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## Standard Specification for Rigid (Unplasticized) Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Soffit<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification establishes requirements and test methods for the materials, dimensions, camber, impact strength, expansion, and appearance of extruded single-wall soffit manufactured from rigid (unplasticized) PVC compound. Methods of indicating compliance with this specification are also provided.

1.2 The use of PVC recycled plastic in this product shall be in accordance with the requirements in Section 4.

~~1.3 Rigid (unplasticized) poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) siding is covered in Specification D3679.~~

1.3 Soffit produced to this specification shall be installed in accordance with Practice D4756. Reference shall also be made to the manufacturer's installation instructions for the specific product to be installed.

NOTE 1—Information with regard to soffit maintenance shall be obtained from the manufacturer.

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.

1.5 The following precautionary caveat pertains to the test method portion only, Section 6 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 2—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

1.6 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>

D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

D635 Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Plastics in a Horizontal Position

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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.

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

[D696 Test Method for Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Plastics Between –30°C and 30°C with a Vitreous Silica Dilatometer](#)  
[D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)  
[D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics](#)  
[D2244 Practice for Calculation of Color Tolerances and Color Differences from Instrumentally Measured Color Coordinates](#)  
[D2457 Test Method for Specular Gloss of Plastic Films and Solid Plastics](#)  
[D3679 Specification for Rigid Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(PVC\) Siding](#)  
[D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics](#)  
[D4226 Test Methods for Impact Resistance of Rigid Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(PVC\) Building Products](#)  
[D4756 Practice for Installation of Rigid Poly\(Vinyl Chloride\) \(PVC\) Siding and Soffit](#)  
[D5033 Guide for Development of ASTM Standards Relating to Recycling and Use of Recycled Plastics \(Withdrawn 2007\)<sup>3</sup>](#)  
[D5947 Test Methods for Physical Dimensions of Solid Plastics Specimens](#)  
[E631 Terminology of Building Constructions](#)  
[E1753 Practice for Use of Qualitative Chemical Spot Test Kits for Detection of Lead in Dry Paint Films](#)

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminologies [D883](#), [D1600](#), and [E631](#), unless otherwise specified.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *vinyl soffit, n*—a shaped material, made principally from rigid poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) that is used to clad the underside of a roof overhang.

3.2.2 *Discussion*—Any exception to a homogeneous rigid PVC compound is present in a coextruded or laminated capstock.

### 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The soffit, shall be made of one or more layers of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) compound. Any layers of materials other than poly (vinyl chloride) (PVC) compound shall be kept to less than 20% by volume.

4.2 Use rigid PVC recycled plastic, as defined in Guide [D5033](#) if all the requirements in the sections on Terminology (Section 3), on Materials and Manufacture (Section 4), and on Physical Requirements (Section 5) are met by the soffit containing PVC recycled plastic.

4.3 The poly(vinyl chloride) soffit material, when tested in accordance with Test Method [D635](#), shall not exceed an average extent of burn of 4 in. (100 mm), with an average time of burn not to exceed 10 s. A minimum sample thickness of 0.030 in. (0.8 mm) is required. (**Warning**—The flammability testing data, conclusions, and recommendations of Test Method [D635](#) relate solely to the measurement and description of properties for classification of the poly(vinyl chloride) soffit material in response to flame under controlled laboratory conditions and shall not be used for the description or appraisal of the fire hazard of vinyl soffit under actual fire conditions.)

4.4 The PVC compound, when extruded into soffit, shall maintain uniform color and be free of any visual surface or structural changes, such as peeling, chipping, cracking, flaking, or pitting.

4.5 PVC soffit shall not contain elemental lead (Pb) or compounds of that material other than traces incidental to raw materials or the manufacturing process. Compliance with this requirement shall be demonstrated by one of the methods in 6.12.

### 5. Physical Requirements

5.1 *Length and Width*—The nominal length and width of the soffit shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. The actual length shall not be less than ¼ in. (6.4 mm) of the nominal length and the actual width shall be within ±⅛ in. (3.2 mm) of the nominal width when measured in accordance with [6.3](#) and [6.4](#).

5.2 *Thickness*—The minimum thickness of the soffit shall be 0.030 in. (0.8 mm) when measured in accordance with [6.5](#).

<sup>3</sup> The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org).