

Fire Door self-closing device (door closers) and Fire Door Signage (FTN6)

Where required by regulatory guidance or specific fire strategy each hinged fire door must be fitted with a self-closing device unless it is normally kept locked shut and labelled as such with an appropriate sign which complies with BS5499 -10:2014 (Guidance for the selection and use of safety signs and fire safety notices).

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Appendix B: Fire doors

Paragraph 2

All fire doors should be fitted with a self-closing device except for fire doors to cupboards and to service ducts which are normally kept locked shut and fire doors within flats (self-closing devices are still necessary on flat entrance doors).

Paragraph 3

Where a self-closing device would be considered a hindrance to the normal approved use of the building, self-closing fire doors may be held open by: a) a fusible link (but not if the door is fitted in an opening as a means of escape unless it complies with [paragraph 4](#)), b) an automatic release mechanism actuated by an automatic fire detection and alarm system, c) a door closer delay device.

Paragraph 8

Except for doors identified in paragraph 9 below, all fire doors should be marked with the appropriate fire safety sign complying with BS5499-10:2014 according to whether the door is: a) to be kept closed when not in use ([Fire door keep shut](#)), b) to be kept locked when not in use ([Fire door keep locked shut](#)), c) held open by an automatic release mechanism or free swing device ([Automatic fire door keep clear](#)).

Fire doors to cupboards and to service ducts should be marked on the outside; all other fire doors on both sides.

Paragraph 9

The following fire doors are not required to comply with paragraph 8 above: a) doors to and within flats, b) bedroom doors in other residential premises, c) lift entrance/landing doors.

BS5499–10:2014 Guidance for the selection and use of safety signs and fire safety notices.

Fire safety notices can make a major contribution to good communication and BS5499 is intended to assist facilities managers of premises and others responsible for selecting and installing fire safety notices.

BS5499 reflects best practice for the use of fire safety notices in a standard format that consists of a specific geometrical format, colour and text conveying a specific action ensuring consistent application throughout a particular environment or organisation.

BS5499 - figure 5 -Required zone of influence and legibility - provides guidance on the positioning of safety and fire notices and (Annex A Design principles and examples of mandatory notices) provides the specific geometrical format, colour and text.



The "lollistick" design of fire safety notice adopted by a number of designers for positioning on the leading edge of a fire door does not comply with the recommendations of BS5499 and should not be regarded as a substitute for the recommended style and positioning noted in Approved document B or BS5499 but as an additional fire safety notice.

Forza provides with every delivered fire door a certificate of fire performance together with an adhesive backed "Fire Door Keep Shut" sign for fixing to the frame at the hinge position or to the intumescent strip on leading edge of the door.