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Standard Test Method for Tensile Adhesive Strength of Preformed Tape Sealants by Disk Method¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a laboratory procedure for determining the tensile adhesive strength of a preformed tape sealant. The type of failure can be determined, and the degree of cohesive/adhesive failure can be estimated.

1.2 The values stated in metric (SI) units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes 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 717 Terminology of Building Seals and Sealants²

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—The definitions of the following terms used in this test method are found in Terminology C 717: adhesive failure; cohesive failure; preformed tape sealant; sealant; and substrate.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The preformed tape sealant is compressed between two aluminum disks. The disks are pulled apart in a tensile tester to failure. The maximum tensile strength and failure mode are recorded.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Preformed tape sealants are tacky, deformable solids, that are used under compression between two or more substrates, in various sealing applications where the surfaces may be of similar or dissimilar materials. This procedure measures the tensile strength of the preformed tape sealant. It also

provides an indication of the cohesive nature and adhesive bonding properties of the preformed tape sealant. This procedure is not intended to simulate actual use conditions.

6. Apparatus and Accessory Materials

6.1 *Test Fixture*, fabricated of aluminum (mill finish), in accordance with Fig. 1.

NOTE 1—Other substrates may be substituted in 6.1.

6.2 *Tensile Testing Machine*, or equivalent, with a jaw separation rate of 51 mm (2 in.)/min.

6.3 *Auxiliary Hardware*, for attachment of the test fixture to the tensile tester.

6.4 *Knife*.

6.5 *Compression Device*, such as a vise, press, or equivalent.

6.6 *Device*, for recording the tension load in newtons (or pounds-force).

6.7 *Solvent*, such as xylol or toluol.

6.8 *Wiping Cloths*, lint-free.

7. Sampling

7.1 Samples to be tested shall be taken from a fresh roll of preformed tape sealant after first removing and discarding the first 600 mm (2 ft) of the roll.

7.2 Condition the sample at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$) and $50 \pm 10\%$ relative humidity for a minimum of 24 h before preparing the test specimens.

8. Test Specimens

8.1 Prepare two test specimens as follows:

8.1.1 Clean the surface of the test fixture with clean solvent to remove grease, oil, or residue from previous test, and dry.

8.1.2 Set the allen screw stop so that when the disks are assembled and the dowel is seated against it, the distance between the parallel disk surfaces is 3.2 mm (0.125 in.).

8.1.3 Place sufficient preformed tape sealant on the face of the fixture so that when mated with the matching face, the entire 3.2-mm (0.125-in.) gap will be filled.

8.1.4 After mating, uniformly compress the test fixture in the compression device until the dowel contacts the allen screw stop. Check to make sure the entire 3.2-mm (0.125-in.) gap is filled with sealant. Compress at the rate of 51 mm (2 in.)/min

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