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Section 715.4.7.4

Question:

Is it the intent of the FBC section 715.4.7.4 to allow a fusible link fire shutter to provide a fire rating for an egress door that lacks a fire rating in an open stair of a 3-story structure of type 1B construction?

Answer

A fused steel shutter on an egress door to protect the glass opening should work but the egress door opening itself cannot be closed/protected by a shutter [1008.1.2].

Commentary:

If the door to be protected is an egress door, a fusible link shutter is not permitted for protection. While 715.4.7.4 addresses doors in pedestrian ways, Egress Doors are specifically governed by Section 1008.

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