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Standard Specification for Asphalt-Coated Glass Fiber Base Sheet Used in Roofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asphalt impregnated and coated glass fiber base sheet, with or without perforations, for use as the first ply of the built-up roofing. When not perforated, this sheet is suitable for use as a vapor retarder, with a solid mopping of asphaltic material, under roof insulation or between multiple layers of roof insulation.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in nonconformance with the standard.

1.3 *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
- D146/D146M Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Bitumen-Saturated Felts and Woven Fabrics for Roofing and Waterproofing
 - D228/D228M Test Methods for Sampling, Testing, and Analysis of Asphalt Roll Roofing, Cap Sheets, and Shingles Used in Roofing and Waterproofing
 - D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology D1079.

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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.

4. Classification

4.1 Asphalt impregnated and coated glass fiber base sheet, Type I and Type II, are covered by this specification.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The mat shall be a thin, porous mat of uniformly distributed glass fibers, with or without additional reinforcing strands of glass yarn, and bonded with a water-resistant resinous binder.

5.2 In the process of manufacture, a single thickness of glass fiber mat shall be impregnated with hot asphalt, coated on one or both sides with a hot asphaltic material, and permitted to be surfaced with mineral surfacing.

5.3 The impregnating and coating material shall be a hot-applied asphalt permitted to be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

5.4 The base sheet may be faced with a kraft paper on the bottom side.

6. Physical Requirements, Dimensions, and Masses

6.1 The material shall conform to the physical requirements, dimensions, and masses described in Tables 1 and 2. It may have small pin holes throughout the sheet.

6.2 Perforated material shall conform to the physical requirements, dimensions, and masses described in Tables 1-3. It may have small pin holes throughout the sheet.

6.3 The finished product shall not crack nor be so sticky as to cause tearing or other damage upon being unrolled at temperatures between 4 and 60 °C [40 and 140 °F].

7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The finished material shall be uniformly impregnated and coated with asphalt. It shall be free of visible defects such as holes, ragged or untrue edges, breaks, cracks, tears, and protrusions. This is not to exclude perforations for the specific purpose of providing for venting of gases during application or small pin holes.

8. Sampling and Test Methods

8.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods D228/D228M unless otherwise indicated.

TABLE 1 Physical Requirements^A

Description	Type I	Type II
Breaking strength, minimum kN/m [lbf/in.] longitudinal and transverse	3.9 [22]	7.7 [44]
Pliability, 13 mm [$\frac{1}{2}$ in.] radius Maximum failures, 10 specimens	0	0

^A To prevent the asphalt glass fiber base sheet from slipping from between the jaws of the tensile testing machine, insert a thin strip of soft gasket rubber between the felt in each of the four jaw faces of the machine.

8.2 *Breaking Strength*—Determine in accordance with Test Methods **D146/D146M**, Section 13. (Specimens must be free from perforations.)

8.3 *Moisture Content*—Determine in accordance with Test Methods **D146/D146M**, Section 12.

8.4 *Pliability Testing*—Test in accordance with Test Methods **D146/D146M**, except the specimens shall be conditioned as in Test Methods **D146/D146M**, Strength Section 13.1.1.

8.5 Use rule to measure perforation size and spacing.

8.6 The percentage of surfacing and stabilizer shall be the ratio of mass of surfacing and stabilizer to the mass of the surfacing, stabilizer, and asphalt.

9. Inspection

9.1 *Inspection*—Inspection shall be in accordance with the requirements of this specification.

9.2 *Inspection Alternatives*—Alternative inspection requirements shall be determined by and as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

10. Rejection and Resubmittal

10.1 *Failure to Conform*—Failure to conform to any of the requirements as stated in this specification constitutes grounds for rejection.

10.2 *Rejection Redress*—The supplier shall have the right to inspect the rejected materials. The supplier and the purchaser shall agree to the quantity of rolls deemed unacceptable. The supplier shall then have the right to submit the same number of new rolls as replacement.

11. Packaging and Package Marking

11.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon between the supplier and purchaser, each product package shall be plainly marked with the supplier's name, the product brand, the ASTM designation, and type of bitumen if not evident in the label name of the product.

11.2 The rolls shall be securely wrapped or banded in a manner that completely encircles the roll and will prevent slipping or unrolling.

11.3 No roll shall contain more than two pieces, and no more than 3 % of the rolls in any lot shall contain two pieces. If a roll contains a manufacturing splice, the splice shall be clearly marked.

12. Keywords

12.1 asphalt impregnated; base sheet; built-up roof; coated; fiberglass; partially attached; vapor retarder