



# Standard Practice for Specimen Preparation and Mounting of Site-Fabricated Stretch Systems to Assess Surface Burning Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice describes procedures for specimen preparation and mounting when testing a site-fabricated stretch system to assess flame spread and smoke developed as surface-burning characteristics using Test Method **E84**.

1.2 Testing is conducted with Test Method **E84**.

1.3 This practice does not provide pass/fail criteria that can be used as a regulatory tool.

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard. See **IEEE/ASTM SI-10** for further details.

1.5 This fire standard cannot be used to provide quantitative measures.

1.6 Fire testing of products and materials is inherently hazardous, and adequate safeguards for personnel and property shall be employed in conducting these tests. Fire testing involves hazardous materials, operations, and equipment. This standard gives instructions on specimen preparation and mounting, but the fire-test-response method is given in Test Method **E84**. See also Section **10**.

1.7 This practice shall not apply to vinyl stretch ceiling materials, which are covered by Practice **E2599**.

1.8 *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, health, and health environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.9 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered requirements of the standard.

1.10 *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:*<sup>2</sup>

**E84** Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

**E176** Terminology of Fire Standards

**E2599** Practice for Specimen Preparation and Mounting of Reflective Insulation, Radiant Barrier and Vinyl Stretch Ceiling Materials for Building Applications to Assess Surface Burning Characteristics

**IEEE/ASTM SI-10** International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this practice refer to Terminology **E176**.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.