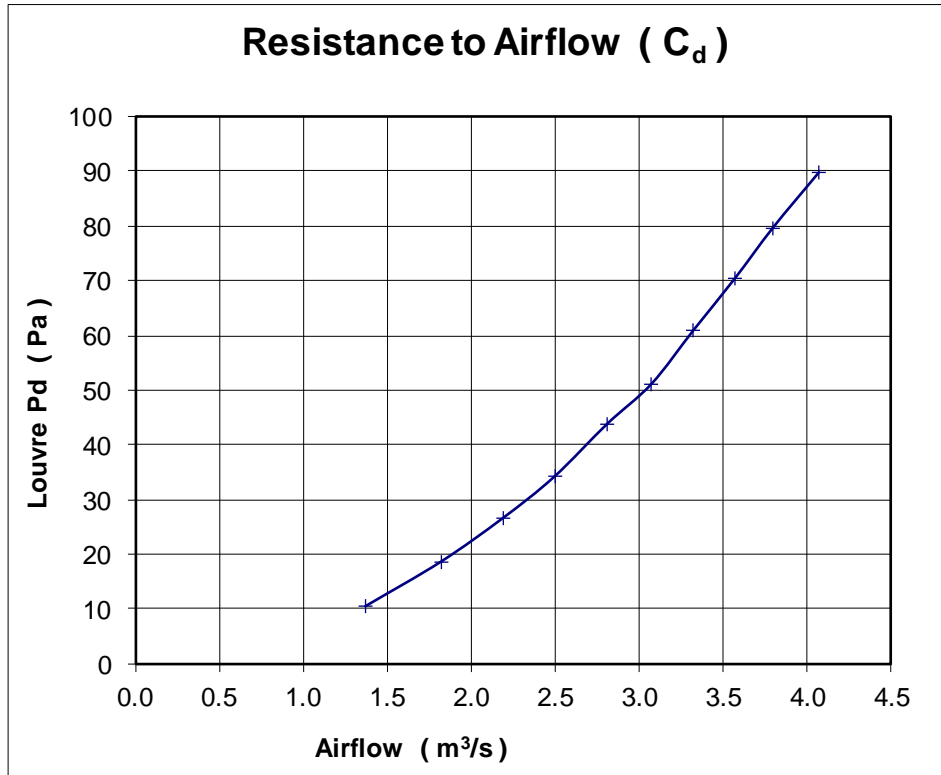
Core Area Height 1020 mm

Barometer 1014.3 mbar

Core Area Width 1005 mm

Air Density 1.213 kg/m<sup>3</sup>Core Area Area 1.025 m<sup>2</sup>

Louvre p.d. Pa	Louvre Face Velocity	Air Flow Rate		Coefficient C <sub>d</sub>
	m/s	Test m <sup>3</sup> /s	Theoretical m <sup>3</sup> /s	
10.5	1.34	1.377	4.265	0.323
18.6	1.78	1.824	5.677	0.321
26.6	2.14	2.193	6.789	0.323
34.1	2.44	2.496	7.687	0.325
43.8	2.74	2.812	8.712	0.323
51.1	3.00	3.075	9.410	0.327
60.8	3.24	3.322	10.264	0.324
70.3	3.48	3.569	11.037	0.323
79.6	3.70	3.796	11.744	0.323
89.7	3.97	4.068	12.467	0.326
Mean C <sub>d</sub>				0.324
Class				2



A 'trendline' for the above graph would follow  $y = 5.5891x^{1.9847}$

## APPENDIX A: MANUFACTURER'S DRAWING

