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Standard Specification for Expanded or Exfoliated Vermiculite Thermal Insulating Cement¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers expanded or exfoliated vermiculite thermal insulating material in the form of dry cement or plaster, intended to be mixed with a suitable proportion of water, applied as a plastic mass, and dried in place, for use as insulation on surfaces operating at temperatures between 100°F (38°C) and 1800°F (982°C). The cement shall not be used where it will be exposed to combustion conditions, such as the hot face lining of a furnace.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI equivalents of inch-pound units are given in parentheses and may be approximate.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 10, 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 When the installation or use of thermal insulation materials, accessories and systems, may pose safety or health problems, the manufacturer shall provide the user with appropriate current information regarding any known problems associated with the recommended use of the company's products. The manufacturer shall also recommend protective measures to be employed in the safe utilization of said products.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

C 163 Practice for Mixing Thermal Insulating Cement Samples²

C 166 Test Method for Covering Capacity and Volume Change Upon Drying of Thermal Insulating Cement²
C 168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulating Materials²
C 177 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus²
C 353 Test Method for Adhesion of Dried Thermal Insulating or Finishing Cement²
C 354 Test Method for Compressive Strength of Thermal Insulating or Finishing Cement²
C 356 Test Method for Linear Shrinkage of Preformed High-Temperature Thermal Insulation Subjected to Soaking Heat²
C 390 Criteria for Sampling and Acceptance of Preformed Thermal Insulation Lots²
C 405 Practice for Estimating Consistency of Wet-Mixed Thermal Insulating Cement²
C 518 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus²
C 1058 Practice for Selecting Temperatures for Reporting and Evaluating Thermal Properties of Thermal Insulation²

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.2 Terminology C 168 shall be considered as applying to the terms used in this specification.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The cement shall be composed predominantly of expanded or exfoliated vermiculite, with a suitable proportion of heat-resistant binder. Asbestos shall not be used as an ingredient or component part of the product.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.06.