

# ANDOVER OCADO WAREHOUSE FIRE

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**BRIDGEHILL**  
WE SIMPLY BLOCK FIRE

The distribution center in Andover, Hampshire burned for four days and costed the company £110m. The Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service and their insurers found an electric fault at a battery charging unit which caused the plastic lid on the top of a grocery-carrying robot to catch fire. The detection system failed, and staff had turned off the sprinklers.

At the height of the fire it took more than 300 firefighters to fight the blaze – four were treated for minor smoke inhalation. About 100 residents were moved out of the area and a 500m exclusion zone was put in place amid fears a three-tonne cylinder of toxic ammonia gas might explode.

Fighting the blaze cost £132,000. View the fire in this link: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-hampshire-50727440>



Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service used a drone to show the aftermath of the fire. See link below: [https://twitter.com/Hants\\_fire/status/1093565159078023169](https://twitter.com/Hants_fire/status/1093565159078023169)



The **Bridgehill Fire Blanket** controls fire within seconds and contains smoke, fumes and heat.

- No Water
- No Foam
- No Mess

We recommend it be introduced to the Fire Prevention Plan for all warehouses.