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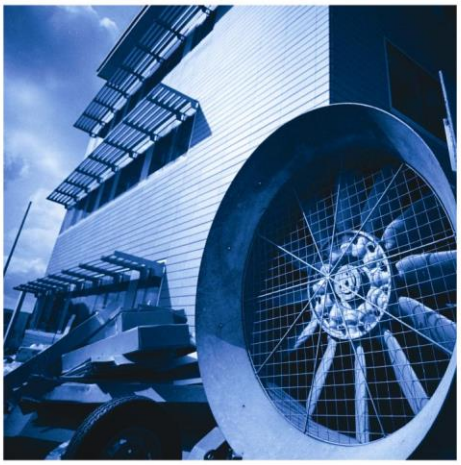

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1 INTRODUCTION

This report concerns tests conducted on a louvre to determine the Rainwater Penetration and the Pressure Drop versus Airflow Curve, with the associated Coefficient of Entry using the test methods contained within EN 13030 : 2001. The work was commissioned by nv RENSON Sunprotection-Projects sa and was carried out at BSRIA on 16 – 22 December 2015.

Items received for test

Test Item	BSRIA ID
L.050W-V	59126A6

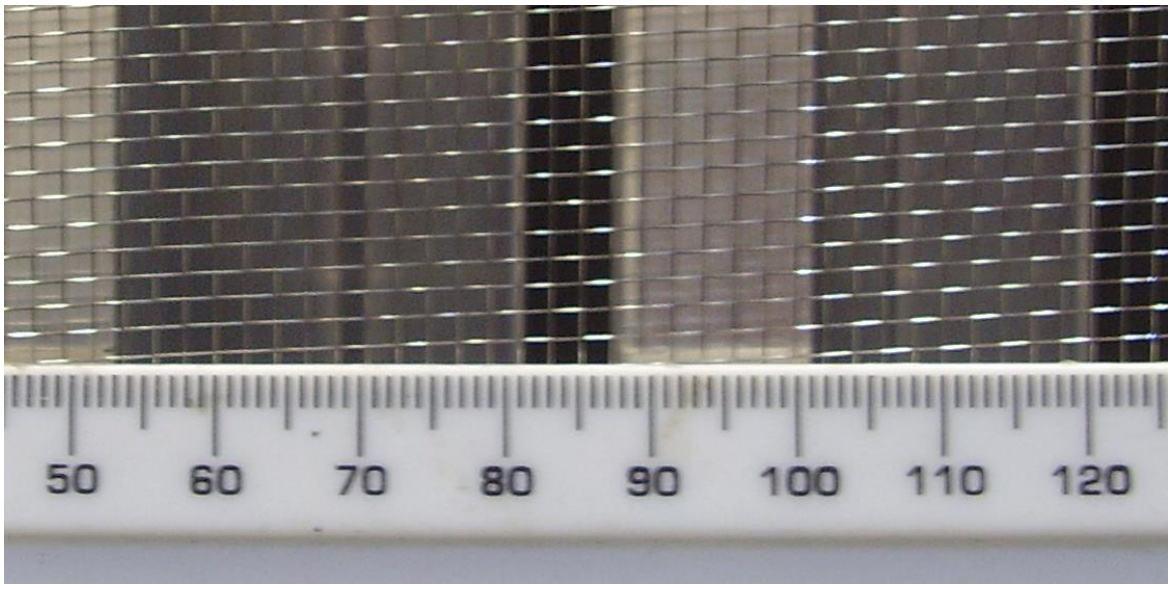
1.1 TEST ITEM INFORMATION

Contract		59126
Date		16-12-15
Manufacturer		nv RENSON Sunprotection-Projects sa
Louvre Model		L.050W-V
Material		Aluminium
Painted		No
Blade Height		998 mm
Blade Width		954 mm
Blade Depth		145 mm
Frame Depth		157 mm
No. of Blades		19
Blade Pitch		50 mm
Blade Angle		60º approx. to the airflow
No. of Banks		1
Guard Type		Insect
Guard Spacing		10 mm
Side Channels		Yes
Water Drip Tray		Yes
Blade Orientation		Vertical

Figure 1 Test item 59126A6 (front)

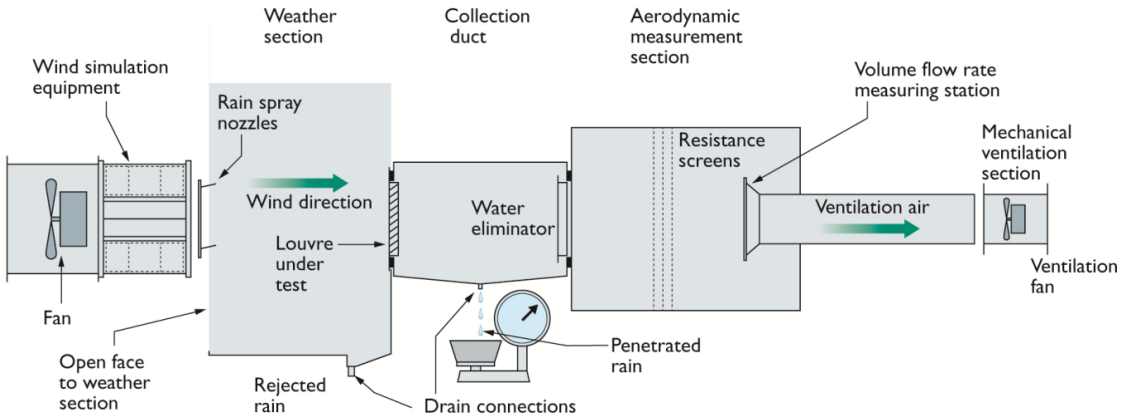
Figure 2 Test item 59126A6 (rear)

Figure 3 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. 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
Water supply measurement	352	9-1-16
Rain measuring system	353	9-1-16
Airflow cones	364	9-1-16
Micromanometer	5	17-2-16
Micromanometer	682	7-1-16
Scales (water)	332	9-2-16

3 RESULTS

3.1 RAINWATER PENETRATION

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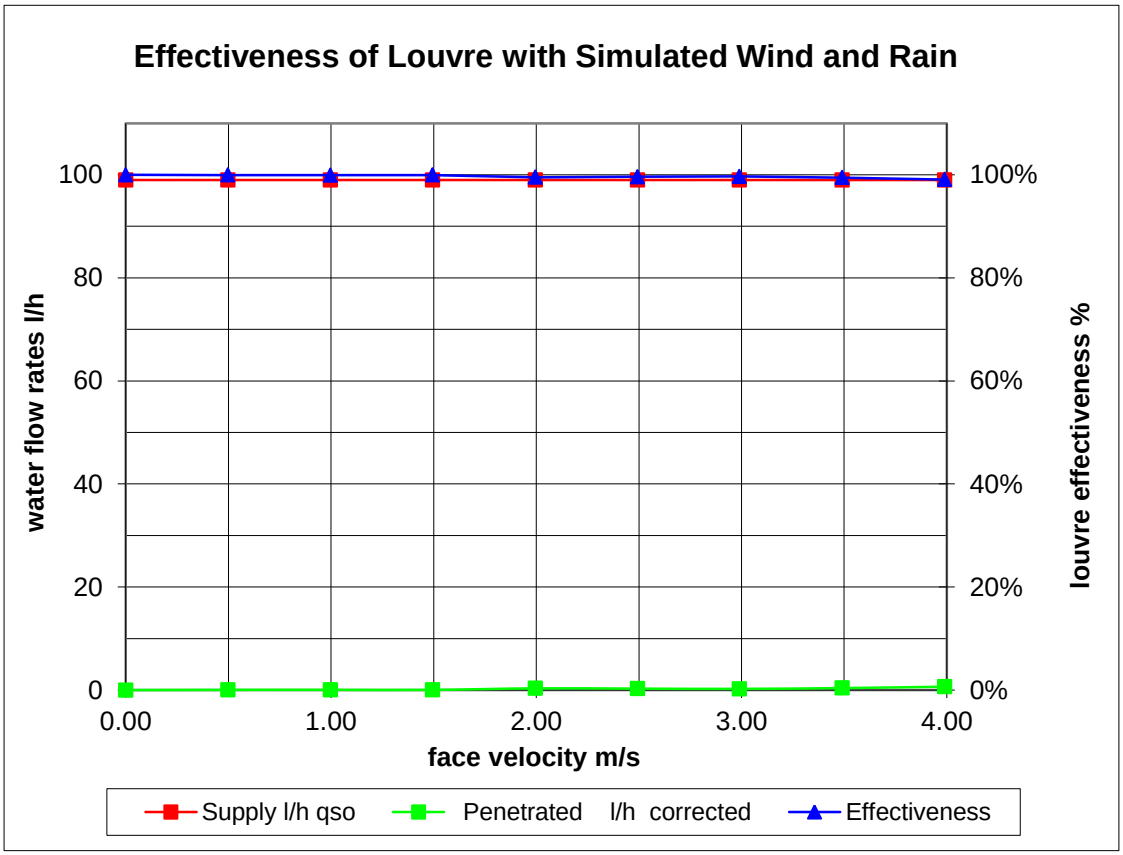
MODEL L.050W-V Contract 59126

			louvre height	998	mm
Simulated rainfall	75	mm/hr	louvre width	954	mm
Wind speed	13.0	m/s	louvre area	0.952	m^2

VENTILATION RATE		WATER FLOW RATES		Effectiveness	Class
Volume m^3/s	Velocity m/s	Supply l/h	Penetrated l/h		
0.00	0.00	99.0	0.0	100.0%	A
0.47	0.50	99.0	0.0	99.9%	A
0.95	1.00	99.0	0.0	99.9%	A
1.42	1.50	99.0	0.0	99.9%	A
1.90	2.00	99.0	0.3	99.5%	A
2.37	2.49	99.0	0.3	99.6%	A
2.85	2.99	99.0	0.2	99.7%	A
3.32	3.49	99.0	0.4	99.5%	A
3.80	3.99	99.0	0.7	99.1%	A



Note: The louvre developed a water leak from a corner which became significant at 3.5m/s. The louvre was removed & the corner re-sealed. The 3.5m/s test was repeated & used in this report. In addition to the standard velocities, 4m/s was also requested and followed the 3.5m/s test.

3.2 COEFFICIENT OF ENTRY

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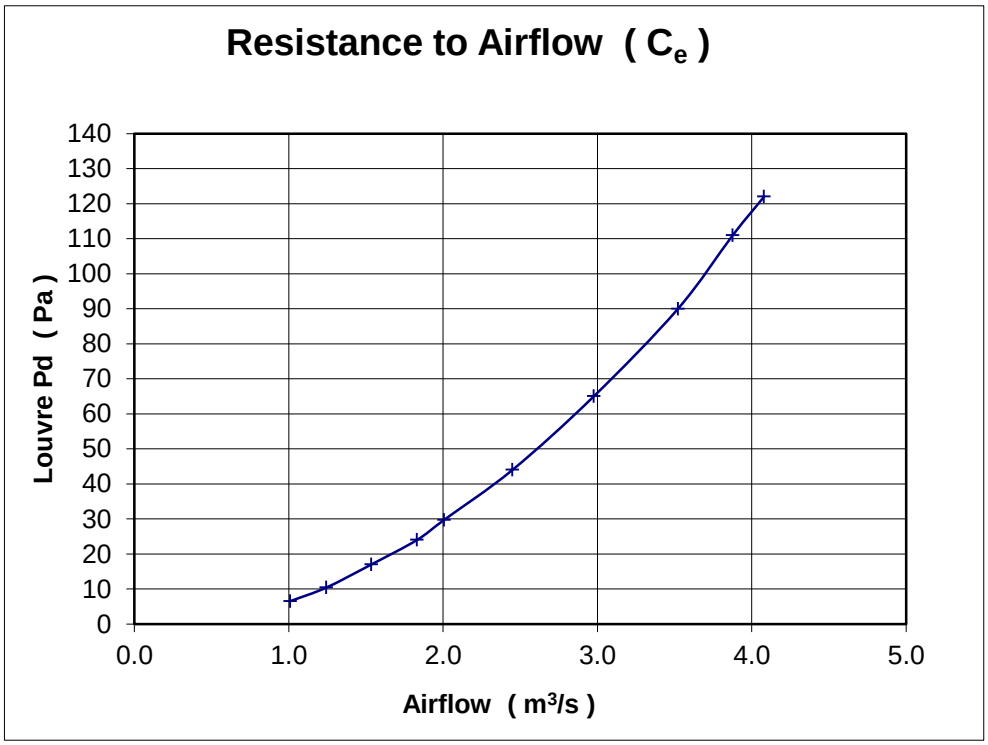
air temperature	17.8	°C	louvre height	998	mm
barometer	1010	mbar	louvre width	954	mm
air density	1.205	kg/m^3	louvre area	0.952	m^2

	louvre face velocity	air flow rate		
louvre pd Pascals	m/s	test m^3/s	theoretical m^3/s	coefficient C_e
6.5	1.06	1.009	3.127	0.323
10.4	1.31	1.244	3.956	0.314
17.0	1.61	1.536	5.057	0.304
24.0	1.92	1.832	6.009	0.305
29.7	2.11	2.006	6.685	0.300
44.0	2.57	2.450	8.136	0.301
65.0	3.13	2.976	9.889	0.301
90.0	3.70	3.522	11.637	0.303
111.0	4.07	3.877	12.923	0.300
122.0	4.28	4.080	13.548	0.301
			mean C_e	0.305
			Class	2



APPENDIX: A MANUFACTURER'S DRAWING