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Standard Specification for Glass Fiber Felt Thermal Insulation¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers glass fiber unsupported needled felt binder-free insulation for thermal insulation. This material is used as the thermal insulation component in the fabrication of insulation systems for use on machinery and equipment, such as steam turbines, boilers, boiler feed pumps, and piping at temperatures up to 1200°F (650°C).

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.*

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

NOTE 1—This standard is a consensus standard to provide a substitute for military specification MIL-I-16411E.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- C 167 Test Methods for Thickness and Density of Blanket or Batt Thermal Insulations²
- 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 390 Criteria for Sampling and Acceptance of Preformed Thermal Insulation Lots²
- C 411 Test Method for Hot-Surface Performance of High-Temperature Thermal Insulation²
- C 518 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus²
- C 1045 Practice for Calculating Thermal Transmission Properties from Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements²
- C 1058 Practice for Selecting Temperatures for Evaluating

and Reporting Thermal Properties of Thermal Insulation²
D 578 Specification for Glass Fiber Strands³

2.2 U.S. Federal Standard:

FED-STD-191 Textile Test Methods⁴

2.3 U.S. Military Standards:

MIL-I-16411E Insulation Felt, Thermal, Glass Fiber⁴

MIL-STD-1623 Fire Performance Requirements and Approved Specifications for Interior Finish Materials and Furnishings (Naval Shipboard Use)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

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

3.1.2 Definitions in Specification D 578 shall be considered as applying to the terms used in defining glass fiber composition code, process, and fiber diameter.

4. Classification

4.1 Thermal insulation shall be glass fiber, unsupported needled felt insulation, for use on surfaces with temperatures up to 1200°F (650°C).

5. Ordering Information

5.1 The purchase order or contract shall specify the following:

5.1.1 Quantity of each thickness (10.1).

5.1.2 Any special requirements for nonstandard sizes or dimensions (10.2 and 10.3).

5.1.3 Any requirements for certification (19.1).

5.1.4 Any special requirements for supplementary testing requirements (9.1).

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 The material shall consist of 100 % glass fiber yarns needled into insulation felts without the use of binders. No organic fibers and no glass or mineral shot shall be included in the product. The insulation felt may be composed of laminates formed without the use of binders. The glass fibers shall meet the designation C, Continuous Filament Yarns, in accordance with Specification D 578 (see Note 2).

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.06.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 07.01.

⁴ Available from Standardization Documents, Order Desk, Bldg. 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, ATTN: NPODS.

6.2 The fiber diameter of the glass fiber yarns used in the final product, when determined in accordance with the Filament Diameter section of Specification D 578 shall conform to the requirements of Table 1. The certification of the fineness of fiber may be either by the felt manufacturer or by certification of the glass yarn supplier and documentation by the manufacturer as to sources of supply.

6.3 All materials used shall be asbestos-free.

NOTE 2—The fibers from glass composition designated as “E” glass (electrical glass) in the range from D through G meet the requirements of Tables 1 and 2.

7. Physical Properties

7.1 When tested in accordance with Section 16, the insulation shall conform to the physical requirements listed in Table 2.

8. Performance Characteristics

8.1 Needled felt glass fiber insulation may be damaged if any of the following conditions are encountered:

- 8.1.1 Direct exposure to hydrofluoric acid.
- 8.1.2 Prolonged direct exposure to strong caustics.
- 8.1.3 Prolonged exposure to boiling water.

8.2 Conditions outlined in 8.1 are mentioned only to make the user aware of such applications that require special consideration. Contact the insulation manufacturer for recommendations when the above conditions are anticipated.

9. Other Requirements

9.1 Supplementary requirements include qualification tests and acceptance tests to special standards. These supplementary requirements may be made by agreement to the supplier and the purchaser only when specified in the purchase order or contract.

10. Standard Sizes and Dimensions

10.1 *Thickness*—The insulation shall be furnished in the thicknesses shown in Table 3.

10.2 *Insulation Length*—Unless otherwise specified, the insulation shall be furnished in rolls of the lengths given in Table 3.

10.3 *Insulation Width*—Unless otherwise specified (5.1.2), the width of the insulation shall be 60 in. (1.52 m).

10.4 *Nominal Weight per Area*—The insulation shall be furnished in the weight per area shown in Table 4.

11. Dimensional Tolerances

11.1 *Thickness Tolerance*—The average thickness as determined in accordance with 16.1.1 shall be within ± 0.125 in. (3.2 mm) of the specified thickness.

11.2 *Mass per Area Tolerance*—The average weight per area shall be within $\pm 10\%$ of that specified in Table 4.

TABLE 1 Requirements for Fineness of Fiber

Fineness of Fiber	Inch (Millimetre)
Average diameter shall not exceed	0.00036 (0.009)
90 % shall be less than	0.00040 (0.102)

TABLE 2 Physical Requirements

Thickness, length of roll	See Table 3
Mass per unit area	See Table 4
Apparent Thermal Conductivity, Max ^A	
Btu in./h ft ² F (W/mK) at mean temp. of:	
75°F (24°C)	0.29 (0.042)
300°F (149°C)	0.40 (0.058)
500°F (260°C)	0.50 (0.072)
700°F (371°C)	0.65 (0.094)
Hot Surface Performance at 1200°F (650°C)	no melting, no significant shrinkage (max 5 %)
Tensile strength: psi (kPa)	
Minimum	5 (34.5)
Non-Combustible	Pass

^A The thermal transmission properties of felted glass fiber thermal insulation may vary with temperature, temperature gradient, thickness and shape. Note that the apparent thermal conductivity requirements specified in the table are based on samples tested under conditions specified in 16.1.3. These are comparative values for establishing specification compliance. They may not represent the installed performance of the insulation under use conditions of the insulation differing substantially from the test conditions.

TABLE 3 Standard Dimensions

Nominal Thickness, in. (mm)	Insulation Length, ft (m)
0.3 (7.6)	150 (45.2)
0.5 (12.7)	75 (22.9)
1.0 (25.4)	45 (13.7)
0.75 (19.1)	55 (16.8)

TABLE 4 Standard Parameters

Nominal Thickness, in. (mm)	Mass per Area oz/ft ² (kg/m ²)
0.3 (7.6)	3.5 (1.07)
0.50 (12.7)	6.0 (1.83)
1.0 (25.4)	15.0 (4.58)
0.75 (19.1)	12.25 (3.74)

11.3 *Insulation Length/Tolerance*—The tolerance on the lengths, listed in Table 3, shall be -6 in. (-152 mm), with excess permitted. A roll may either contain a maximum of one full thickness splice or consist of a maximum of two pieces.

11.4 *Width*—The width shall be within -0.5 in. (13 mm), to $+1.0$ in. (25 mm) of the specified width.

12. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

12.1 Since some requirements for this material are not easily defined by a numerical value, the insulation shall not have visible defects that will adversely affect its service qualities.

13. Qualification Requirements

13.1 The following requirements are generally employed for the purpose of initial material or product qualification in accordance with Criteria C 390:

- 13.1.1 Standard sizes and dimensions,
- 13.1.2 Thermal conductivity,
- 13.1.3 Fineness of fiber,
- 13.1.4 Hot surface performance,
- 13.1.5 Tensile strength, and
- 13.1.6 Non-combustible.