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Standard Classification System and Basis for Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This classification system standard covers rigid PVC and CPVC compounds intended for general purpose use in extruded or molded form—including fittings and both pressure and nonpressure piping applications—composed of poly(vinyl chloride), chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride), or vinyl chloride copolymers containing at least 80 % vinyl chloride, and the necessary compounding ingredients. The compounding ingredients shall be permitted to consist of lubricants, stabilizers, non-poly(vinyl chloride) resin modifiers, pigments, and inorganic fillers.

NOTE 1—Selection of specific compounds for particular end uses or applications requires consideration of other characteristics such as thermal properties, optical properties, weather resistance, etc. Specific requirements and test methods for these properties should be by mutual agreement between the purchaser and the seller.

NOTE 2—Selection of compounds for pressure piping applications requires consideration of material stress ratings that are required for determining pressure ratings, but are not addressed in this specification. Requirements for long-term material stress ratings in accordance with recognized stress rating standards, such as HDB in accordance with Test Method D2837 for pressure piping, should be included in specifications for pressure piping products or systems.

NOTE 3—The list of compounding ingredients in 1.1 is not meant to be an exhaustive list of allowable compound ingredients. In addition to the compounding ingredients listed, others may also be used. The list of compounding ingredients in 1.1 does not imply that every ingredient listed is a required ingredient. Some compounds may not contain all the ingredients listed in 1.1.

1.2 For applications involving special chemical resistance see Classification D5260.

1.3 The requirements in this classification system standard are intended for the quality control of compounds used to manufacture finished products. These properties are based on data obtained using standard test specimens tested under specified conditions. They are not directly applicable to fin-

ished products. See the applicable ASTM standards for requirements for finished products.

1.4 The text of this classification system standard references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this specification.

1.5 Some rigid PVC applications have the option to contain recycled PVC plastics that meet the requirements of this classification system standard. Refer to the specific requirements in the materials and manufacture section of the applicable product standard.

1.6 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.7 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 11, of this specification: *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 environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 4—This specification is similar in content (but not technically equivalent) to ISO 1163-1:1985 and ISO 1163-2:1980.

1.8 *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
- D256 Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics
 - D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

¹ This classification system standard is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D20 on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D20.15 on Thermoplastic Materials.

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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.

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

- D635 Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Plastics in a Horizontal Position
 - D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
 - D648 Test Method for Deflection Temperature of Plastics Under Flexural Load in the Edgewise Position
 - D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
 - D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
 - D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics
 - D2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials or Pressure Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Products
 - D4703 Practice for Compression Molding Thermoplastic Materials into Test Specimens, Plaques, or Sheets
 - D5260 Classification for Chemical Resistance of Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Homopolymer and Copolymer Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds
- 2.2 ISO Standards:³
- ISO 1163-1:1985 Plastics—Unplasticized compounds of homopolymers and copolymers of vinyl chloride—Part 1: Designation
 - ISO 1163-2:1980 Plastics—Unplasticized compounds of homopolymers and copolymers of vinyl chloride—Part 2: Determination of properties

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology D883 and abbreviations with Terminology D1600 unless otherwise indicated.

4. Classification

4.1 Means for selecting and identifying rigid PVC and CPVC compounds are provided in Table 1. The properties enumerated in Table 1 and the tests defined are expected to provide identification of the compounds selected. They are not necessarily suitable for direct application in design because of differences in shape of part, size, loading, environmental conditions, etc.

4.2 Classes are designated by the cell number for each property in the order in which they are listed in Table 1.

NOTE 5—The manner in which selected materials are identified by this classification system is illustrated by a Class 12454 rigid PVC compound having the following requirements (see Table 1). The two-digit cell limits 10 and 11 are rarely used, only for special high-temperature grades of CPVC compound:

Class	1	2	4	5	4
Identification:					
Poly(vinyl chloride) homopolymer					
Property and Minimum Value:					
Izod (34.7 J/m (0.65 ft-lbf/in.)) under notch					
Tensile strength (48.3 MPa (7000 psi))					
Modulus of elasticity in tension (2758 MPa (400 000 psi))					
Deflection temperature under load (70°C (158°F))					

NOTE 6—The cell-type format provides the means for identification and close characterization and specification of material properties, alone or in combination, for a broad range of materials. This type format, however, is subject to possible misapplication since unobtainable property combinations can be selected if the user is not familiar with commercially available materials. The manufacturer should be consulted.

4.3 Product application chemical resistance when specified shall be classified in accordance with the classification section of Classification D5260.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 The purchase order, or inquiry, for these materials shall state the specification number and identify the class selected, for example, D1784, Class 12454.

5.2 Further definition, as may be required for the following, shall be on the basis of agreement between the purchaser and the seller:

- 5.2.1 Physical form and particle size (see 6.1),
- 5.2.2 Color (see 6.2),
- 5.2.3 Other supplementary definition if necessary, and
- 5.2.4 Inspection (see 12.1).

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Materials supplied under this specification shall be PVC and CPVC compounds of uniform composition in the form of cubes, granules, or powder blends.

6.2 Color and transparency or opacity of molded or extruded articles formed under the conditions recommended by the seller shall be comparable within commercial match tolerances to the color and transparency or opacity of standard molded or extruded samples of the same thickness supplied in advance by the seller of the material.

7. Physical Requirements

7.1 Test values for specimens of the material prepared as specified in Section 9 and tested in accordance with Section 10 shall conform to the requirements given in Table 1 for the class selected.

8. Sampling

8.1 A batch or lot is construed as a unit of manufacture and a blend of two or more production runs of material shall be acceptable.

8.2 Sample using a statistically acceptable procedure.

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