



Standard Specification for Ozone-Resisting Ethylene-Propylene Rubber Integral Insulation and Jacket for Wire and Cable¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a weather- and ozoneresisting vulcanized rubber integral insulation and jacket compound for electrical wires and cables. The rubber polymer shall consist substantially of ethylenepropylene copolymer (EPM) or of ethylenepropylene terpolymer (EPDM).

1.2 This type insulation is considered suitable for use on wire or cable which will be used for continuous operation at conductor temperatures up to 90°C in dry locations and 75°C in wet locations, and at operating voltages not exceeding 2000 V.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units, except for temperature, are regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 470 Test Methods for Crosslinked Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable²

3. Physical Properties

3.1 The crosslinked integral covering shall conform to the requirements for physical properties specified in Table 1.

3.2 *Thickness of Insulation*—The average thickness of the insulation shall be not less than that given in Table 2. The minimum thickness shall be not less than 90 % of the specified thickness.

4. Electrical Requirements

4.1 *Order of Testing*—Perform the ac voltage withstand, insulation resistance, and dc voltage withstand tests in that order when any of these tests are required. The sequence for other testing is not specified.

4.2 *AC Voltage Withstand Test*—Each length of integrally covered conductor shall withstand for 5 min the ac voltage specified in Table 2, unless the dc test in 4.4 is performed.

4.3 *Insulation Resistance*—The integrally covered conduc-

TABLE 1 Physical Test Requirements for EPM or EPDM Integral Insulation and Jacket

Physical Requirements (original):	
Tensile stress at 100 % elongation, min, psi (MPa)	500 (3.4)
Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa)	1200 (8.3)
Elongation at rupture, min, %	150
Physical Requirements [After heat exposure (aging) in an air oven at 121 ± 1°C for 168 h]:	
Tensile strength, min, % of original	75
Elongation at rupture, min, % of original	75

tor shall have an insulation resistance not less than that corresponding to a constant of 10 000 at 60°F (15.6°C). Where the temperature of the water in which the insulation is tested differs from 60°F, the measured value obtained shall be multiplied by the proper correction factor for the particular compound as previously determined by the manufacturer.

4.4 *DC Voltage Withstand Test*—Upon completion of the insulation resistance test, each length of integrally covered conductor shall withstand for 5 min the d-c test voltage specified in Table 2 unless the a-c test described in 4.2 is performed.

4.5 *Accelerated Water Absorption*—The integral covering shall meet the requirements of Table 3. The Electrical Method Test shall be conducted at 60 Hz with the water temperature at 75 ± 1°C. The water temperature in the Gravimetric Method Test shall be 70 ± 1°C.

5. Ozone Resistance

5.1 The integral covering shall show no injury after exposure for 3 h to an ozone concentration of between 0.025 and 0.03 % volume.

6. Sampling

6.1 Sample the integral insulation and jacket in accordance with Test Methods D 470.

7. Test Methods

7.1 Test the integral insulation and jacket in accordance with Test Methods D 470.

8. Keywords

8.1 AC Voltage Withstand Test; DC Voltage Withstand Test; ethylene-propylene rubber; insulation resistance; ozone resisting; water absorption

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