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# Standard Specification for Clay Flue Liners and Chimney Pots<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes the criteria for acceptance, prior to installation, of clay flue liners and chimney pots used for conveying hot gases in masonry chimneys.

1.2 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.

1.3 For installation of clay flue liners, see Practice C1283.

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:*<sup>2</sup>

C67/C67M Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile

C301 Test Methods for Vitrified Clay Pipe

C896 Terminology Relating to Clay Products

C1283 Practice for Installing Clay Flue Lining

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 Clay, fire clay, shale, and surface clay are as defined in Terminology C896.

3.1.2 *chimney pot*—a pipe used at the top of the chimney to increase draft and carry off smoke.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 *Types*—Flue liners acceptable under this specification shall be designated as rectangular nonmodular, rectangular modular, round or oval.

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Flue liners and chimney pots shall be manufactured from fire clay, shale, surface clay, or a combination of these materials that when formed and fired to suitable temperatures, shall yield a product that is strong, durable, serviceable, and conforms to this specification.

## 6. Physical and Chemical Requirements

6.1 *Absorption:*

6.1.1 The absorption of clay flue liners and chimney pots shall not exceed 8.0 % when tested in accordance with Test Methods C301.

6.1.2 *Test Specimens*—Five dry test specimens shall be obtained from the five flue liners or chimney pots to be tested and shall measure as closely as possible to 4 by 4 in. (100 by 100 mm) per side. All rough edges shall be ground off and loose particles removed.

6.1.3 If any of the test specimens fail to meet the requirements, the manufacturer shall be allowed to retest on two additional specimens for each one that failed. The flues and pots will be acceptable if all the subsequent specimens for retest meet the requirements.

6.2 *Acid Resistance:*

6.2.1 This is a test used to determine the resistance of clay flue liners and chimney pots to the action of acids encountered in chimneys. This test shall be performed only when specified.

6.2.2 The flue liner and chimney pots shall be acceptable if the acid soluble material does not exceed 0.25 % when tested in accordance with Test Methods C301.

6.2.3 *Test Specimens*—Select one test specimen from each size of flue liner or chimney pot. The specimens shall measure about 2 by 2 in. (51 by 51 mm) per side and weigh not more than 200 g. They shall be sound pieces with all edges freshly broken, free of cracks or shattered edges, and shall be thoroughly cleaned.

6.3 *Freeze-Thaw Cycle Test:*

6.3.1 When flue liners or chimney pots are tested in accordance with Test Methods C67/C67M, Section 9 on structural clay tile, there shall be no breakage and the percentage of weight loss shall not exceed 0.5 %.

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**7. Sizes and Dimensions**

7.1 Flue liners shall be specified and furnished in the dimensions prescribed in Tables 1-4. When other sizes are required, flue liners that meet the requirements of Sections 5 and 6 shall be cut and installed in the chimney.

7.2 Variations in dimensions in Tables 1-4 shall not exceed ±½ in. (±13 mm) for outside dimensions. Permissible wall thickness variation is ±⅛ in. (±3 mm) for all flue liners, except that there shall be no limit for plus variation in round flue liners. Variations in dimensions of round flue lining shall not exceed those shown in Table 3. The maximum difference in the diagonal dimensions of rectangular modular flue liners shall not exceed ½ in. (13 mm) for sizes up to and including 12 by 12 in. (305 by 305 mm) and ¾ in. (19 mm) for larger sizes.

7.3 Dimensions in Tables 1-4 are not to be used to determine the effective area of the flue liner. Consult manufacturer or use actual measurements to determine effective areas of the liners for sizing purposes.

7.4 Flue liners are available in various lengths. The variation in length shall not exceed ±¼ in./ft (±21 mm/m). The maximum difference in length of the opposite sides of flue liners shall not exceed ¼ in./ft (21 mm/m) of length.

**8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance**

8.1 Flue liners and chimney pots shall be well burned and substantially free of laminations.

8.2 Blisters shall not exceed 3 in. (76 mm) in diameter, and blisters or pimples shall not project more than ⅛ in. (3 mm) above the surface, in sizes up to and including 17¾ by 17¾ in. (450 by 450 mm). For larger sizes, blisters shall not exceed 4 in. (100 mm) in diameter nor project more than ½ in. (13 mm) above the surface.

**TABLE 1 Rectangular Nonmodular Clay Flue Liners—Standard Dimensions**

Outside Dimensions, in. (mm)	Nominal Wall Thickness in. (mm)	Outside Corner Radius Max., in. (mm)
4½ by 8½ (115 by 215)	⅝ (16)	1 (25)
4½ by 13 (115 by 330)	¾ (19)	1 (25)
8½ by 8½ (215 by 215)	¾ (19)	2 (51)
8½ by 13 (215 by 330)	⅞ (22)	2 (51)
8½ by 17¾ (215 by 450)	1 (25)	2 (51)
13 by 13 (330 by 330)	⅞ (22)	3 (76)
13 by 17¾ (330 by 450)	1 (25)	4 (100)
17¾ by 17¾ (450 by 450)	1¼ (32)	4 (100)
20 by 20 (510 by 510)	1⅝ (35)	5 (130)
20 by 24 (510 by 610)	1½ (38)	5 (130)
24 by 24 (610 by 610)	1⅞ (41)	6 (150)

**TABLE 2 Rectangular Modular Clay Flue Liners—Standard Dimensions**

Outside Dimensions, in. (mm)	Nominal Wall Thickness, in. (mm)	Outside Corner Radius, max., in. (mm)
3½ by 7½ (90 by 190)	⅝ (16)	1 (25)
3½ by 11½ (90 by 290)	⅝ (16)	1 (25)
7½ by 7½ (190 by 190)	⅝ (16)	2 (51)
7½ by 11½ (190 by 290)	¾ (19)	2 (51)
11½ by 11½ (290 by 290)	⅞ (22)	3 (76)
11½ by 15½ (290 by 395)	1 (25)	3 (76)
15½ by 15½ (395 by 395)	1⅞ (29)	4 (100)
15½ by 19½ (395 by 495)	1¼ (32)	4 (100)
19½ by 19½ (495 by 495)	1⅝ (35)	5 (130)
19½ by 23½ (495 by 595)	1½ (38)	5 (130)
23½ by 23½ (595 by 595)	1⅞ (41)	6 (150)

**TABLE 3 Round Clay Flue Liners—Standard Dimensions**

Nominal Inside Diameter, in. (mm)	Permissible Variation in Inside Diameter, ± in. ± (mm)	Nominal Wall Thickness, in. (mm)
6 (150)	¼ (6)	⅝ (16)
7 (180)	¼ (6)	¾ (19)
8 (205)	¼ (6)	¾ (19)
10 (255)	⅝ (8)	⅞ (22)
10¾ (275)	⅝ (10)	1 (25)
12 (305)	⅝ (10)	1 (25)
15 (380)	⅝ (10)	1⅞ (29)
18 (455)	7/16 (11)	1¼ (32)
21 (535)	7/16 (11)	1⅞ (41)
24 (610)	½ (13)	1⅞ (41)
27 (685)	9/16 (14)	2 (51)
30 (760)	⅝ (16)	2⅞ (54)
33 (840)	1¼ (32)	2¼ (57)
36 (915)	1¼ (32)	2½ (64)

**TABLE 4 Oval Clay Flue Liners—Standard Dimensions**

Outside Dimensions, in. (mm)	Nominal Wall Thickness, in. (mm)	Nominal Outside Corner Radius, in. (mm)
8½ by 12¾ (215 by 325)	¾ (19)	4¼ (110)
8½ by 16¾ (215 by 425)	1 (25)	4¼ (110)
10 by 17¾ (255 by 450)	1 (25)	5 (130)
12¾ by 16¾ (325 by 425)	1 (25)	6⅞ (160)
12¾ by 21 (325 by 535)	1⅞ (29)	6⅞ (160)
16¾ by 16¾ (425 by 425)	1 (25)	6⅞ (160)
16¾ by 21 (425 by 535)	1⅞ (30)	6⅞ (160)
21 by 21 (535 by 535)	1¼ (32)	6⅞ (160)

8.3 Chips shall not exceed 2 in. (51 mm) in length, 2 in. (51 mm) in width, and a depth of more than one half the wall thickness.

**9. Inspection**

9.1 Inspection of the material shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier as part of the purchase contract and shall be performed by a competent inspector employed by the purchaser. Inspection shall be made at the factory or promptly at the point of delivery. All flue liners and chimney pots accepted shall be plainly marked by the inspector. Rejected flue liners and chimney pots shall not be defaced but shall be replaced by the manufacturer or seller, without additional cost, with flue liners and chimney pots that meet the requirements of this specification.