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Standard Practice for Specimen Preparation and Mounting of Tapes to Assess Surface Burning Characteristics¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice ~~describes~~ covers a procedure for specimen preparation and mounting when testing tapes to assess flame spread and smoke development as surface burning characteristics using Test Method E84. Tapes are to be tested in full coverage as applied to fiber cement board as described in Test Method E84.

1.2 This practice applies to ~~tapes any tape~~ intended for various uses within buildings. ~~The tapes addressed in this practice are not able to be supported by their own structural characteristics during the test.~~

1.3 Testing is conducted in accordance with Test Method E84.

1.4 This practice does not provide pass/fail criteria that can be used as a regulatory tool.

~~1.5 This practice does not apply to materials for which the test specimen does not remain in place before and during the test until maximum flame propagation has occurred.~~

1.5 This practice is not for system evaluation. It is for the comparison of the materials only.

1.6 Use the values stated in inch-pound units as the standard, in referee decisions. The values in the SI system of units are given in parentheses, for information only; see **IEEE/ASTM SI-10** for further details.

1.7 This fire standard cannot be used to provide quantitative measures.

1.8 Fire testing is inherently hazardous. Adequate safeguards for personnel and property shall be employed in conducting these tests.

1.9 This standard gives instructions on specimen preparation and mounting, but the fire-test-response method is given in Test Method E84. See also Section 9.

1.10 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered requirements of the standard.

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