



## Great American Tower - Cincinnati, Ohio

**CAFCO<sup>®</sup> BLAZE-SHIELD<sup>®</sup> II / ISOLATEK<sup>®</sup> Type II Rises Tall in the Queen City.** Designed by architect Mr. Gyo Obata, founding partner of Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum (HOK), the Great American Tower at Queen City Square combines impressive architectural design with advanced environmentally friendly technology and construction materials. This high-rise office building stands 41-stories (660 feet above street level) and contains approximately 800,000 sq ft. of office space. Additionally there is a 2,000+ space parking garage. With particular focus on the environment, the design team has registered this project for LEED Certification, making it the most environmentally sensitive building in Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Turner Construction, the project's construction manager, the selection of an experienced well qualified fireproofing applicator was critical. With over 27 years experience in the installation of CAFCO / ISOLATEK products and having completed other high-rise projects on time and within budget, Omni Fireproofing Co. of Fairfield, OH was the obvious choice. When Omni Fireproofing had to make their selection of Spray-Applied Fire Resistive Material, it was also a clear decision... CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II!

The Great American Tower at Queen City Square wasn't without its challenges, Tom Hochhausler, owner of Omni Fireproofing Co. explains, "The project ran through the winter months. The perimeter fireproofing was exposed to the Ohio River rain, wind and snow. The CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II withstood the harsh environment with no damage." The application itself posed several obstacles: building height, equipment maneuvering and the overall pace of the project. "The application technique of CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II gave us an advantage during the

installation process on this large, challenging, fast-paced project. The low pressure application equipment with lightweight hoses allowed us to move up the high-rise structure safely, quickly and efficiently," said Tom Hochhausler.

CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II is a Portland cement based commercial density Spray-Applied Fire Resistive Material (SFRM) engineered to provide superior fire protection for the widest variety of structural steel in the commercial construction market. CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II offers not only proven fire resistance performance but other



critical characteristics such as being the most environmentally friendly product, containing 67% pre-consumer recycled content along with raw materials and manufacturing within 150 miles of the project. The product also offers a thermal resistance rating (R-value) of 3.33/in. and a noise reduction coefficient (NRC) of 0.75 @ 1/2", which is far superior to that of other SFRMs. Along with a durable finish and cement based binder system BLAZE-SHIELD II / Type II is "investigated for exterior exposure" by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and is able to withstand moderate weather exposure during the construction cycle. CAFCO® BLAZE-SHIELD® II / ISOLATEK® Type II provides tested performance that exceeds American Institute of Architects (AIA)/General Services Administration (GSA) performance standards. CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II is the only commercial density product to have been tested to and passed the rigors of a 1 bar blast overpressure (blast resistance). This evaluation was conducted by Spadeadam located in the United Kingdom and witnessed by Lloyd's Register. All of these product characteristics were of importance when selecting a fireproofing product for the Great American Tower at Queen City Square. In addition to the recycled content and manufacturing location, CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II fireproofing material can offer significant contributions to the LEED Green



Building Rating System in accordance with LEED-NC Version 3.0 for New Construction and Major Renovations. The product's packaging is recyclable and can contribute to earning Materials and Resource Credit 2.1 and Credit 2.2. CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II is packaged in plastic recyclable film and is supplied on recycled wooden pallets. The recycled content of CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II is 67% by weight (pre-consumer) and contributes to earning Materials and Resources Credit 4.1 and Credit 4.2. The volatile organic content (VOC) of the product is 0.0 pounds per gallon (0.0 grams per liter) and meets the LEED requirements for low-emitting materials and thus contributes to earning Indoor Environmental Quality EQ Credit 4.2. BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II goes beyond the standardized environmental rating systems and provides other environmentally conscious attributes such as utilizing up to 50% less water and no detectable out gassing. CAFCO BLAZE-SHIELD II / ISOLATEK Type II is one of the most environmentally friendly SFRMs commercially available in the world today.

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