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Standard Specification for Shelter, Tactical, Nonexpandable¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a rigid wall, nonexpandable shelter constructed of aluminum-faced, nonmetallic honeycomb sandwich panels, and meeting the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Cargo Container specification. Nominal dimensions are: height 8 ft, width 8 ft and length 20 ft (2.4 by 2.4 by 6.1 m).

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI units values given in parentheses are for information only; mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 The following precautionary statement pertains to the test method portion only, Section 78, of this specification: *This statement 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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[E631 Terminology of Building Constructions](#)

[E864 Practice for Surface Preparation of Aluminum Alloys to Be Adhesively Bonded in Honeycomb Shelter Panels](#)

[E865 Specification for Structural Film Adhesives for Honeycomb Sandwich Panels](#)

[E866 Specification for Corrosion-Inhibiting Adhesive Primer for Aluminum Alloys to Be Adhesively Bonded in Honeycomb Shelter Panels](#)

[E874 Practice for Adhesive Bonding of Aluminum Facings to Nonmetallic Honeycomb Core for Shelter Panels](#)

[E990 Specification for Core-Splice Adhesive for Honeycomb Sandwich Structural Panels](#)

[E1091 Specification for Nonmetallic Honeycomb Core for Use in Shelter Panels](#)

[E1749 Terminology Relating to Rigid Wall Relocatable Shelters](#)

[E1773 Practice for Sealing Rigid Wall Tactical Shelters with Polysulfide Based Sealants](#)

[E1826 Specification for Low Volatile Organic Compound \(VOC\) Corrosion-Inhibiting Adhesive Primer for Aluminum Alloys to Be Adhesively Bonded](#)

[E1925 Specification for Engineering and Design Criteria for Rigid Wall Relocatable Structures](#)

2.2 ISO Standards:³

[ISO 1161-1980 Series 1-Freight Containers-Corner Fittings, 1 freight containers -- Corner fittings -- Specification](#)

[ISO 1496/1496-1 Series 1-Freight Containers-Specification and Testing Part 1-General Cargo Containers 1 freight containers -- Specification and testing -- Part 1: General cargo containers](#)

[ISO 9001 Quality Systems-Model for Quality Assurance in Design, Development, Production, Installation, and Servicing systems -- Model for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing](#)

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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.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.

2.3 Military Standards:⁴

MIL-STD-129 Marking for Shipping and Storage

MIL-STD-810 Environmental Engineering Considerations and Laboratory Tests

2.4 ANSI/ASQC Standard:⁵

ANSI/ASQC Z1.4-1993 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes

2.5 Drawings:⁶

5-4-3141 Shelter, Assembly, Non-Expandable-60 amp

5-4-6865 Shelter, Assembly, Non-Expandable-100 amp

2.6 SAE Standards:⁷

SAE-AMS-STD-1595 Qualification of Aircraft, Missile, and Aerospace Fusion Welders

SAE-AMS-STD-2219 Fusion Welding for Aerospace Applications

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions—For definitions of general terms related to building construction used in this specification, refer to Terminology **E631**, and for general terms related to rigid wall relocatable shelters, refer to Terminology **E1749**.

4. General Requirements

4.1 Alternate Components—When this specification or the referenced drawings specify use of a specific component “or equal,” the contractor may substitute a component equal to the specified component provided that the contractor complies with the following requirements. Prior to manufacture of the first article, or if none is required, prior to commencing production, the contractor shall submit for the purchaser’s approval, a list identifying each proposed “or equal” component together with proof that each listed component is functionally equal to the specified component and is compatible with the end item covered by this specification. The purchaser, at his option, may require a physical sample of any “or equal” component. Approval of the submitted listing and supporting data authorizes the commencement of fabrication of the first article or of production, as applicable, but does not relieve the contractor of the responsibility that the “or equal” components perform in accordance with specified requirements when incorporated into the end item.

4.2 Materials and Components—Materials and components shall conform to the documents listed in the Referenced Documents section and as specified herein. Any change to the proposed materials or processes must be approved by the purchaser. It is encouraged that recycled material be used when practical as long as it meets the requirements of this specification.

4.3 Workmanship—The shelter, including all parts and accessories, shall be constructed and finished in a workmanlike manner with particular attention given to removal of burrs and sharp edges, accuracy of dimensions, thoroughness of soldering, welding, painting, alignment of parts and assemblies, and the tightness of screws, bolts, and so forth. Gaskets shall not be torn or split and shall be free of finish. Cloth components shall be clean and free of holes, cuts or tears. All latches utilized for erection and closing of the shelter shall be properly adjusted before the shelter is prepared for delivery to the purchaser.

4.4 Riveting—Riveting joints shall be tight. The joined parts shall be undamaged, and the rivet heads shall be properly seated and tight against the bearing surfaces. All the rivets, except those used in panel bonding, shall be dipped in polysulfide sealant just prior to insertion, however, a dab of polysulfide sealant shall be applied to the head of each rivet.

4.5 Cleaning—After fabrication, parts shall be cleaned in accordance with the drawings.

4.6 Welding—Welded joints shall be such that grinding of the finished weld shall not be a requirement, except when specified on the drawing. Spot, stitch, and seam welds shall be as indicated on the drawings. All surfaces to be welded shall be cleaned and free from scale, paint, grease, and other foreign materials. Welds shall have thorough penetration, good fusion, and shall be free from scabs, blisters, abnormal pock marks, cracks, voids, slag inclusions, and other harmful defects. Welded assemblies shall be cleaned to remove any scale, oxidation products, and excess flux. Any acid used in cleaning shall be completely neutralized and removed. Welder shall be certified in accordance with SAE-AMS-STD-1595. Welding equipment and procedures shall conform to SAE-AMS-STD-2219.

4.7 Finish—Coatings shall level out to an adherent, continuous and uniform film without runs, wrinkles, streaks, or areas of no film. Any coating damaged during assembly or examination shall be touched up. There shall be no areas of rust. Finish shall be free of blistering, peeling and chips.

4.7.1 Adhesion of Paint—The shelter shall be capable of withstanding, without degradation to the finish, the tests as specified in **7.378.37**.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, DODSSP, Bldg. 4, Section D, DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, <http://dodssp.daps.dla.mil>; 19111-5094, <http://quicksearch.dla.mil>.

⁵ Available from American Society for Quality (ASQ), 600 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53203, <http://www.asq.org>.

⁶ Copies of drawings are available from U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center, Systems Center (NSSC), ATTN: AMSRD-NSC-CP-CS, Kansas Street, General Greene Ave., Natick, MA 01760-5018, <http://www.army.mil/info/organization/natick-01760>, <http://www.army.mil/natick>.

⁷ Available from SAE International (SAE), 400 Commonwealth Dr., Warrendale, PA 15096-0001, <http://www.sae.org>.

4.7.1.1 After top coat application, the shelter in the deployed mode shall be stored for a minimum of 168 h at a minimum of 70°F (21°C) prior to performing this test.

4.7.2 *Color*—The color of the paint film shall be compared with an appropriate color chip for the paint specified.

4.7.3 *Thickness*—The thickness of the paint film shall be checked as specified in [7.398.39](#).

4.8 *Finish and Color*—Surfaces shall be of the color, treatment, and finish as shown on the drawings. Top coat painting shall be performed on the fully assembled shelter so as to prevent mismatch of color shading, unless other control techniques are approved by the purchaser. After top coat application, the shelter shall be stored in a 70°F (21°C) minimum temperature indoor facility for a minimum of 36 h to ensure adequate coating(s) cure. During this storage period the shelter doors and vents shall be opened to permit air circulation within the shelter.

4.9 *Manuals*—Unless otherwise specified (see [X1.2](#)), technical manuals shall be provided with each shelter. Stowage provision for the manuals shall be located as shown on the applicable drawings.

4.10 Terminology related to this specification is defined in Terminology [E1749](#).

5. Design and Construction Requirements

5.1 *Design and Construction*—Design and construction of the expandable shelter shall conform to the requirements specified on the drawings, all subsidiary drawings and parts lists, and hereinafter. The shelter shall be free of panel delaminations and shall meet all physical and environmental requirements specified herein.

5.2 *Container Mode*—The shelter in the closed or transport mode shall be referred to as a container, hereinafter, for the purpose of definition. The shelter, in the container mode, shall be an article of transport equipment meeting ISO freight container requirements related to cargo containers. The shelter shall show no structural damage when tested as specified in [7.208.20](#), [7.228.22](#), [7.238.23](#), and [7.288.28 – 7.358.35](#) and shall show no leakage when tested as specified in [7.248.24](#), and [7.24.18.24.1 – 7.24.38.24.3](#). The contractor shall ensure that the shelter receives Coast Guard Certification for ISO containers. The container’s overall dimensions shall be in accordance with ISO freight container designated IC and are as shown in [Table 1](#).

5.3 *Panels*—The panels used as structural members in the container configuration shall meet structurally all transportation and environmental requirements specified herein. Each panel shall be fabricated as a net panel with aluminum extrusions bonded about the panel perimeter during panel bonding. The inner and outer skins on all joints shall be sealed to provide a water barrier against the entrance of moisture to the core material and to the interior of the shelter. The water barrier is to be maintained intact at all panel cross-sectional openings. All joints and edges shall be assembled and sealed in a manner to prevent collection and retention of moisture. Particular emphasis shall be placed on the sealing of all mitered corners. All of the above sealing procedures shall be accomplished in accordance with Practice [E1773](#). Rivet shafts shall be coated with sealing compound before insertion. The sealer shall be as indicated on the drawings. The contractor shall have the appropriate equipment and facilities, use the correct procedures in accordance with [Specification Practices E874E864](#) and [Specification E864E874](#), and use qualified panel components (that is, structural film and core splice adhesives, corrosion-inhibiting adhesive primer, structural nonmetallic honeycomb core, and as specified 5052-H34 or 6061-T6 aluminum skins, FRP barrier strips, and 6061-T6 extrusions). Prior to use, all critical panel component materials must be qualified in accordance with Specifications [E865](#), [E866](#), [E990](#), [E1091](#), and [E1826](#). There shall be no skin splices in the panels except where noted on the drawings. Unless otherwise specified (see [X1.2](#)), prior to award of contract, the contractor shall submit to the purchaser a certified copy of a laboratory test report and a copy of their process specification covering fabrication of the metallic-faced, nonmetallic honeycomb core sandwich panels they propose to use in the construction of the end item. Using their process specification, the contractor shall fabricate qualification test sandwich panels and structural film adhesive floating roller peel test specimens, and shall perform tests in accordance with Specification [E865](#) and Practice [E874](#) (see [X1.2](#)).

5.3.1 *Panel Processing*—The shelter panels shall be processed and inspected as specified in Specifications [E864](#), [E865](#) or [E1826](#) depending upon which primer is being used, Specifications [E865](#), [E866](#), [E874](#), [E990](#), [E1091](#), and [Practice Practices E864](#), [E874](#), and [E1773](#). The shelter panels shall be inspected for dimensions and flatness in accordance with the “Dimensional and Flatness Inspection of Panel” Section of Practice [E874](#) (see [10.211.2](#)).

5.3.2 *Panel Watertightness*—Panel assemblies shall not permit the entry of water (see [10.3-11.3.1](#)) when tested as specified in [7.188.18](#).

5.3.3 *Resistance to Thermal Shock*—Panels shall be resistant to thermal shock, when tested as specified in [7.68.6](#).

TABLE 1 Container Overall Dimensions

Type	Height				Width				Length			
	ft	in.	Tol.	in.	ft	in.	Tol.	in.	ft	in.	Tol.	in.
IC	8	0	+0	-0.1875	8	0	+0	-0.1875	19	10.5	+0	-0.25
	(2.438 m)		∞	(-5 mm)	(2.438 m)		+0	(-5 mm)	(6.058 m)		+0	(-6 mm)

5.3.4 *Panel Interchangeability*—All panels and panel assemblies bearing the same part numbers shall be functionally and dimensionally interchangeable without modification or rework. Individual assemblies shall not be hand picked for fit or performance, when tested as specified in [7-78.7](#).

5.3.5 *Delaminations*—Delaminations in shelter panels shall be tested as specified in ~~10-3-411.3.4~~.

5.3.6 *Panel Frame Airtightness*—Welded panel frames shall be air tight when tested as specified in ~~7-418.41~~.

5.4 *Inserts*—When tested as specified in ~~7-88.8~~, the following sized inserts, where used, shall withstand the torque and pullout loads as specified in [Table 2](#), without failure of the inserts, panel, or potting compound.

5.5 *Payload*—The unit is designed to carry a maximum payload of 11 140 lb (5100 kg) during transport.

5.6 *Corner Fittings*—The container shall be equipped with corner fittings at the top and bottom corners in accordance with the dimensional requirements for corner fittings for series-1 freight containers as stipulated in ISO 1161-1980 requirements for commercial containers. The upper faces of the top corner fittings shall protrude above the top of the rest of the container by a minimum of ¼ in (6 mm). The lower faces of bottom corner fittings shall protrude below the bottom of the container by a minimum of ⅞ in (11 mm).

5.7 *Shelter Mode*—The shelter in the erected mode shall be referred to as a shelter herein for the purpose of definition. Hinged shelter panels shall be attached in a manner to ensure compliance with the environmental test requirements as specified in [7-68.6](#), [7-138.13](#) – [7-178.17](#), [7-248.24](#), and [7-268.26](#).

5.8 *Exterior Lighting*—One area lighting fixture, as shown on the drawings, shall be provided with each shelter.

5.9 *Shelter Electrical System:*

5.9.1 *General*—The system shall have all equipment, cabling and other hardware necessary to receive three phase 120/208 V, 60 Hz power from the base electrical distribution systems, and distribute it to lighting fixtures and receptacles as indicated on the drawings. The 60 A shelters shall be in accordance with Drawing 5-4-3141 and all subsidiary drawings and parts lists. The 100 A shelters shall be in accordance with Drawing 5-4-6865 and all subsidiary drawings and parts lists. All parts of the electrical system shall operate when tested for electrical continuity as specified in ~~7-408.40~~.

5.9.2 *Operating Temperature*—The wiring system and all individual hardware items shall be capable of operating at their required capacity within an ambient temperature range of –60 F to ~~125°F~~ [125 °F \(–51 to 52°C\)](#), ~~52 °C~~, except that the fluorescent lights shall operate from 0 F to ~~125°F~~ [125 °F \(–18 to 52°C\)](#), ~~52 °C~~, when tested as specified in ~~7-148.14~~ and ~~7-158.15~~.

5.9.3 *Current Rating*—All conductors and appropriate hardware shall be rated for current carrying capacity in accordance with the applicable industry standards as specified on the drawings. Derating of components may be necessary for an operating ambient temperature of ~~125°F (52°C)~~ [125 °F \(52 °C\)](#).

5.9.4 *Finish*—Panel boards and all other exposed metallic items shall have finishes as indicated on the drawings (see [3-74.7](#)).

5.9.5 *Panel Board*—The panel board used shall be as indicated on the drawings. It shall be of dead front construction and have a solid neutral bus, a ground bus, and a 60 A or 100 A three phase main breaker as specified (see [X1.2](#)). The panel shall have a NEMA-1 enclosure with conduit hubs as necessary and at least 18 breaker spaces excluding the main breaker. The panel board bus feed shall be by rigid conduit and conductors; the conductors having a current carrying capacity of at least 100 A at ~~125°F (52°C)~~ [125 °F \(52 °C\)](#) ambient temperature. The bus feed cables shall terminate in a connector mounted on the exterior of the shelter. Conductors running from panel board circuits to fixtures or receptacles shall be enclosed in rigid conduit or shall be specified flexible cable for the expandable portion of the shelter. The current carrying capacity of the conductors shall be 20 A minimum, based upon an ambient temperature of ~~125°F (52°C)~~ [125 °F \(52 °C\)](#) and NEC rating procedures. All circuit breakers used in the system shall be bolt-on type and have a minimum interrupting capacity of 10 000 A RMS symmetrical.

5.9.6 *Cabling*—Flexible cables shall be used to feed all relocatable lighting fixtures and receptacles. These cables shall be as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.7 *Switches*—Switches used shall be as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.8 *Grounding*—All noncurrent carrying metal components shall be solidly grounded using the green ground wire within the wiring system, as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.9 *Receptacles:*

5.9.9.1 *Electrical Power Service Entrance*—The electrical power service entrance shall be as shown on the drawings. All outlets shall be electrically insulated from the wall.

TABLE 2 Insert Strength (Proof Loads)

Insert (Diameter Thread Size)	Pull-out, lb	(kN)	Torque, ft-lb	(N-m)
10-32	1000	4.5	10	(13.6)
¼-28	1000	4.5	20	(27.2)
⅜-24	2000	9.0	20	(27.2)
½-24	2000	9.0	40	(54.2)

5.9.9.2 *Convenience Outlets*—The shelter shall contain duplex convenience outlets as indicated on the drawings. All outlets shall be electrically grounded.

5.9.9.3 *Air Conditioning*—Power for heating and cooling equipment shall be provided from the distribution panel in the shelter to an electrical connector mounted in the service entrance recessed pan on the outside of the shelter as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.9.4 *External Outlets*—Power distribution shall be provided from the distribution panel box in the shelter to outlets mounted in the service entrance recessed pan on the outside of the shelter as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.10 *Communications*—The shelter shall have four (two pairs) circuits through the wall telephone and intercom utility connections terminating in four protected terminals inside and outside the shelter, as indicated on the drawings.

5.9.11 *Tools*—Tools provided with the shelter shall be readily accessible to personnel.

5.10 *Nameplates and Product Marking*—All markings shall conform to the drawings. Each shelter shall be serially numbered and provided with a nameplate in accordance with applicable drawings (see X1.2).

5.10.1 *Interior Markings*—Interior markings shall be as shown and in the locations shown on the applicable drawings.

5.10.2 *Exterior Markings*—The shelter shall be provided with specific exterior markings as shown on the applicable drawings.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 *Floor Loads*—The shelter floor shall be capable of supporting a uniform load of 65 lb/ft² (320 kg/m²). The shelter floor shall be capable of supporting a concentrated load of 2000 lb (910 kg) over a 4 ft² (0.4 m²) area at the center of the floor. The floor shall also be capable of supporting a point load of 125 lb/in.² (9 kg/m²). Loads shall not cause any permanent deformation of the floors or cause any deflection that interferes with proper shelter operation, when tested as specified in 7-98.9.

6.2 *Roof Loads*—The roof assembly of the shelter shall withstand a snow load of 40 lb/ft² (200 kg/m²) and a personnel load of 660 lb (300 kg) static over 2 ft² (0.2 m²) when tested as specified in 7-108.10.

6.3 *Door Loads*—Container doors shall be tested to withstand the following loads without deformation or impairment of function:

6.3.1 *Static Door (Hinge) Load*—The doors, frames, and hardware shall be capable of supporting 200 lb (90 kg) applied to the door at the edge opposite the hinge pivot line with the door open to approximately 90° when tested as specified in 7-118.11.

6.3.2 *Wind Gust Door (Stop) Load*—The doors, frames and hardware shall withstand a wind gust of 60 mph (100 km/h) in any direction when the door is secured in its open position by its door stop device when tested as specified in 7-118.11.

6.4 *Step Assembly*—The completely mounted step assembly shall withstand a vertical load of 500 lb (225 kg) applied to the outer section without deformation of the assembly or supporting structure when tested as specified in 7-128.12.

6.5 *Airtightness*—The shelter shall not permit air leakage beyond specified limits when tested as specified in 7-138.13.

6.6 *Temperature Range:*

6.6.1 *Nonoperating Temperature*—The shelter shall withstand exposure to a temperature range of –60 to 160°F (–51 to 71°C).

6.6.2 *Operational Temperature*—The shelter shall be dependable and operable in an ambient temperature range of –60 to 125°F (–51 to 52°C) plus a solar load such that the outer skin reaches a temperature of 200°F (93°C), when tested as specified in 7-148.14, 7-158.15, and 7-268.26.

6.7 *Humidity and Temperature Aging (Components)*—The shelter components shall be capable of withstanding the conditions of a minimum 95 % relative humidity at 200°F (93°C). There shall be no evidence of delamination, cracking, corrosion, or deterioration when tested as specified in 7-168.16.

6.8 *Blackout*—There shall be no internal light visible from outside of the unit in the shelter mode when tested as specified in 7-178.17.

6.9 *Insert Strength*—When tested as specified in 7-198.19, the inserts indicated in Table 2 shall withstand loads equal to 80 % of the applicable strengths shown in Table 2 without failure and as indicated in Table 3.

6.10 *Rail Transportability*—The shelter, when tested as specified (see 7-208.20), shall be capable of withstanding, without damage, the shocks normally induced by rail transport.

6.11 *Impact Resistance*—The shelter panel shall be impact resistant when tested as specified in 7-218.21.

TABLE 3 Insert Strength (Working Loads)

Insert (Diameter Thread Size)	Pull-out, lb	(kg)	Torque, ft-lb	(J)
10-32	800	(360)	8	(11)
1/4-28	800	(360)	16	(22)
5/16-24	1600	(725)	16	(22)
3/8-24	1600	(725)	32	(43)

6.12 *Drop Test*—The shelter when tested as specified in [7-228.22](#) shall show no evidence of damage as a result of the drop test.

6.13 *Towing*—The shelter shall show no evidence of damage when tested as specified in [7-238.23](#).

6.14 *Water Leakage*—The shelter shall show no evidence of leakage when tested as specified in [7-248.24](#).

6.15 *Fluorescent Light Temperature*—Shelter fluorescent light assemblies shall show no failure when tested as specified in [7-258.25](#).

6.16 *Solar Load*—The shelter shall withstand a solar load test when tested as specified in [7-268.26](#).

6.17 *Operational Fitness*—The shelter shall prove functional when tested as specified in [7-278.27](#).

6.18 *Heat Transfer*—The overall coefficient of heat transfer of the shelter shall not exceed 0.39 BTU per hour per square foot per degree Fahrenheit (2.2 Watts per square metre per degree Kelvin) (see [7-368.36](#)).

7. Other Requirements

7.1 Requirements and testing for lifting, six high stacking, longitudinal restraint, racking, lashing, endwall strength, sidewall strength, and lifting from fork lift pockets shall conform to ISO 1496-1 when tested as specified in [7-288.28 – 7-358.35](#).

7.2 *First Article*—When specified, a sample shall be subjected to first article inspection (see [8-49.1](#), [X1.2](#), and [X1.3](#)).

7.3 *Inspection Comparison Testing Sample*—When specified (see [X1.2](#)), the contractor shall furnish a sample for comparison inspection and approval (see [8-49.1](#) and [X1.4](#)).

7.4 *Manuals*—Unless otherwise specified (see [X1.2](#)), technical manuals shall be provided with each shelter. Stowage provisions for the manuals shall be located as shown on the applicable drawings.

8. Test Methods

8.1 *Electrical Continuity Testing*—Test every end item as specified in [7-408.40](#). Any test failure shall be cause for rejection of the end item.

8.2 *Water Leakage and Operational Testing*—Test the first ten production units as specified in [7-248.24](#), [7-24-18.24.1](#), and [7-24-38.24.3](#). If no failures are experienced, test five of the next ten production units. If no failures are experienced on the 50 % sample, test one of each 25 production units thereafter. Any failure on sampled units shall be cause for rejection of the lot and return to 1008 testing; repeat the above procedure (starting with the units of that lot).

8.2.1 *Water Leakage (Fully Loaded)*—Test one out of every 50 production units as specified in [7-24-28.24.2](#) and [7-24-38.24.3](#). Notify the purchaser of any test failure within 72 h. Prepare a failure analysis report with corrective action defined, and test one out of the next ten production units followed by one out of the next fifty if no failures occur.

8.3 *Performance Testing*—Test one end item from each inspection lot as specified in [7-138.13](#) (shelter mode only) and [7-268.26](#). After successful completion of these tests, test the end item sample as specified in [7-178.17](#). The size of the inspection lot shall not exceed 25 shelters. Any test failure shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

8.4 *Paint Adhesion Testing*—Test one of every forty production units as specified in [7-378.37](#). Test this unit in the deployed mode only after storage in a 70°F (21°C) 70°F (21°C) minimum temperature indoor environment for 168 h minimum, after topcoat painting. Notify the purchaser of any test failure within 72 h. Prepare a failure analysis report with corrective action defined, and test one out of the next ten production units, followed by one out of the next forty if no failures occur.

8.5 *Packaging Examination*—Make an examination to determine that preservation and packing comply with Section [4-9-95.9.9](#). Score defects in accordance with [Table 4](#). The sample unit shall be one shelter fully packaged except the mechanical seals on the doors may be omitted to facilitate inspection. When omitted for internal inspection, after acceptance of the lot for preservation, apply mechanical door seals to the shelters and then inspect the lot of shelters subsequently for sealing. The lot shall be the number of shelters offered for inspection at one time. The inspection level shall be II, and the AQL, expressed in terms of defects per hundred units, shall be 2.5.

8.6 *Thermal Shock Test*—Within 30 min after the exposure cycling of [7-168.16](#) has been completed, subject the panel specimens to a -65°F (-54°C) -65°F (-54°C) environment for 4 h to evaluate the effects of thermal shock. After thermal shock, inspect the panel specimens for delamination (see [7-388.38](#)), corrosion, and material degradation. Any delamination, corrosion, or material degradation shall constitute a failure of the test.

8.7 *Panel Interchange Test*—Interchange two fixed walls with the same part number randomly selected from the first article or production lot of completed shelters, as applicable. Accomplish the interchange by removing the bolts, interchanging walls, and reinstalling the bolts (see [4-3-45.3.4](#)). Any wall that cannot be fully interchanged shall constitute a failure of the test.

8.8 *Insert Proof Load Test*—The test fixtures shall be fashioned by the contractor and approved by the purchaser prior to use, to evaluate the inserts using bolts of the applicable thread size. Apply loads to the insert in a tightening and loosening direction and hold at the specified torque for a minimum of 5 s. Fashion the test fixtures to induce only a twisting load to the insert for the