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**INTERNATIONAL FIRESTOP COUNCIL OFFERS REFERENCE GUIDES
AND TOOLS FOR FIRESTOPPING**

WESTFORD, Mass. (March 5, 2005) – The International Firestop Council (IFC) has a variety of firestopping and industry-related literature and reference guides available for purchase.

Written by IFC members, the booklets, slides and videos provide detailed information on firestop inspection guidelines, building codes and standards testing, and compliance of firestop systems.

“Firestopping is required by today’s building codes, yet there is not a lot of detailed information available to contractors, architects, building code officials and others who may be interested in learning more about system selection and the inspection and installation processes,” said Steve Tyler, president, IFC. “As a leading industry resource on firestopping, it is our responsibility to provide comprehensive tools that further the understanding of firestopping.”

Available literature includes:

- Inspection Manual for Firestopping Through Penetrations, Joints and Perimeter Fire Barrier Systems: A pocket reference tool for governmental inspectors, third party inspectors and other personnel involved in the firestopping inspection process.
- Inspection Guidelines for Penetration Firestop Systems and Fire Resistive Joint Systems: Guidelines for construction and code enforcement professionals providing checkpoints ensuring that fire resistance ratings are maintained when penetrations and linear joints breach walls and floors.
- Inspecting Firestop for Compliance (video): A brief video that reviews firestop installation compliance. Intended for in-house inspectors, vendors, contractors and others who are associated with firestop installations.
- Inspectors Slide Card – Joint Designs or Construction Designs: Slide tool reference for firestop applications and inspections.

For more information or to order literature, go to www.firestop.org or call (877) 241-3769.

Founded in 1990, the International Firestop Council (IFC) is a nonprofit organization of industry experts committed to making buildings safer through passive fire containment. With membership comprised of manufacturers, distributors, and users of passive fire protective materials and systems, IFC aims to promote passive fire containment through awareness, education and development of codes and standards.

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