



TEST REPORT

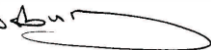
FL76 Composite Cover BS EN124 Class C250 Test

Cover Weight – 25.9kg

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Cover

The composite cover supplied is a square FL76 and comes complete with an aluminium frame.
(Photo.1)

Cover No. - 2117260

Weight. - 25.9kg



Photo. 1

A 100mm x 100mm steel box section frame was placed around the aluminium frame to add support and as an added safety feature in case of failure.

Test Rig

The test rig consists of a 'giant mecano' frame bolted to the floor and supporting an Enerpac 90 ton hydraulic cylinder. (Photo.2)

In accordance with the EN124-1:2015 standard the load cell and test rig complies with EN ISO 7500-1:2004 minimum Class 3.

Test Rig ID: EG100TF

Load Cell ID:

Instron Calibration Certificate No. E187012621122243

System Class: 2



Photo.2

Test

The tests were carried out in accordance with the EN 124:2015 standard for:

- Permanent Set – Clause 8.2
- Load Bearing Capacity – Clause 8.3

The load was applied to the cover through a 250mm diameter by 45mm thick steel block with a 250mm diameter by 10mm rubber pad between the block and cover.

Permanent Set Test

Measurement of permanent set shall be made on the upper-side of the cover in the same place as the applied load at the longest dimension which can be inscribed within the cover through the centre point of the load application. The measurement device shall be positioned as close as possible to the centre point of the load application and the seating of the measuring device support as close as possible to the edge of the cover but not exceeding 10mm from the edge.

An initial reading is to be taken at the geometric centre of the cover before the first load or any preloading has taken place.

The load is then to be applied at a rate of 1kN/s to 5kN/s up to 2/3 of the test load. This procedure is to be carried out five times without significant disruption.

A final deflection reading shall then be taken and the permanent set determined as the difference of the measured readings between the first and fifth readings.

Load Bearing Capacity

Immediately after the permanent set test the cover shall be loaded up to the test load at a rate of 1kN/s to 5kN/s.

The test load shall then be maintained for 30^{+2}_{-0} seconds.

Results

Permanent set test

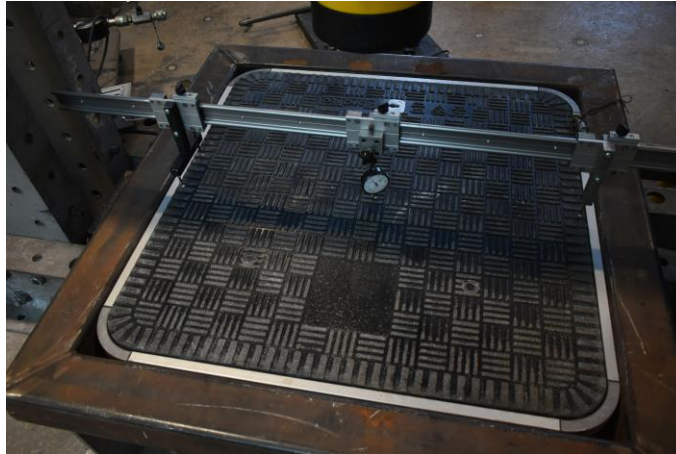


Photo.4

Initial Reading	0.00mm
Reading after 5 cycles	0.50mm
Permanent Set	0.50mm

Permissible permanent set for a C250 test is $\frac{CO}{300} = 760/300 = 2.53\text{mm}$

Therefore cover passes the permanent set test.

Load Bearing Capacity Test

Load applied immediately after the permanent set test.

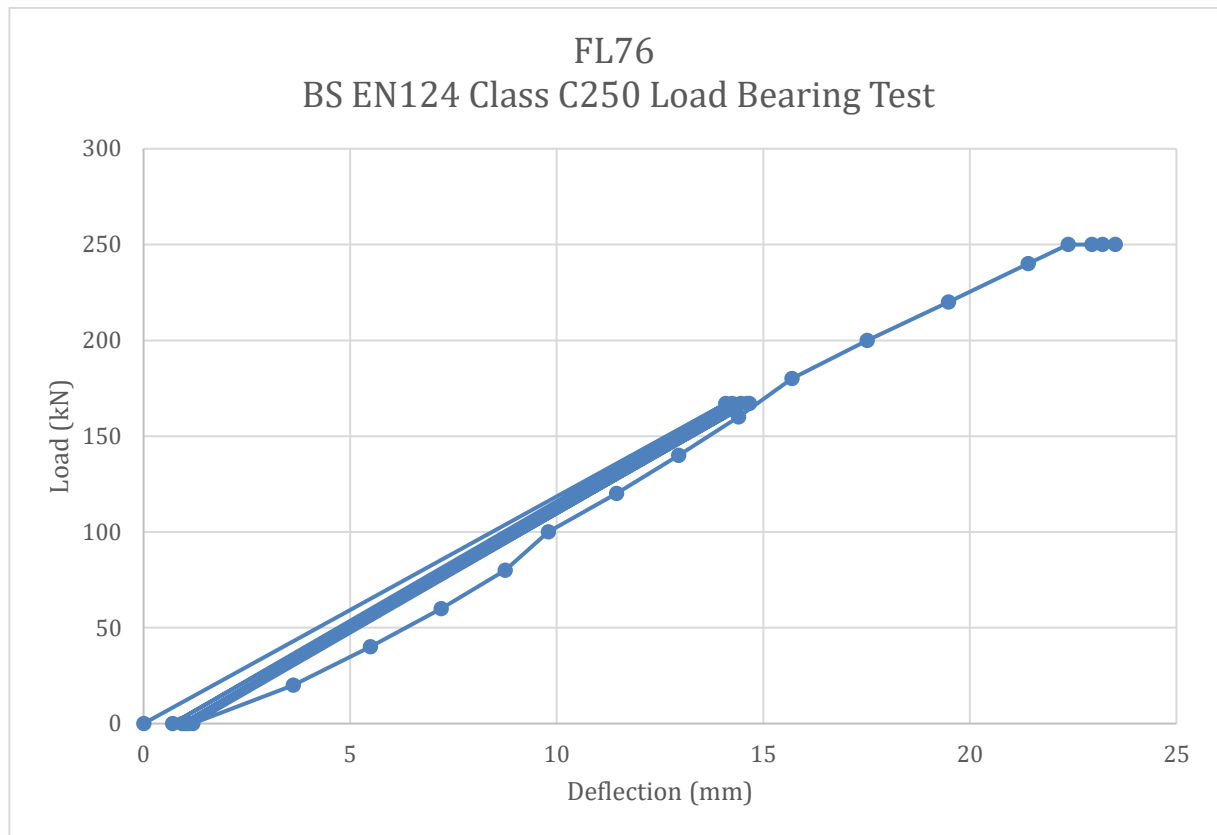
Although the standard does not require it for the load bearing test, a measuring device (linear potentiometer) was placed on the underside of the cover directly under the loading point and deflection readings taken every 167kN for the five cycles and 20kN intervals after that.

Results

LOAD (kN)	DEFLECTION (mm)	REMARKS
0	0.00	
167	14.09	
0	0.70	
167	14.24	
0	0.93	
167	14.45	
0	1.01	
167	14.66	
0	1.08	
167	14.61	
0	1.19	
20	3.62	
40	5.49	
60	7.20	
80	8.75	
100	9.80	
120	11.45	
140	12.95	
160	14.40	
180	15.69	
200	17.51	
220	19.48	
240	21.41	
250	22.38	
250 (10 seconds)	22.95	
250 (20 seconds)	23.21	
250 (30 seconds)	23.52	PASS
0	1.81	
287	-	Ultimate failure

The slight difference in the true permanent set measured on the top face of the cover and the deflection reading taken on the underside, is because the underside reading includes any settling of the test rig.

The cover held the test load of 250kN for the required 30 seconds with no visible signs of failure, so therefore passed the BS EN124 C250 Load Bearing test.



After the cover had passed the test it was reloaded until ultimate failure occurred at 287kN.