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Standard Specification for Quicklime, Hydrated Lime, and Limestone for Selected Chemical and Industrial Uses¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers lime and limestone products suitable for the following chemical and industrial uses:

- Cooking rags
- Sulfite pulp
- Silica brick
- Other water treatment uses
- Calcium carbide
- Grease
- Calcium silicate products
- Hypochlorite (bleach)

The following uses are addressed in other ASTM standards:

Use	Standard(s)
Neutralization of Waste Acid (Test Methods)	C400
Agricultural Liming Materials	C602
Soil Stabilization	C977
Asphalt	C1097
Flue Gas Desulfurization (Test Methods)	C1318
Drinking Water Softening	C1529
Waste and Wastewater Neutralization	C1529
Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals (Biosolids) Stabilization	C1529 and D6249

1.2 The type designations in **Table 1** signify the following:

- Limestone, high-calcium—CL
- Limestone, dolomitic—DL
- Limestone, magnesian—ML
- Quicklime, high-calcium—CQ
- Quicklime, dolomitic—DQ
- Quicklime, magnesian—MQ
- Hydrated lime, high-calcium—CH
- Hydrated lime, dolomitic—DH
- Hydrated lime, magnesian—MH

1.3 The buyer shall designate the use, as listed in **Table 1**, and may specify one or more of the type designations in **1.1**.

1.4 This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.6 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

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*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- [C25 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Limestone, Quicklime, and Hydrated Lime](#)
- [C50 Practice for Sampling, Sample Preparation, Packaging, and Marking of Lime and Limestone Products](#)
- [C110 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Quicklime, Hydrated Lime, and Limestone](#)
- [C400 Test Methods for Quicklime and Hydrated Lime for Neutralization of Waste Acid](#)
- [C602 Specification for Agricultural Liming Materials](#)
- [C977 Specification for Quicklime and Hydrated Lime for Soil Stabilization](#)
- [C1097 Specification for Hydrated Lime for Use in Asphalt Cement or Bituminous Paving Mixtures](#)
- [C1318 Test Method for Determination of Total Neutralizing Capability and Dissolved Calcium and Magnesium Oxide in Lime for Flue Gas Desulfurization \(FGD\)](#)
- [C1529 Specification for Quicklime, Hydrated Lime, and Limestone for Environmental Uses](#)
- [D6249 Guide for Alkaline Stabilization of Wastewater Treatment Plant Residuals](#)

3. Chemical Composition

3.1 The requirements for quicklime, hydrated lime, and limestone for the selected end uses are as shown in [Table 1](#), and are on the basis of the weight of sample taken at the place of manufacture, except as noted in footnote *B* after the requirement. In this case, the requirement is on a moisture and carbon dioxide-free basis.

NOTE 1—Rags are cooked for the manufacture of paper in a digester under steam pressure with lime or with lime and soda ash. They are then washed to eliminate as much of the noncellulose material as possible. A standard composition without rejection limits is specified for the reason that lime of either higher or lower total oxides, available lime, calcium oxide, or calcium hydroxide than the standard, may safely be used under suitable conditions for the purpose herein specified, depending primarily upon economic considerations. In the present state of the art, it is believed that the more serviceable type of specification for the product herein specified is that which defines a reasonable standard rather than one that fixes actual rejection limits. It is generally recognized that, other things being equal, lime meeting this standard is preferable to lime that does not, and lime surpassing the standard should be considered of premium quality.

NOTE 2—Lime is used in the “milk of lime” or “tank” system of sulfite pulp manufacture for making the cooking liquor. The milk of lime is held in solution or suspension in a series of tanks equipped with suitable agitators. The sulfur dioxide (SO₂) is forced or drawn through these tanks successively. In some cases, the tanks are built on top of each other in the form of a tower. The contents of the first tank are drawn off when the liquor has reached a certain strength (3.5 to 6 % total SO₂) and the contents of the second and third tanks progress to the first and second tanks respectively. The third tank is again charged with fresh milk of lime. There are other systems of absorption that provide for continuous instead of intermittent operation. The function of the lime is to furnish the base for the formation of the bisulfites of calcium and magnesium.

NOTE 3—In the manufacture of silica brick, silica in the form of massive quartzite or quartz conglomerate is ground until the particles are less than ~~¼ in. (6 mm)~~ 6 mm in size. Lime in the form of either slaked or hydrated lime is then added in quantities varying from 1.5 to 3.0 % calcium oxide (CaO), with sufficient water to produce about 5 to 7 % moisture content, and the shapes are molded and dried. They are then burned in downdraft or tunnel kilns until most of the quartzite has been converted into tridymite or cristobalite.

NOTE 4—For most water treatment applications, such as color removal and clarification of water for municipal and industrial supplies, high-calcium lime is preferred. However, for applications involving silica removal from boiler feedwater, dolomitic lime is usually preferred. Drinking water softening and wastewater neutralization are addressed in Specification [C1529](#).

NOTE 5—In manufacture of calcium hypochlorite bleach, hydrated lime hydrate in a water suspension is reacted with chlorine. Lime hydrate Hydrated lime suitable for this application should be rapidly reactive, low in sludge-forming impurities, and particularly low in iron oxide, that may catalyze bleach decomposition.

4. General Requirements

4.1 Quicklime shall be reasonably free of unslakable residues and shall be capable of disintegrating in water to form a suspension of finely divided material.

5. Sampling and Inspection

5.1 Conduct the sampling, inspection, rejection, retesting, packaging, and marking in accordance with Methods [C50](#).

6. Test Methods

6.1 The chemical analyses shall be made in accordance with Test Methods [C25](#).

6.2 The physical tests shall be made in accordance with Test Methods [C110](#).

7. Keywords

7.1 by-product lime; calcium oxide; calcium silicate; chemical uses; color removal; dolomitic hydrated lime; dolomitic lime; dolomitic limestone; dolomitic quicklime; high calcium hydrated lime; high calcium limestone; high calcium quicklime; hydrated lime; hypochlorite bleach; industrial uses; lime; limestone; magnesian hydrated lime; magnesian limestone; magnesian quicklime; quicklime; silica brick; silica removal; sulfite pulp

² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.