HEAT FLUX CALIBRATION TASK GROUP

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HEAT FLUX GAUGE PAINT

- Nextel Black Velvet Paint No Longer Available
- Replacement Product Nextel Black Suede
- Alternative High Emissivity HFG Surface Paints



TEST CONFIGURATION

3 Heat Flux Gauges Used

Manufact.	<u>Gauge Type</u>	Range (Approx.)
Vatell	Schm.Boel	0-5 W/cm ²
Vatell	Gardon	0-15 W/cm ²
Medtherm	Gardon	0-15 W/cm ²

10 Surface Conditions

- **5 Black Paints**
- **4 Various Color Paints**
- 1 No Paint



TEST CONFIGURATION

• Reference Gauge:

Vatell, 0-5 W/cm², Gardon, Nextel Black Velvet Coating

- NBS Smoke Density Chamber Furnace with Holding Fixture
- Heat Flux set @ Approximately 3 W/cm²
- Process
 - ✓ Paint Applied (24 hour cure time)
 - ✓ Thickness Measured
 - ✓ Calibration
 - ✓ Heat Flux Verification
 - ✓ Bake Time (5 hours)
 - ✓ Paint Removed









Furnace

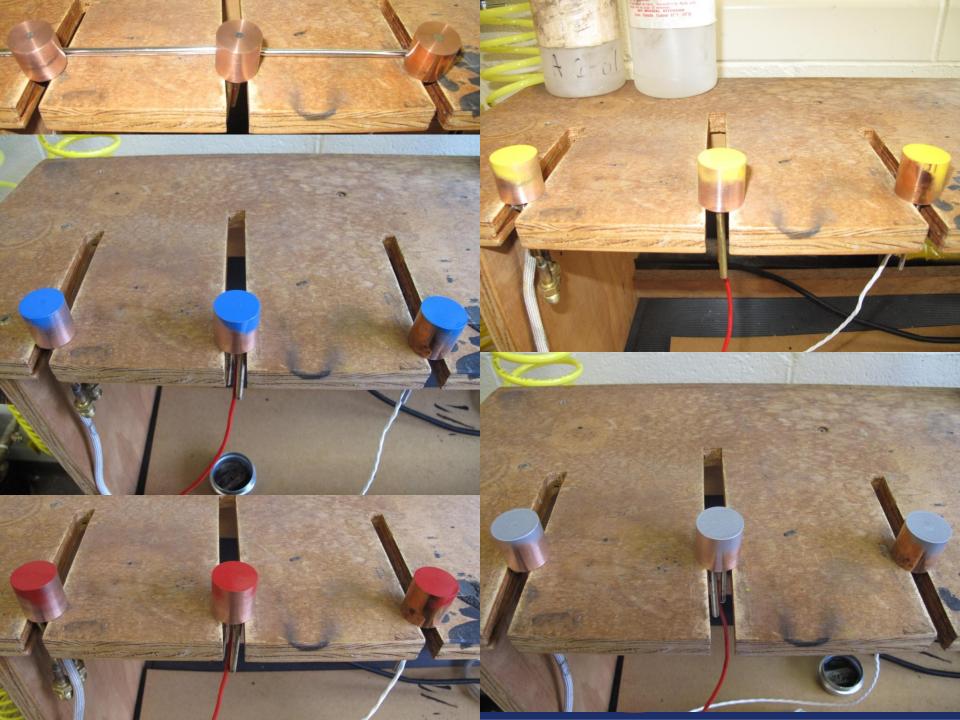
Holding Fixture

Flush Mounted Heat Flux Gauge

Gardon Guages

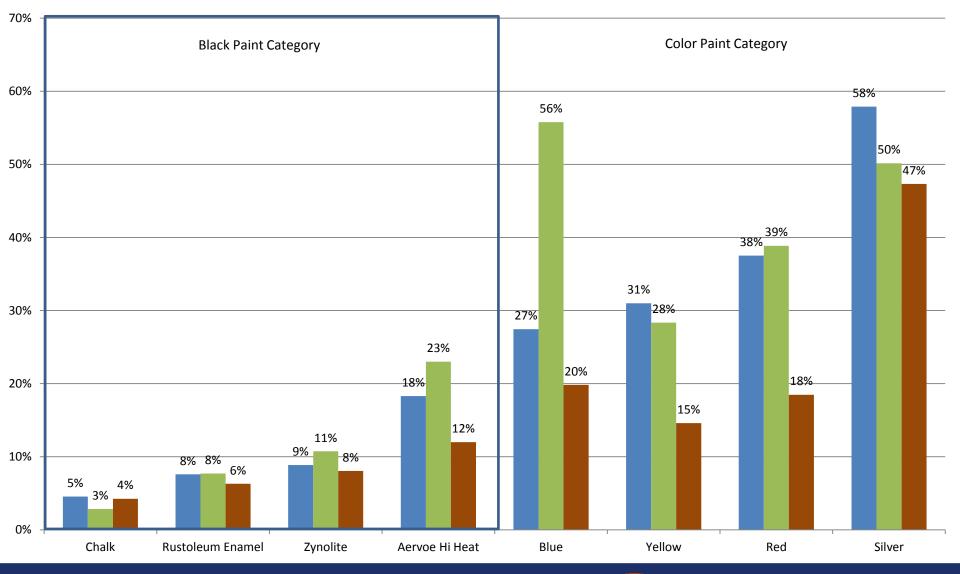
Nextel Suede

Zynolyte



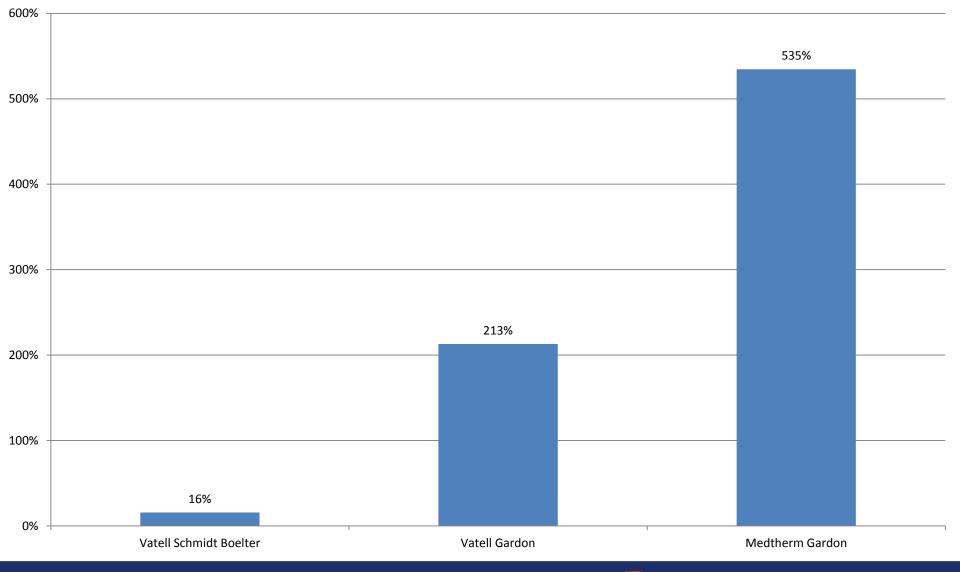
% Difference in Calibration Factor Relative to Nextel Paint

■ Vatell Gardon ■ Medtherm Gardon ■ Vatell Schmidt Boelter





% Difference in Calibration Factor Relative to Nextel Paint - No Paint -







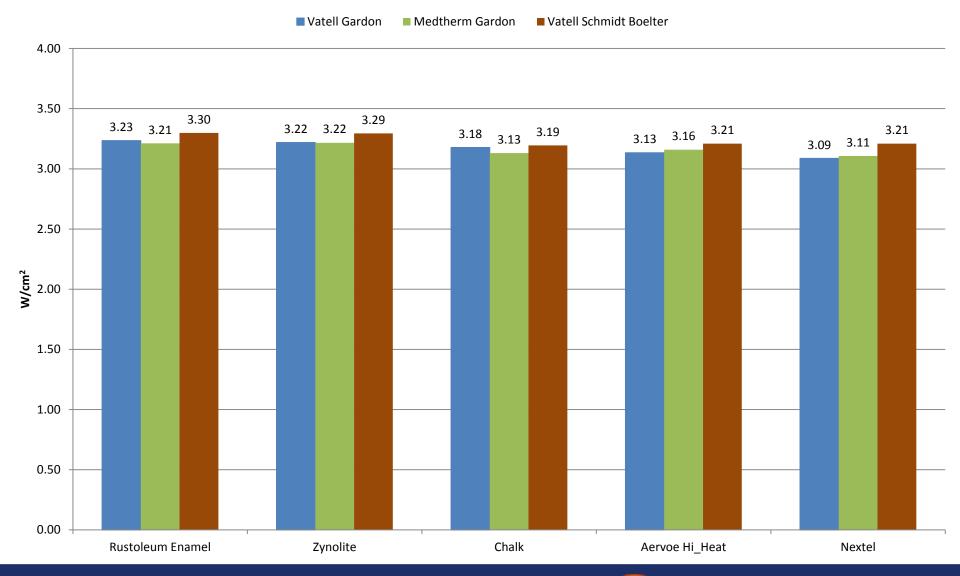
Schmidt Boelter



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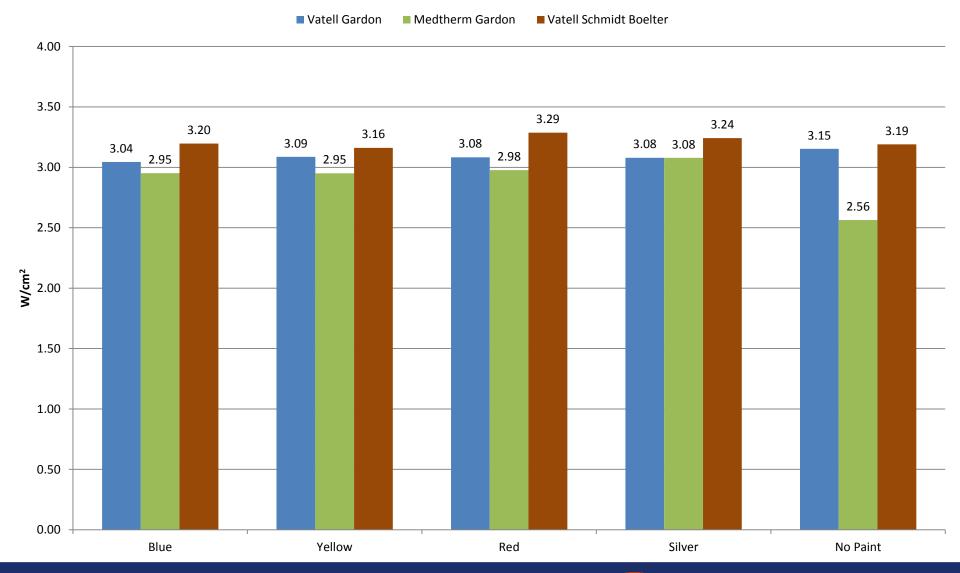
HEAT FLUX GAUGE PAINT COMPARISON AVG. = 3.19 W/cm²; 1.9% STDEV



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HEAT FLUX GAUGE PAINT COMPARISON AVG. = 3.13 W/cm²; 4.5% Stdev



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SUMMARY / CONCLUSION

- Each Gauge Average Dry Paint Thickness Was Within The Range Of 1.0 +/- 0.3 mils
 - * Dry Thickness Gauge PosiTest DFT
- All Paints Were Easily Removed Using Acetone (even after 5 hour bake time)
- Nextel Suede Replacement Product Provided The Highest Signal Gain (lowest Cal. Factor) For Each Sensor
- All Black Paints Had Good Repeatability (< 2%Stdev)
- Data Shows The Importance Of Maintaining The Dark Coating In "As Received" Condition Once Calibrated



TASK GROUP DISCUSSION

Develop Two Part Conformity Check List to Support New Chapter HF

Assist Calibration Entities / Certification Officials Validate Conformance To The Document.

PART I

Equipment / Specifications / Dimensions

PART II

Data Acquisition / Operation / Paint Application / Misc.

NIST Calibration Discussion (minimum # of data points?)





Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

Answer: Lettuce

