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# Standard Specification for Ketone Ethylene Ester Based Sheet Roofing<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers flexible sheet made from ketone ethylene ester (KEE) as the primary polymer intended for use in single-ply roofing membrane exposed to the weather. The sheet shall be reinforced with fabric.

1.2 In-place roof system design criteria, such as fire resistance, field-seaming strength, material compatibility, uplift resistance, in-situ shrinkage, among others, are factors that must be considered but are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 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.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains to the test methods portion only, Section 8, 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.*

1.5 *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>

D471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids

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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.

D751 Test Methods for Coated Fabrics

D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing

D1204 Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheet or Film at Elevated Temperature

D2136 Test Method for Coated Fabrics—Low-Temperature Bend Test

D3045 Practice for Heat Aging of Plastics Without Load

D3389 Test Method for Coated Fabrics Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Platform Abrader)

D5602/D5602M Test Method for Static Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens

D5635/D5635M Test Method for Dynamic Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens

D7635/D7635M Test Method for Measurement of Thickness of Coatings Over Fabric Reinforcement

G21 Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to Fungi

G151 Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices that Use Laboratory Light Sources

G154 Practice for Operating Fluorescent Ultraviolet (UV) Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Materials

G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Lamp Apparatus for Exposure of Materials

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology D1079 shall apply to this specification.

3.2 *ketone ethylene ester (KEE), n*—a high molecular weight thermoplastic copolymer of ethylene, containing carbon monoxide and either vinyl acetate or acrylate monomer which are incorporated to provide softness and polarity.

3.2.1 *Discussion*—Ester groups of the vinyl acetate or acrylate are pendant from the ethylene backbone and reduce crystallinity, which provides flexibility. Carbon monoxide groups within the polymer backbone provide polarity. The KEE polymer is therefore a flexible polymer, which is miscible with other polymers of similar polarity.

3.3 *polymer content, n*—in this specification, polymer content shall be defined as polymeric materials which are in the solid state at room temperature, and are high (greater than 50 000 Mw) in molecular weight. Other ingredients, known to the art of polymer compounding, such as certain waxes,

stabilizers, and other additives, while polymeric in nature are not considered to be part of the base polymer system.

#### 4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The sheet shall be formulated from the appropriate polymers and other compounding ingredients. The KEE polymer shall be a minimum of 50 % by weight of the polymer content of the sheet.

4.2 The sheet shall be reinforced internally with a fabric.

4.3 To make seam and repairs, the sheet shall be capable of being bonded watertight to itself during the design service life of the sheets. The manufacturer shall recommend a suitable method. Design service life is defined as the designated time period of intended system performance.

#### 5. Physical Properties

5.1 The sheet shall conform to the physical requirements prescribed in **Table 1**.

5.2 The tolerance for time conditions (aging, weathering, and so forth) is  $\pm 15$  min or  $\pm 1$  % of the period, whichever is greater, unless specified.

5.3 The tolerance for temperature conditions (aging, weathering, and so forth) is  $\pm 2$  °C [ $4$  °F] of the specified temperature, unless otherwise specified.

#### 6. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

6.1 The width and length of the sheet shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase contract. The width and length tolerance shall be  $+3$  %  $-0$  % after permitting the sheet to relax 1 h at  $23 \pm 1$  °C [ $73 \pm 2$  °F].

**TABLE 1 Physical Requirements of the KEE-Reinforced Membrane**

Property	
Thickness, min., mm [in.]	0.81 [0.032]
Thickness over fiber, min., mm [in.]	0.18 [0.007]
Breaking strength, strip, N [lbf]	1499 [337]
Elongation at break, strip, min., %	18
Tearing strength, min., N [lbf]	338 [76]
Lineal dimension change, max., %	1.3
Fabric adhesion, min., N/m [lbf/in.]	3330 [19]
Retention of properties after heat aging:	
Breaking strength, strip, min., % of original	90
Elongation at break, strip, min., % of original	90
Low-temperature bend after heat aging	pass
Low-temperature bend	pass
Change in weight after exposure in water, max., %	0.0, +6.0
Factory seam strength, min., N [lbf]	1955 [440]
Hydrostatic resistance, min., MPa [psi]	4.1 [590]
Static puncture resistance	pass
Dynamic puncture resistance	pass
Accelerated weathering test after 5000-h xenon arc light exposure	
Cracking (7× magnification)	none
Crazing (7× magnification)	none
Accelerated weathering test after 5000-h fluorescent light exposure	
Cracking (7× magnification)	none
Crazing (7× magnification)	none
Fungi resistance	
Sustained growth	no growth
Discoloration	none
Abrasion test, min., cycles	1500

6.2 The thickness and thickness tolerance shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier as part of the purchase contract, subject to the minimum requirement in **Table 1**.

#### 7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The sheet, including factory seams if present, shall be watertight and be visually free of pinholes, particles of foreign matter, undispersed raw materials, protruding reinforcement, and other manufacturing defects that might affect serviceability.

7.2 The sheet shall be visually free of nicks and cuts, voids, thin areas, delaminations, moisture-bound fabric, or other defects.

7.3 Edges of the sheet shall be straight and flat so that they may be seamed to one another.

#### 8. Test Methods

8.1 *Thickness, Overall*—Test Method **D751**.

8.2 *Thickness of Coating Over Scrim (Reinforcing Fabric)*—Test Method **D7635/D7635M**—Follow preparation test methods as specified in Test Method **D7635/D7635M**. The Thickness measurements shall be conducted as described in the test method on the coating on the side intended to be exposed to the weather.

8.3 *Breaking Strength*—Test Method **D751**, Procedure B Strip Method.

8.4 *Elongation at Break*—Test Method **D751**.

8.5 *Tearing Strength*—Test Method **D751**, Procedure B Tongue Tear Method, 200 mm [8 in.] by 250 mm [10 in.] specimen size. Test at 5.0 mm/s [12 in./min].

8.6 *Linear Dimensional Change*—Test Method **D1204**, 1 h at  $100 \pm 2$  °C [ $212 \pm 5$  °F].

8.7 *Fabric Adhesion*—Test Method **D751**, 5.0 mm/s [12 in./min] jaw speed.

8.8 *Heat Aging*—Practice **D3045**, at  $80 \pm 2$  °C [ $176 \pm 4$  °F] for 56 days  $\pm 2$  h.

8.8.1 *After Heat Aging Low-Temperature Bend*—Test Method **D2136**, at  $-35 \pm 1$  °C [ $-30 \pm 2$  °F].

8.9 *Low-Temperature Bend*—Test Method **D2136** at  $-35 \pm 1$  °C [ $-30 \pm 2$  °F].

8.10 *Water Absorption*—Test Method **D471**, procedure for exposure to one side only in water, at  $70 \pm 2$  °C [ $158 \pm 4$  °F] for 166 h.

8.11 *Factory Seam Strength*—Test Method **D751**, Grab Method.

8.12 *Hydrostatic Resistance*—Test Method **D751**, Method A, Procedure 1.

8.13 *Static Puncture Test*—Test Method **D5602/D5602M**, at a load of 45 kg [99 lbf] min. at  $23 \pm 1$  °C [ $73 \pm 2$  °F].

8.14 *Dynamic Puncture Test*—Test Method **D5635/D5635M**, at energy of 10 J min.  $23 \pm 1$  °C [ $73 \pm 2$  °F].