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Standard Test Method for Kerosene Number of Unsaturated (Dry) Felt by the Vacuum Method¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the relative saturating capacity of unsaturated (dry) felt papers used in roofing.

1.2 *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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 585 Practice for Sampling and Accepting a Single Lot of Paper, Paperboard, Fiberboard, and Related Product²

D 1298 Practice for Density, Relative Density (Specific Gravity), or API Gravity of Crude Petroleum and Liquid Petroleum Products by Hydrometer Method³

D 3699 Specification for Kerosine⁴

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 The kerosene number of unsaturated (dry) felt is computed from the weight of a kerosene of known specific gravity retained by the felt after displacement of the air from interior voids. It is the milliliters of kerosene held /100 g of felt, and thus, is a measure of the quantity of saturant that a given felt will absorb.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The ability to absorb kerosene is an indication of the ability to absorb hot asphalt. The kerosene number is used in calculating saturation efficiency.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Glass Vessel*, approximately 1500 mL capacity, for soaking specimens of felt in kerosene, under vacuum.

5.2 *Vacuum Pump*, capable of reaching and maintaining a vacuum of at least 700 mm Hg in the glass vessel.

5.3 *Lightweight Glass or Metal Weighing Container*, with tightly fitting cover, 60 by 140 mm (2.5 by 5.5 in.) or larger, to contain felt strips in a horizontal position without bending or distortion.

5.4 *Drying Oven*, with dimensions at least 300 by 300 by 300 mm (12 by 12 by 12 in.).

5.5 *Other Apparatus*—Desiccator, wire hook, and if necessary, a punch to make a small hole in a corner of the specimens after they are cut.

6. Materials

6.1 *Water-White Kerosene*, complying to the requirements of Specification D 3699 and having a specific gravity of 0.800 ± 0.025 at 25°C, as determined in accordance with Practice D 1298.

7. Sampling

7.1 Obtain a sample of the felt in accordance with Practice D 585.

8. Test Specimen

8.1 From each test unit of the sample cut two sets of six test specimen strips, each strip measuring 51 by 127 ± 13 mm (2 by $5 \pm \frac{1}{2}$ in.) with the longer side parallel to the machine direction of the sheet.

9. Procedure

9.1 Place a set of strips in the tared weighing container and expose them, uncovered, for at least 1 but not more than 2 h in an oven, the interior of which is maintained at a temperature of $105 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$. Keep the felt strips flat. Do not fold, roll, or distort them in any way. Handle the six strips as a unit in all of the following operations.

9.2 Remove the strips in the weighing container from the oven and place them, with the container still uncovered, in a desiccator to cool.

9.3 After cooling, rapidly close the container and weigh it with enclosed strips to the nearest 10 mg to obtain the net weight of the dry strips.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.09.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.