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Standard Terminology Relating to Recovered Carbon Black (rCB)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This terminology covers a compilation of definitions of technical terms used in the recovered carbon black industry. Terms that are generally understood or adequately defined in other readily available sources are not included.

1.2 *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

[D1508 Test Method for Carbon Black, Pelleted Fines and Attrition](#)

[D1509 Test Methods for Carbon Black—Heating Loss](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

aciniform, *adj*—shaped like a cluster of grapes.

DISCUSSION—

The original spheroidal primary particles of carbon black fused into aggregates of colloidal dimension forming an aciniform morphology. Recovered carbon blacks retain these aciniform aggregate structures.

carbon black, furnace, *n*—a type of carbon black produced by the decomposition reaction of primarily liquid hydrocarbons when injected into a high-velocity stream of combustion gases under controlled conditions.

DISCUSSION—

The primary type of carbon black used in production of rubber compound, especially used in tires and other black rubber articles.

carbon black, thermal, *n*—a type of carbon black produced under controlled conditions by the thermal decomposition of gaseous hydrocarbons in the absence of air or flames.

DISCUSSION—

This carbon black lacks significant aciniform morphology and as such is used primarily in non-tire applications. Use of non-tire rubber feedstock may result in the recovery of this carbon black type.

char, *n*—solid carbonaceous residue formed during carbonization of organic compounds.

fines, *n*—that portion of pelletized recovered carbon black that passes through a specified sieve under standard conditions.

¹ This terminology is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee [D36](#) on Recovered Carbon Black (rCB) and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee [D36.30](#) on Nomenclature.

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