



Standard Test Method for Tensile Strength of Chemical-Resistant Mortar, Grouts, and Monolithic Surfacing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of tensile strength of cured chemical-resistant materials in the form of molded briquets. These materials include mortars, brick and tile grouts, machinery grouts, and monolithic surfacings. These materials shall be based on resin, silicate, silica, or sulfur binders.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

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

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

C 904 Terminology Relating to Chemical-Resistant Non-metallic Materials²

E 4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, see Terminology C 904.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 It is recognized that chemical-resistant mortars, grouts, and monolithic surfacings are not usually under tension when in service; however, such data are useful for purposes of determining the rate of cure and other properties.

4.2 This test method is not recommended for mortars,

grouts, and monolithic surfacings containing aggregate greater than $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Weighing Equipment*, shall be capable of weighing materials or specimens to $\pm 0.3\%$ accuracy.

5.2 *Specimen Molds*—The molds for making briquet test specimens shall be sufficiently rigid to prevent deformation during molding and shall be made of corrosion-resistant material. Gang molds, when used, shall be of the type shown in Fig. 1. The dimensions of the briquet molds shall be the width of the mold, between inside faces, at waist line of briquet, 1 in. (25 mm) with permissible variations of ± 0.01 in. (± 0.25 mm); the thickness of the molds measured at the point of greatest thickness of either side of the mold at the waist line, 1 in. with permissible variations of $+0.004$ in. ($+0.10$ mm) and -0.002 in. (-0.05 mm). The briquet test specimens shall conform to the dimensional requirements shown in Fig. 2.

5.3 *Equipment for Mixing Materials*, shall consist of a container of suitable size, preferably corrosion resistant, and a strong, sturdy spatula, trowel, or mechanical mixer.

5.4 The following additional equipment is required for sulfur mortars.

5.4.1 *Melting Chamber*, of sufficient volume and heat capacity to melt the mortar sample and maintain the temperature of the melt between 260 and 290°F (127 and 143°C).⁴

5.4.2 *Laboratory Mixer*, of such a type and speed to be capable of lifting the aggregate without beating air into the melt.

5.4.3 *Ladle*, of sufficient capacity to completely pour one briquet.

5.5 *Testing Machine*, the testing machine shall be of any type sufficient to provide the required load and the rate of crosshead movement prescribed. It shall have been verified to have an accuracy of 1.0 % or better within 12 months of the

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.05.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 03.01.

⁴ The sole source of supply of the Forney capping compound melting chamber, Model LA-0130, known to the committee at this time is Forney Industries, Inc., 1565 Broadway Ave., Hermitage, PA 16148. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend.