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Standard Test Method for Powdering of Floor Polish Films¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a bench procedure for the determination of the degree of powdering of floor polishes under ambient conditions as well as conditions of low relative humidity.

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 *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.*

1.4 *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:*²

D3153 Test Method for Recoatability of Water-Emulsion Floor Polishes

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *powdering, n*—partial or total disintegration of the polish film resulting in a fine, light colored material.

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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. Significance and Use

4.1 This is a comparative test method. If this method does not indicate powdering, it is still possible that the product in actual use may powder. Reference polishes should be used for comparison.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Textile Crockmeter*,³ weighted with a 2.2 lb (1 kg) weight. The weight is placed directly over the abrasion dowel and attached with two-faced tape.

5.2 *Abrading Felt*—Green felt or billiard cloth cut into 2 in. by 2 in. (50 mm by 50 mm) squares.

5.3 *Substrate*—Official Vinyl Composition Tile (OVCT),⁴ cut into 6 in. by 6 in. squares, shall be used in this test.

5.4 *Volumetric Pipet*, 0.07 oz (2 mL).

5.5 *Cheesecloth Applicator*, washed to remove sizing; cut into 2 in. (50 mm) strips of four-ply cloth; folded twice.

5.6 *Relative Humidity and Temperature Indicator*.

5.7 *Glove Box*—An enclosure that houses the crockmeter keeping it in a constant humidity and temperature environment; features rubber glove inserts so that the tests may be run keeping the environment of the crockmeter constant.

5.8 *Desiccant*—Silica gel or calcium chloride.

5.9 *Salts for Constant Humidity Conditions*—LiCl·H₂O, CaCl₂·6H₂O, or Mg(NO₃)₂·6H₂O.

NOTE 1—Saturated aqueous solutions of the following salts in contact with an excess of a definite solid phase of salt at the indicated temperatures and in an enclosed space will maintain the required constant humidities:

LiCl·H₂O at 77 °F (25 °C) yields 11.1 % relative humidity.

³ Apparatus available through SDL Atlas, LLC, Rock Hill, SC and TESTEX, Guangdong, China.

⁴ OVCT tile may be obtained through Armstrong Flooring from various home improvement stores. The following Armstrong tile substrates have been found to perform adequately for this test method: Armstrong Excelon Feature Tile: Black (56790).