Consult about flame retardancy for micro-module computer rooms



Overview

Making polycarbonate flame retardant and transparent: Current • Review the mechanisms of flame retardants in achieving PC transparency and flame retardancy.

Key Takeaways

Micro-module computer rooms should use fire-resistant construction, flame-retardant materials, and compliant suppression systems to ensure safety and operational continuity.

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Resistant Construction

For micro-module computer rooms, the building or room must be noncombustible or fire-resistant, with walls extending from structural floor to ceiling and a minimum 1-hour fire-resistance rating for standard areas, or 2 hours for highly sensitive assets. Ceilings, ductwork, and any false ceilings should also be noncombustible, and combustible materials in overhead spaces must be protected appropriately. Shatterproof windows are recommended if windows are present, though they are generally discouraged due to security and temperature control concerns.

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Retardant Materials

Materials used in micro-module rooms should be flame-retardant or inherently non-flammable. This includes: Cabling: Low-flammability or plenum-rated cables compliant with local codes and standards such as Construction Product Regulations or F-Gas regulations. Insulation and ceiling panels: Noncombustible or fire-resistant materials to prevent fire spread.

Phase Change Materials (PCMs) for thermal management: Organic PCMs are flammable, whereas metallic PCMs are non-flammable but have higher melting points; selection should balance thermal performance and fire safety. Fire Detection and Suppression SystemsMicro-module computer rooms should integrate advanced fire detection and suppression systems: Gaseous suppression systems (clean agents) are preferred for rooms with active IT equipment, ensuring minimal damage to electronics. Alternative systems like hypoxic or mist-based suppression may be used if compliant with local codes.

Fire detection should be early and sensitive, with alarms integrated into building management systems to allow rapid response. Compliance with StandardsAdherence to recognized standards is critical: NFPA 75: Provides detailed guidance for protecting IT equipment from fire, including fire-rated construction, suppression, and detection. TIA-942: Recommends fire detection and suppression strategies for ICT equipment rooms, referencing NFPA 75 and other applicable codes.

Local building and fire codes: Always take precedence if more stringent than international standards.

Operational Considerations

Compartmentalization: Fire-rated walls and ceilings help contain fire and allow safe evacuation. Maintenance and monitoring: Regular inspection of suppression systems, cabling, and flame-retardant materials ensures ongoing compliance and safety. Personnel training: Staff should be trained in fire response procedures and aware of the specific hazards in micro-module environments.

By combining fire-resistant construction, flame-retardant materials, compliant suppression systems, and adherence to NFPA 75 and TIA-942 standards, micro-module computer rooms can achieve high levels of fire safety while maintaining operational continuity.

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