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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, 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 27 January to 3 February 2020.

Items received for test

Test Item	BSRIA ID
445/86 – L.060AC – No Insect Mesh, No Water Gutter	101232A6

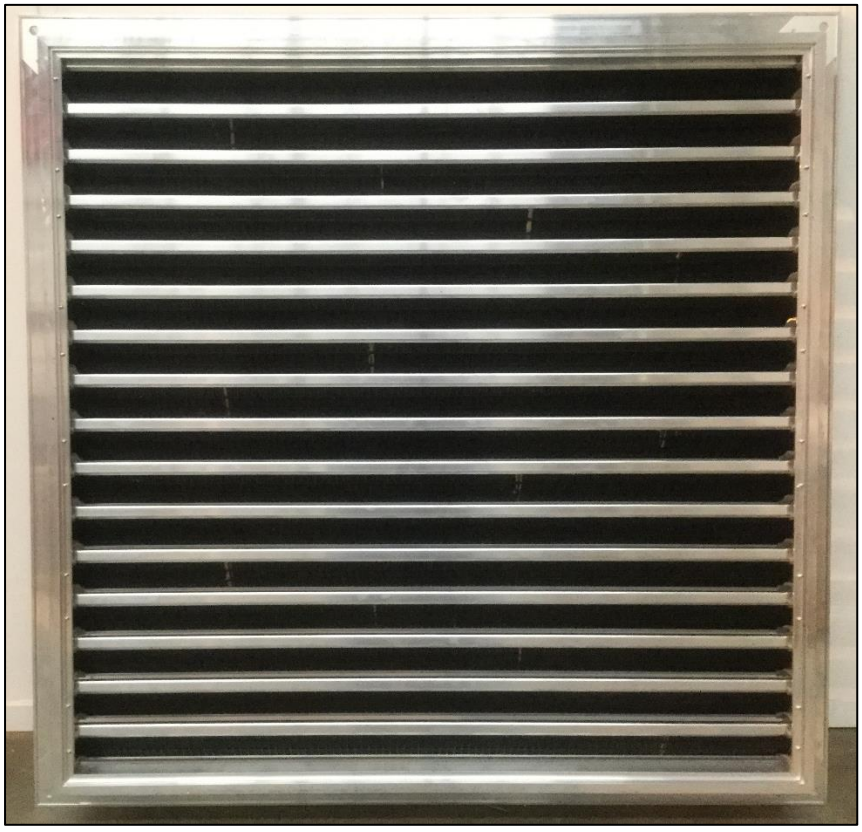
1.1 TEST ITEM INFORMATION

Contract		101232
Date		21/Jan/2020
Manufacturer		Renson Ventilation NV
Louvre Model		445/86 – L.060AC – No Insect Mesh, No Water Gutter
Material		Aluminium
Painted		No
Core Area Height		950 mm
Core Area Width		1000 mm
Blade Pack Depth		60 mm
Frame Depth		85 mm
No. of Blades		16
Blade Pitch		60 mm
Blade Angle		45° approx.
No. of Banks		1
Guard Type		None
Side Channels		No
Water Drip Tray		No
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.

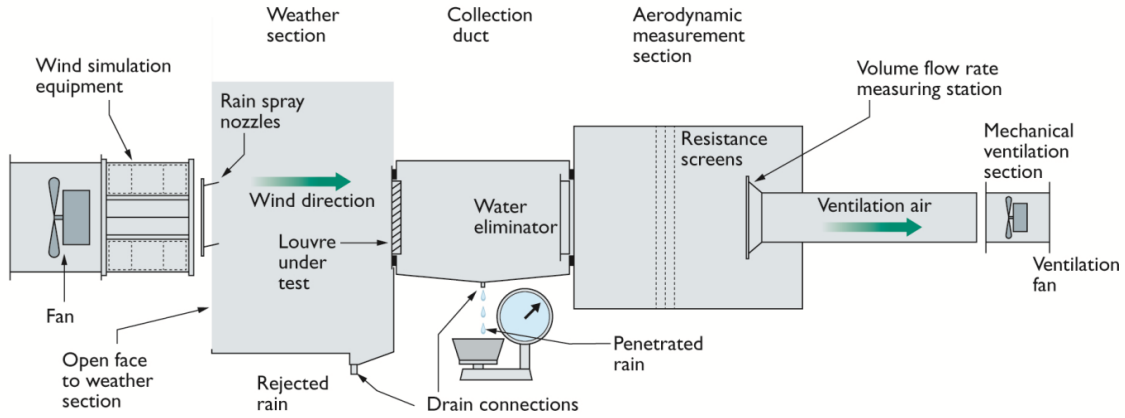
Figure 1 Test item 101232A6 (front)

Figure 2 Test item 101232A6 (rear)



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 27/01/2020

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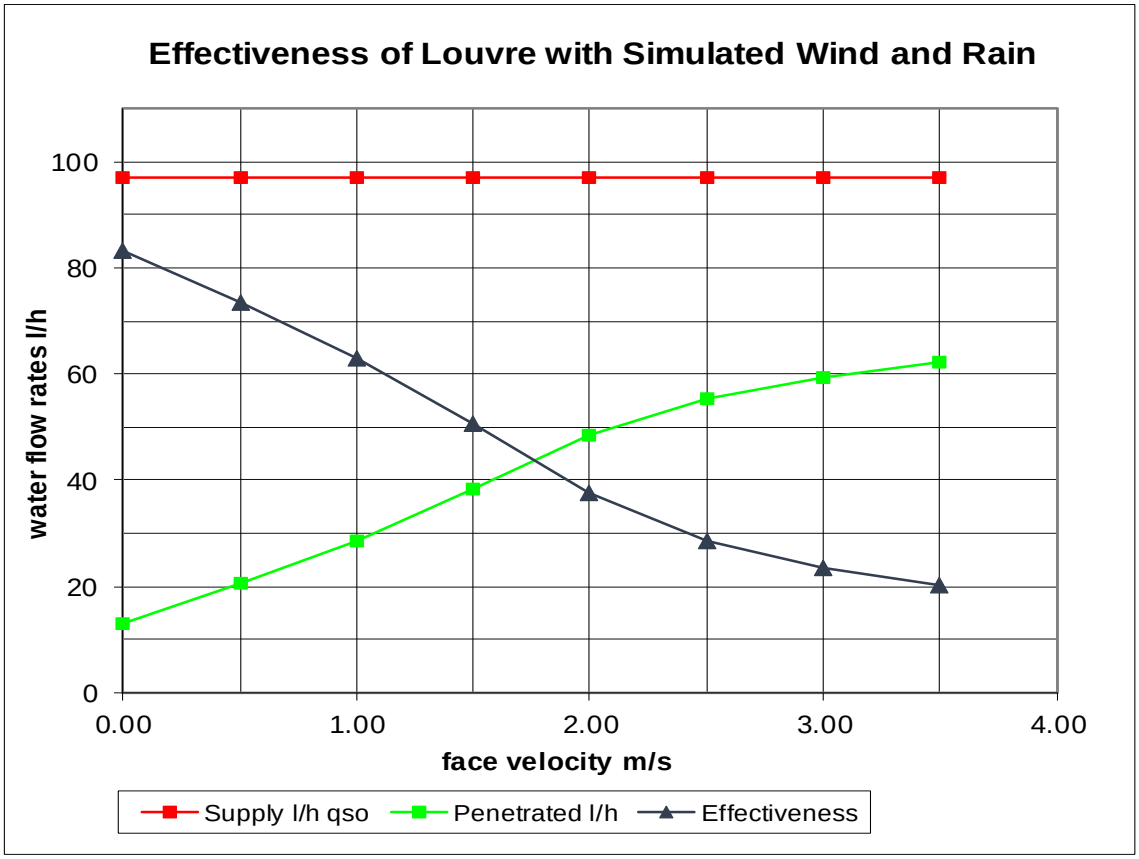
			Core Area Height	950	mm
Simulated Rainfall	75 (+10% / -0%)	mm/hr	Core Area Width	1000	mm
Wind Speed	13	m/s	Core Area Area	0.950	m^2

Ventilation Rate		Water Flow Rates		Effectiveness	Class
Volume m^3/s	Velocity m/s	Supply l/h	Penetrated l/h	%	
0.00	0.00	97.2	12.9	83.3	C
0.48	0.50	97.2	20.5	73.5	D
0.95	1.00	97.2	28.6	63.2	D
1.42	1.50	97.2	38.4	50.6	D
1.90	2.00	97.2	48.4	37.6	D
2.37	2.50	97.2	55.5	28.5	D
2.85	3.00	97.2	59.5	23.5	D
3.32	3.50	97.2	62.2	20.2	D



3.2 COEFFICIENT OF ENTRY

Manufacturer Renson Ventilation NV Date 03/02/2020
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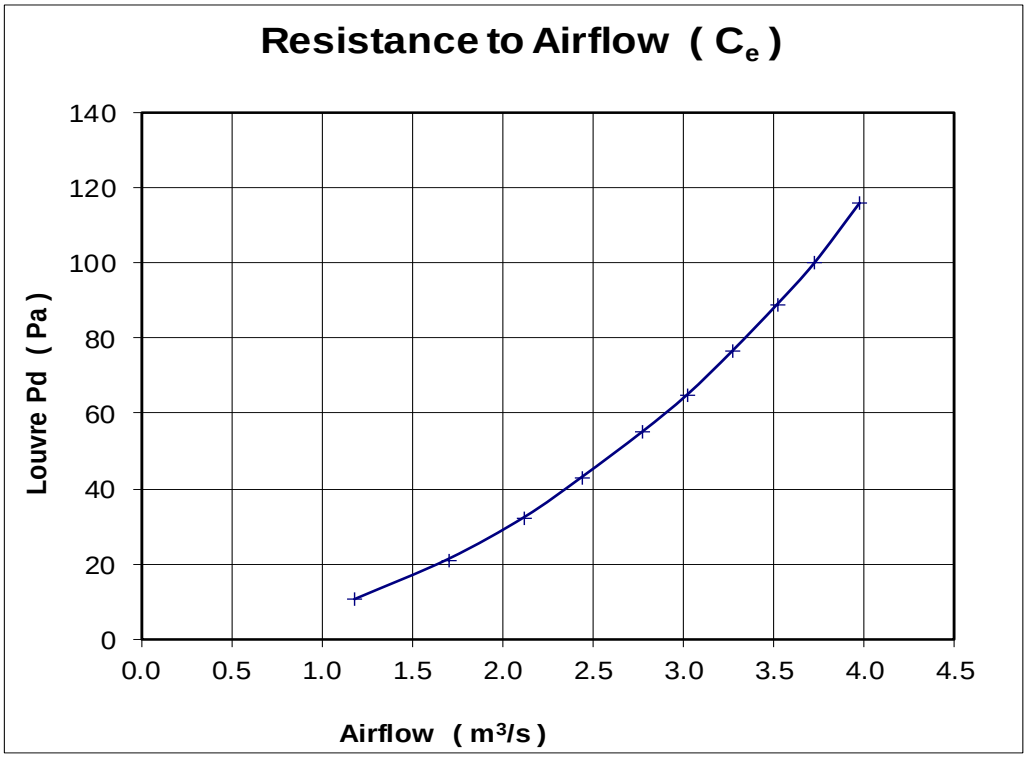
Air Temperature	16.1	°C	Core Area Height	950	mm
Barometer	1005.6	mbar	Core Area Width	1000	mm
Air Density	1.206	kg/m^3	Core Area Area	0.950	m^2

	Louvre Face Velocity	Air Flow Rate		
Louvre p.d. Pa	m/s	Test m^3/s	Theoretical m^3/s	Coefficient C_e
10.4	1.25	1.185	13.175	0.302
21.1	1.79	1.704	12.232	0.305
32.3	2.24	2.126	11.540	0.305
42.8	2.57	2.439	10.692	0.306
54.9	2.92	2.775	9.854	0.307
64.9	3.19	3.027	9.064	0.306
76.4	3.45	3.273	8.003	0.305
89.0	3.71	3.525	6.952	0.306
100.0	3.93	3.730	5.619	0.303
116.0	4.19	3.981	3.945	0.300
			Mean C_e	0.305
			Class	2



A 'trendline' for the above graph would follow $y = 73314x^{1.9815}$

3.3 COEFFICIENT OF DISCHARGE

Manufacturer Renson Ventilation NV Date 03/02/2020
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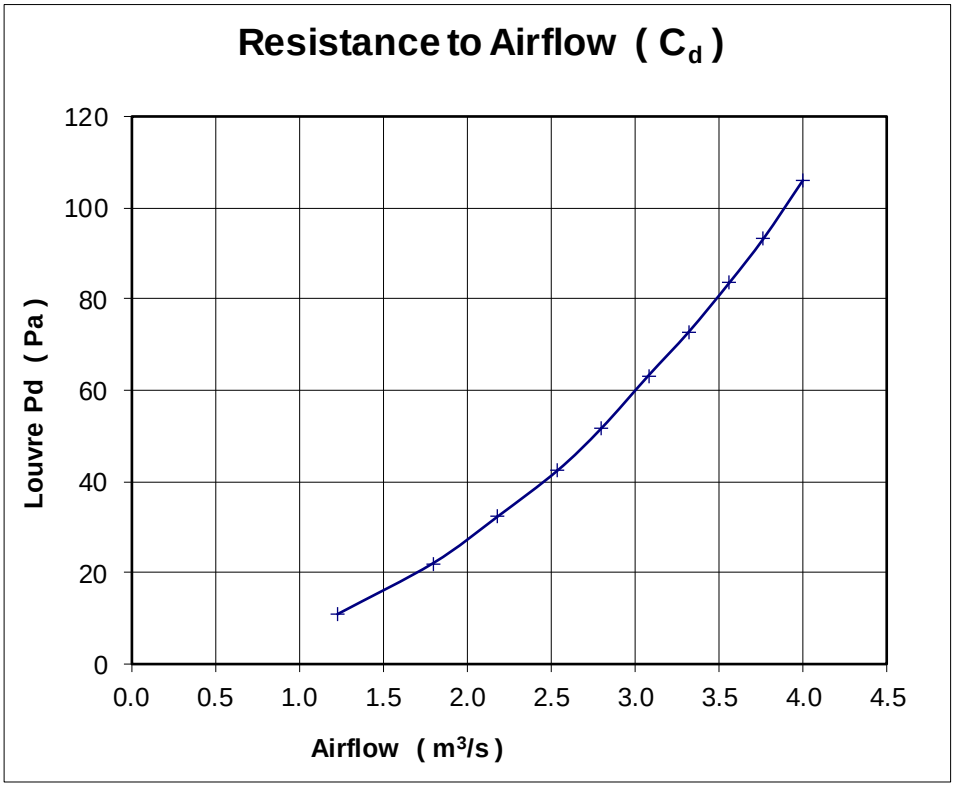
Air Temperature	15.9	°C	Core Area Height	950	mm
Barometer	1005.7	mbar	Core Area Width	1000	mm
Air Density	1.207	kg/m^3	Core Area Area	0.950	m^2

	Louvre Face Velocity	Air Flow Rate		
Louvre p.d. Pa	m/s	Test m^3/s	Theoretical m^3/s	Coefficient C_d
10.8	1.30	1.233	12.589	0.318
22.0	1.90	1.802	11.811	0.319
32.2	2.30	2.184	11.180	0.319
42.3	2.67	2.540	10.426	0.318
51.6	2.95	2.802	9.721	0.317
63.2	3.24	3.082	8.783	0.319
72.7	3.49	3.320	7.953	0.319
83.6	3.75	3.564	6.939	0.315
93.3	3.97	3.767	5.735	0.314
106.0	4.21	3.999	4.018	0.307

Mean C_d	0.317
Class	2



A 'trendline' for the above graph would follow $y = 7.0684x^{1.9422}$

APPENDIX A: MANUFACTURER'S DRAWING