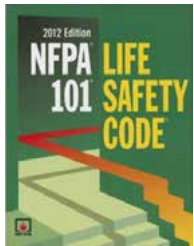


STI is pleased to announce that an Evaluation Service Report (ESR) was recently issued by UL for our EZ-Path® Fire-Rated Pathways confirming code compliance with the International Building Code® (IBC), International Fire Code® (IFC), and NFPA 101, "Life Safety Code®" (LSC).



What is an Evaluation Service Report?

Evaluation Service Reports, commonly referred to as ESRs, are issued by third party agencies such as ICC Evaluation Services Inc. or UL to confirm code compliance with particular requirements.



How does an ESR differ from a Certification or Listing?

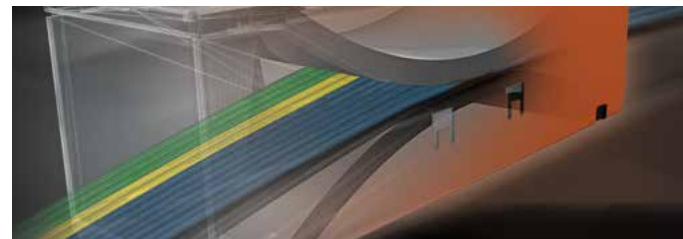
Third-party labs, such as UL, run testing to various test standards, including for the firestop category, ASTM E814, ANSI/UL1479, and others. Products that successfully pass testing may appear in Certifications or Listings to provide laboratory confirmation that they meet listing requirements.

Building codes often cite test methods to determine the minimum acceptable level of protection. But neither the certification listing nor the building code confirms actual code compliance. That is a decision often left to a code official, contractor, manufacturer, or design professional.

ESRs Exist to Prove Unequivocal Compliance with Relevant Code Sections.

What does the EZ-Path® ESR include?

This ESR confirms compliance with all referenced firestopping requirements in the IBC, IFC, and LSC. Additionally, the ESR evaluates the use of EZ-Path® in smoke barriers and smoke partitions and provides confirmation that the products fully comply with applicable code requirements relating to smoke leakage. Finally, the ESR evaluates the maintenance-free nature of EZ-Path® and provides written confirmation of it.



Why should I use the ESR to confirm code compliance for fire and smoke?

This ESR provides unequivocal proof of building and safety code compliance for both fire and smoke, thereby eliminating any doubts created by the non-performance of other inferior products.

How does the ESR address the maintenance-free nature of EZ-Path®?

The IFC and LSC both include requirements for inspection and maintenance of any fire protective element incorporated into a building. In the case of firestop systems, this is supposed to occur on an annual basis.

The ESR confirms that since there are no moving parts within EZ-Path® and it requires no additional action to activate the internal sealing system; the system cannot be otherwise overwhelmed. Therefore, it indicates that the system is maintenance-free and provides such confirmation to the building owner, contractor, or code official.

No other firestop product can make this claim. Because EZ-Path® is the only maintenance-free solution on the market, we suggest that contractors or building owners consider the total cost of ownership of any firestop device over the life of the building before making a purchasing decision.

Where can I get a copy of the ESR for EZ-Path®?

Please visit www.stifirestop.com or access the official copy on the UL Website by following this link:
<http://database.ul.com/certs/ER14579-01.pdf>

What if I have more questions about ESRs?

Please contact STI Technical Services 800.992.1180 or email us at techserv@stifirestop.com.

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