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Standard Test Methods for Sampling, Testing, and Analysis of Asphalt Roll Roofing, Cap Sheets, and Shingles Used in Roofing and Waterproofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 These test methods include procedures for sampling, examination, physical testing, and analyses of asphalt-containing materials used in roofing and waterproofing. These materials include but are not limited to roll roofing, cap sheets, and shingles. Any of these materials are allowed to be partially or fully coated, surfaced, and/or laminated.

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

1.3 The test methods and procedures in this standard appear in the following order:

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1.4 *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:

D 95 Test Method for Water in Petroleum Products and

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Bituminous Materials by Distillation²

- D 224 Specification for Smooth-Surfaced Asphalt Roll Roofing (Organic Felt)³
- D 225 Specification for Asphalt Shingles (Organic Felt) Surfaced with Mineral Granules³
- D 249 Specification for Asphalt Roll Roofing (Organic Felt) Surfaced with Mineral Granules³
- D 371 Specification for Asphalt Roll Roofing (Organic Felt) Surfaced with Mineral Granules; Wide Selvage³
- D 1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing, Waterproofing, and Bituminous Materials³
- D 2178 Specification for Asphalt Glass Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing³
- D 2626 Specification for Asphalt-Saturated and Coated Organic Felt Base Sheet Used in Roofing³
- D 3462 Specification for Asphalt Shingles Made from Glass Felt and Surfaced with Mineral Granules³
- D 3909 Specification for Asphalt Roll Roofing (Glass Felt) Surfaced with Mineral Granules³
- D 4601 Specification for Asphalt-Coated Glass Fiber Base Sheet Used in Roofing³
- D 4897 Specification for Asphalt-Coated Glass-Fiber Venting Base Sheet Used in Roofing³
- D 6380 Specification for Asphalt Roll Roofing (Organic Felt)³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this test method, see Terminology D 1079.

3.1.2 As referenced in 12.1, “Materials of Uniform Composition” designates products that are manufactured to be the same thickness, ply count, and mass per unit area in all areas of the material. This would include traditional “3 Tab” shingles and other shingles that have areas of material removed for appearance purposes but the rest of the shingle is of uniform composition. When determining the mass per unit area, the measured area of the material is the area where material is actually present.

² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 05.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.04.

3.1.3 As referenced in 12.2, "Materials of Nonuniform Composition" designates products that are intentionally manufactured to have different thickness, ply count, or mass per unit area within different areas of the product. Examples of materials of nonuniform composition are selva edge rolls and overlaid or multiply laminated shingles (where not all of the product has the same thickness or number of plies).

3.1.4 As referenced in this standard, "Machine Direction" (indicated as MD) is the direction running the long dimension of a roll product (before samples or specimens are cut) or the long dimension of a shingle, unless otherwise known and agreed to between supplier and purchaser. "Cross Direction" (indicated as CD) designates the direction perpendicular to the MD.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 These test methods include procedures for sampling, examination, physical testing, and analyses of asphalt roll roofing, cap sheets, and shingles used in roofing and waterproofing. Other components of these materials are allowed to include, but are not limited to, felts, mats, films, foils, mineral stabilizers, papers, and mineral surfacing.

4.2 This set of test methods includes tests that are not required by every product standard which references Test

Methods D 228. The individual product standards are the authority for which tests are required for compliance. It is allowed to run tests in addition to those required in the product standards, but this test standard makes no claim to their suitability or significance.

4.3 Five random samples are required from lots equal to or less than 1000 packages. The number of samples required for lots greater than 1000 packages is dependent on the variation in the unit mass within the lot and is determined by the two-step sampling plan in 6.5.

4.4 The results of a visual examination, physical testing, and compositional analysis are required for each sample. The analytical data are further used to compute the probable minimum and the probable range for the average mass of each of the components.

5. Types of Roofing

5.1 Asphalt-coated roll roofing and shingles are divided into the following types for the purposes of this test method (see Fig. 1).

5.1.1 *Type 1*—A single thickness of glass felt, coated with asphalt and mineral surfacing such as in Specifications D 2178, D 3462, D 3909, D 4601, and D 4897. The backing material (designated "Fine Mineral Surfacing" in Fig. 1) shall be

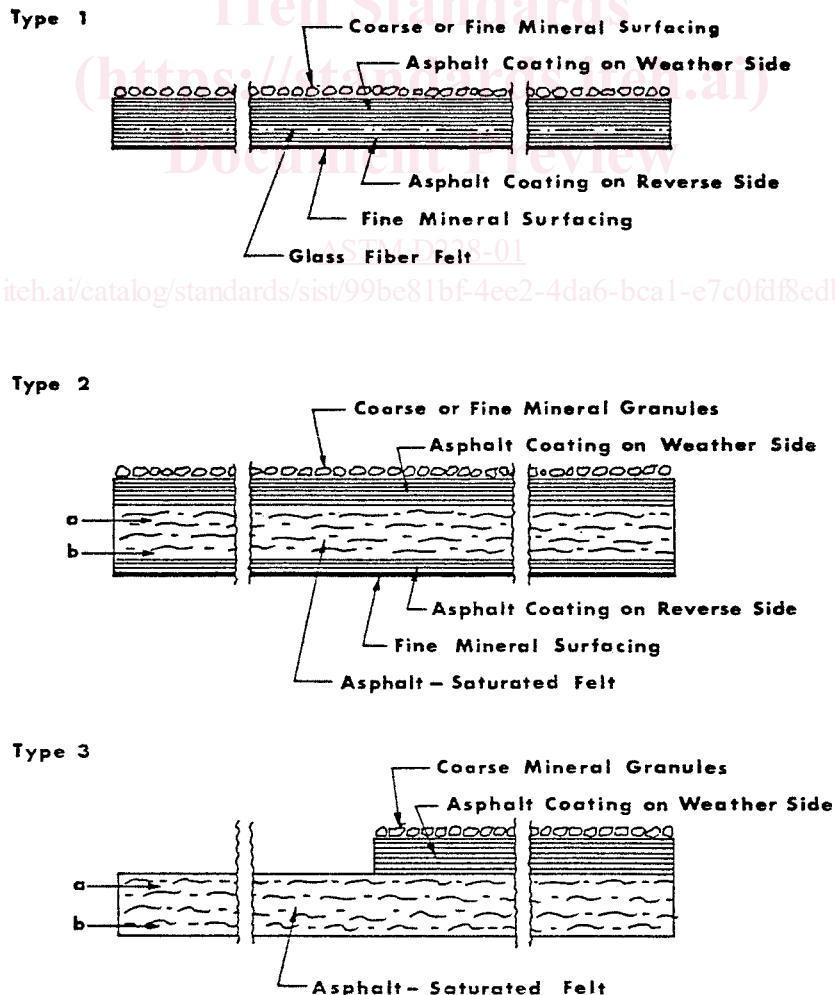


FIG. 1 Types of Asphalt-Coated Roll Roofing and Shingles

permitted to be any suitable material that prevents these products from sticking together while packaged.

5.1.2 *Type 2*—A single thickness of asphalt-saturated felt coated with asphalt and mineral surfacing such as in Specifications D 224, D 225, D 249, D 2626, and some of the products in Specification D 6380. The backing material (designated “Fine Mineral Surfacing” in Fig. 1) shall be permitted to be any suitable material that prevents these products from sticking together while packaged.

5.1.3 *Type 3*—Similar to Type 2, but asphalt coated and surfaced with mineral granules for part of one side of the saturated felt such as in Specification D 371.

6. Sampling

6.1 The rolls or packages selected in accordance with this section constitute the representative sample used in Sections 7 and 8.

6.2 The lot is defined as a shipment or fraction thereof representing a product of the same kind, class, and mass.

6.3 Select five rolls or packages from the lot at random. Determine the average net mass per g/m^2 ($\text{lb}/100 \text{ ft}^2$) and the standard deviation in accordance with 7.1-7.8.

6.4 If the lot is 1000 or fewer rolls or packages, proceed to Section 7. If the lot is 1001 or greater in number, follow the second part of the sampling plan in 6.5.

6.5 Calculate the required number of samples based on the standard deviation (s) of the preliminary sampling by:

$$n = \frac{t^2 s^2}{d^2} \quad (1)$$

where:

n = total number of samples required ($n - 5$ more rolls or packages must be selected at random as samples),

t = test statistic for number of samples in the preliminary test series for 4° and a 95 % confidence that the calculated average mass will not exceed d ($t = 2.776$), and

d = 100 g/m^2 ($2 \text{ lb}/100 \text{ ft}^2$) (the mean mass obtained from the analysis should be within $\pm 100 \text{ g/m}^2$ of the true value, with 95 % confidence).

6.6 See Fig. 2.

7. As Received Mass and Area Determinations, All Types of Roofing

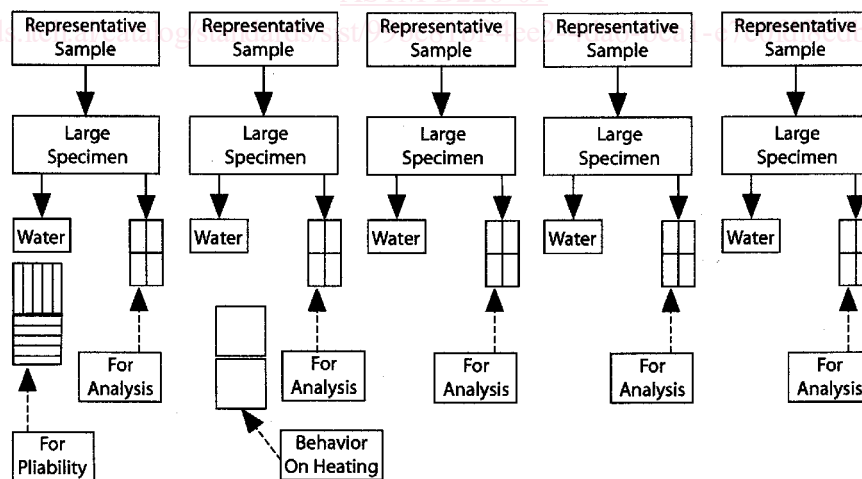
7.1 *Gross Mass*—Determine and record the mass of each representative sample to the nearest 0.1 kg (0.2 lb).

7.2 *Net Mass*—Disassemble each package or unroll each roll of the representative sample; shake off any loose surfacing and determine and record the net mass of all the shingles or the entire roll to the nearest 0.1 kg (0.2 lb). Where a product standard requires it, the loose surfacing is to be collected and the mass determined.

7.3 *Packaging and Fixture Mass*—Determine and record the mass to the nearest 0.1 kg (0.2 lb) of the packaging and all associated fixtures shipped with each roll or package of the representative sample, such as nails and adhesive.

7.4 *Dimensions of Roll Products*—Measure and record the length and width of each roll of roofing and the selvage width to the nearest 3 mm ($1/8$ in.).

7.5 *Shingle Count and Dimensions*—From each of the representative sample packages generated in Section 6, count



In Section 6, initial “Representative Samples” are selected (typically five per lot). These are full bundles or rolls. These are the samples used in Section 7.

In Section 8, one large “Specimen” is taken from each representative sample (full shingles from Section 7.5 or a portion of each roll selected in Section 6). These are confirmed to be within 1.5 % of the mass per area (from Section 7.6) for the corresponding representative sample.

In Section 9 (where product standards require measurement of water content per Test Method D 95), 50-g small test specimens are taken from each “Large Specimen” for determination of water.

In Section 10, five MD and five CD small test specimens are cut from one of the “Large Specimens” for evaluation of pliability.

In Section 11, two small test specimens are cut from one of the “Large Specimens” for evaluation of behavior on heating.

In Section 12, small test specimens (three for glass felt, four for organic felt) are cut from each of the “Large Specimens” for analysis by Section 13 (for glass felt) or by Section 14 (for organic felt).

FIG. 2 Sample Selection Summary and Flow Diagram (See Individual Sections for Sample Selection Details)

and record the number of shingles in each package. Select one shingle randomly from each package. Measure the width, length, and cutout dimensions for each of these selected shingles to the nearest 1 mm ($1/32$ in.). Calculate and record the average for each of these measurements.

7.6 Calculate the area of the roofing and the net mass per unit area of the roofing. Report the net mass per unit area as g/m^2 ($\text{lb}/100 \text{ ft}^2$) for each representative sample (without packaging, cut outs or loose surfacing).

7.7 Calculate and record the average net mass per unit area for the combined representative samples (without packaging, cut outs or loose surfacing) as g/m^2 ($\text{lb}/100 \text{ ft}^2$).

7.8 Calculate and record the estimate of the standard deviation by:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum X^2}{n-1} - \frac{(\sum X)^2}{n(n-1)}} \quad (2)$$

where:

- s = an unbiased estimate of the standard deviation,
- $\sum X^2$ = the sum of the squares of the individual mass determinations,
- $(\sum X)^2$ = the square of the sum of the individual mass determinations, and
- n = the number of rolls or packages in the representative sample.

7.9 Calculate the 95 % confidence interval for the average mass by:

$$\frac{\sum X}{n} \pm \frac{ts}{\sqrt{n}} \quad (3)$$

where:

- $\sum X$ = sum of the individual mass determinations and
- t = appropriate t statistic for 95 % confidence and $n - 1$ dF ($t = 2.776$ for $n = 5$; consult standard reference table for other values of n).

8. Selection of Representative Specimens, All Roofing Types

8.1 Several product standards reference sampling as designated in Test Methods D 228 for tests that are not specifically covered by Test Methods D 228. Unless otherwise specified in these test methods, the large specimens and small test specimens shall all be selected from the representative sample (roll or package selected in Section 6) which has the individual net mass per unit area closest to the average net mass per unit area for the combined representative samples as determined in Section 7. If more than one roll or package needs to be selected to provide sufficient specimens for all the tests dictated within the product standard, any additional specimens shall be selected from the representative sample that has the net mass per unit area that is next closest to the average net mass per unit area of the combined representative samples.

NOTE 1—It is the intent of these test methods that whenever not specifically directed to select specimens in some other manner, specimens shall be selected from the representative sample which is the closest in mass per unit area to the average mass per unit area of the combined representative samples.

8.2 For roll products, select a specimen of roofing, the full sheet width and at least 1 m (3 ft) in length from each roll,

starting a minimum of three wraps into the roll. For shingle products, the shingles from 7.5 shall be used.

8.3 Determine the mass of each specimen and calculate the mass in g/m^2 ($\text{lb}/100 \text{ ft}^2$).

8.4 Discard all specimens that differ by more than 1.5 % from the net mass determined in 7.6, select replacements, and determine the mass as in 8.3.

8.5 Continue this process until five representative specimens are obtained, no more than one from each package or roll, that reflect that roll or package's average net weight as determined in 7.6.

8.6 If fewer than five specimens are available, use all the available specimens and adjust the final calculations to reflect the lower number of samples tested.

8.7 See Fig. 2.

ALL ROOFING TYPES

9. Moisture

9.1 Determine the water in each sample in accordance with Test Method D 95; use 50 g (0.11 lb) of product for each determination, cut up to fit in the flask. Report the water content as a percent of the dry (water-free) product mass.

9.2 See Fig. 2.

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10. Pliability

10.1 From one of the large specimens selected in Section 8, cut ten small test specimens 25.4 ± 3 mm ($1 \pm 1/8$ in.) in width by 200 ± 50 mm (8 ± 2 in.) in length, five MD and five CD. Condition the small specimens and the block at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$) for 2 ± 0.1 h and perform the test at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($73 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$). Perform the test with the weather side up, at a uniform speed through 90° in approximately 2 s over the rounded edge of a block. If a water bath is needed to hold the designated temperature, the samples are to be placed in a plastic bag before placing them in the water bath so that they can be tested dry. Evaluation of the sample for cracking is much clearer when the sample does not have a wet surface.

10.1.1 The corner radius over which the small specimens are to be tested is typically specified in the individual product standards. If not otherwise specified, the block will be 75 mm minimum (3 in. minimum) square by 50 mm minimum (2 in. minimum) thick with rounded corners of 13 ± 1 mm ($1/2 \pm 0.04$ in.) radius for Type 2 roofing and 19 ± 1 mm ($3/4 \pm 0.04$ in.) radius for Types 1 and 3 roofing. When bending, hold the specimens by hand tightly against the upper face of the block and bend the projecting end of the specimen over the rounded corner without exerting any stress other than that required to keep the specimen in contact with the block and avoid kinking.

10.1.2 For coated products, failure of a specimen in this test is defined as cracking of the coating asphalt which exposes the reinforcement of the specimen (organic or fiberglass). The cracking shall be visible to the naked eye when the specimen is viewed in the bent condition on the mandrel block. Separation of granules or other superficial fissures which do not extend through the coating asphalt surface to the reinforcement

do not constitute cracking. Fracture through the specimen is also considered a failure. Report the number of specimens passing.

NOTE 2—Some products require testing with granules surfacing up and granule surfacing down. Those products shall have that additional requirement clearly stated in their product standard. The additional samples are to be selected in a manner consistent with the instructions above.

10.2 See Fig. 2.

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11. Weight Loss and Behavior on Heating

11.1 Cut two test specimens, each approximately 100 by 100 mm (4 by 4 in.) from a large specimen selected in accordance with Section 8. Condition the smaller specimens for 24 h in a desiccator, weigh to the nearest 0.1 g, and then by means of a thin wire fastened through holes punctured near one edge, suspend them vertically in the center of an air oven maintained at $80 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ ($176 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$) with the cross machine direction vertical. The internal dimensions of the oven shall be not less than 305 by 305 by 305 mm (12 by 12 by 12 in.). The oven shall be electrically heated with forced draft. Insert a thermometer in the center of the oven to such a depth that its bulb is in line with the center of the specimens. Maintain the specimens at the prescribed temperature for $2 \text{ h} \pm 5 \text{ min}$, then cool in a desiccator and weigh each specimen. Calculate the average loss of volatile matter as percentage of the final specimen mass. Record any change in appearance of the specimen such as blistering, absorption of the asphalt coatings, or sliding of coating or granular surfacing. Record the extent of the latter to the nearest 2 mm ($1/16$ in.).

11.2 See Fig. 2.

METHODS OF ANALYSIS

12. Preparation and Selection of Small Specimens for Analyses

12.1 *Materials of Uniform Composition*—Each of the five large specimens selected in Section 8 is to have small test specimens cut for composition analysis. Cut 50- by 100- \pm 1-mm (2- by 4- \pm $1/32$ -in.) small test specimens from each of the large specimens. Compare the equivalent mass per unit area of the small test specimens to the mass per unit area previously generated for the large specimens (Section 8). For products that contain organic felt, four small test specimens must be cut from each large specimen that are within 1.5 % of the equivalent mass per unit area of the large specimen. For products that contain only glass felt, three small test specimens must be cut from each of the corresponding large specimens that are within 1.5 % of the equivalent mass per unit area of the large specimen. The small test specimens from each large specimen are to be kept together as a unit, separate from the small test specimens cut from the other large specimens. The “top” of each product is the surface that is applied toward the weather.

12.2 *Materials of Nonuniform Composition*—Cut 50- by 100- \pm 1-mm (2- by 4- \pm $1/32$ -in.) small test specimens that are representative of the different materials, types of surfacing or

thickness present in the five large specimens from Section 8. By proportion, select small specimens that are within 1.5 % of the equivalent mass per unit area of each of the large specimens. In the case of laminated shingles, determine the weight per unit area and the relative area proportion for each ply configuration (proportion of each configuration for products which have additional combinations of single, double, triple, and so forth, layers). This relative proportion is to be determined from the average surface area measured on four consecutive shingles from one of the representative samples, measuring only the portion of the shingle that is exposed to the weather when applied in conformance with the manufacturer’s application instructions. The small specimens are to be cut so they represent the same proportion of each layer configuration as the entire exposed area of that large specimen. The balance of this analytical method assumes that a roofing product of uniform composition is being tested. Use the same procedures for the small specimen representative samples of the nonuniform products. At least five sets of four small representative specimens are required for each composition of products containing organic or asbestos felts; five sets of three small specimens are required for each composition containing glass felts.

NOTE 3—As an example, if a laminated shingle has some areas that are single thick and some that are double thick, determine what the relative percentages of single thickness and double thickness are for the exposed area of the shingle. The small test specimens shall be cut to represent the same proportion.

12.3 See Fig. 2.

13. Analysis of Glass Felt Products

13.1 *Total Net Mass*—Identify the specimen from each set of three small specimens cut in Section 12 that is the closest to representing the unit mass of the large specimen from which it was obtained. Record the mass of each specimen so selected, to the nearest 0.01 g, as “Total Net Mass.” The top section of Fig. 3 shows the selection process for the five representative specimens for a fiberglass based product (note the weights for three small specimens).

13.2 *Total Asphalt*:

13.2.1 Wrap each of the small specimens identified in 13.1 in two layers of predried filter paper (Note 4), and secure each wrapped small specimen with a soft copper wire. Mark and record the mass of each wrapped specimen, to the nearest 0.01 g, as “Total Mass + Tare.”

NOTE 4—Predry hardened Whatman No. 50, 185-mm (7.3-in.) diameter filter paper for 60 min \pm 10 % in a 80°C (176°F) oven. Store paper in desiccator until needed.

13.2.2 Extract the asphalt from each specimen from 13.2.1 in a soxhlet or similar extractor with 1,1,1 trichloroethane (Note 5) until the extract is clear. This can require up to 30 extraction hours. Dry the extracted specimens in a hood at room temperature. Final dry each specimen in a 105°C (221°F) \pm 5 % forced draft oven for 60 min \pm 10 %. Cool the specimens in a desiccator to room temperature and record the mass of each, to the nearest 0.01 g, as “Extraction Residue + Tare.”

NOTE 5—1,1,1 trichloroethane is recommended because it is less toxic

Selection of Representative Specimens (Section 12)

Small Specimen: Sample		1	2	3	Large Specimen Mass From Section 8
A	grams,	22.64	22.59	22.70	22.65
	percent of mean	100.0	99.7	100.2	...
B	grams,	22.84	22.68	22.73	22.74
	percent of mean	100.4	99.7	100.0	...
C	grams,	22.67	22.63	22.60	22.64
	percent of mean	100.1	100.0	99.8	...
D	grams,	22.36	22.31	22.47	22.36
	percent of mean	100.0	99.8	100.5	...
E	grams,	22.78	22.89	23.01	22.87
	percent of mean	99.6	100.1	100.6	...

Note that these are examples of typical data
Analysis (Section 13)

Selected Small Specimen	A1	B3	C2	D1	E2
Total net mass (13.1)	22.64	22.73	22.63	22.36	22.89
Total mass + tare (13.2.1)	24.65	25.61	25.00	25.08	24.86
Extract, residue and tare (13.2.2)	20.61	21.37	20.98	20.94	20.60
Total asphalt (13.2.3)	4.04	4.24	4.02	4.14	4.26
Coarse mineral matter (13.3.2)	9.89	9.99	10.16	9.74	10.06
Fine mineral matter (13.3.2)	7.29	7.90	7.38	7.71	7.06
Percent FMM in FMM + total asphalt	64.3	65.1	64.7	65.1	62.4
Glass felt (13.4.2)	0.44	0.47	0.46	0.51	0.49

FIG. 3 Analysis of Roofing Products that Contain Glass Felts Work Sheet

than alternate solvents and does not burn. Any suitable solvent can be used.

13.2.3 Record the difference in the mass measured in 13.2.1 and the mass measured in 13.2.2 as the "Total Asphalt."

13.3 Mineral Matter in the Extraction Residue:

13.3.1 One at a time, open each package from 13.2.2 over a nest of No. 6 (3.25-mm), No. 70 (212- μ m) sieves, and a pan. Retain the glass felt after removing, and putting in the sieve nest, as much of the fine mineral matter that is in or on the glass felt. Dust all mineral matter off the filter papers into the sieve nest and discard the cleaned papers and the wire.

13.3.2 Tap and shake the sieve nest until no change is noted in the contents of each sieve. Record the mass of the material retained on the No. 70 (212- μ m) sieve, to the nearest 0.01 g, as the "Coarse Mineral Matter." Record the mass of the material in the pan of the nest, to the nearest 0.01 g, as the "Unadjusted Fine Mineral Matter."

13.4 Felt in Glass Felt Products (Fig. 4):

13.4.1 Determine the unadjusted mass of the glass felt from 13.3.1 to the nearest 0.01 g.

13.4.2 Clean the felt from 13.4.1 in an ultrasonic cleaning bath (Note 6), dry the cleaned felt in a forced draft 105°C (221°F) oven for 60 min \pm 10 %, and determine its mass to the nearest 0.01 g.

13.4.3 Add the difference between the masses determined in 13.4.1 and 13.4.2 to the mass of the fine mineral matter in 13.3.2.

NOTE 6—Steps 13.4.2 and 13.4.3 may be omitted if ultrasonic cleaning equipment is unavailable or was not used.

14. Analysis of Roofing Products with Organic or Asbestos Felts

14.1 *Total Net Mass*—Identify the specimen from each set of four small specimens cut in Section 12 that is the closest to representing the unit mass of the large specimen from which it was obtained. Record the mass of each specimen, to the nearest 0.01 g, as "Total Net Mass." The top section of Fig. 5 shows the selection process for the five representative specimens for an organic based product (note the weights for four small specimens).

Physical Tests	Mean	Standard Deviation	95 % Confidence Limits			
			Samples		Mean	
Behavior on heating (Section 11)						
Mass loss, %	0.12	0.02	0.07	0.17	0.10	0.14
Appearance change	none					
Composition, Pounds per 100 ft²						
Glass felt	1.84	0.096	1.59	2.09	1.72	1.96
Total asphalt	16.43	0.392	15.42	17.44	15.94	16.92
Coarse mineral matter	39.56	0.572	38.09	41.03	38.85	40.27
Fine mineral matter	29.64	1.192	26.57	32.70	28.16	31.11
Fine mineral matter as a percent based on the total asphalt and fine minerals	64.3	1.01	61.7	66.9	63.1	65.6
Moisture, percentage of dry mass	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FIG. 4 Report Glass Felt Roofing Shingles