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# Standard Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) and Related PVC and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Building Products Compounds<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers rigid plastic PVC and CPVC Exterior compounds composed of poly(vinyl chloride), chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride), vinyl chloride copolymers or vinyl chloride blends, and the necessary compound ingredients intended for use in making building products. The compound ingredients may consist of lubricants, stabilizers, nonpoly(vinyl chloride) resin modifiers, colorants or pigments, or both, and inorganic fillers.

1.2 This specification is intended to provide classification of base compounds used to manufacture PVC and CPVC exterior building products. Physical properties may be determined by evaluating compounds of any color.

NOTE 1—Two year weathering studies, without specific requirements for color change and physical property change, are recommended for all colors of new compounds and compounds for new applications to provide the basis for agreement between producer and buyer on the suitability of the compound for the intended application.

1.3 The requirements in this specification are intended for qualification, as well as for quality control of compounds used to manufacture building products. They are not applicable to finished building products. See Specifications **D 3679**, **D 4477**, **D 4726**, and **F 964** for requirements for finished products.

1.4 It may be necessary, in special cases, to select specific compounds for unusual applications that require consideration of other properties not covered in this specification.

1.5 The rate of burning test, Test Method **D 635**, is used in this specification only as a screening test for identification of certain properties of the PVC compound; there is no flammability test or flammability requirement for the compound.

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

1.7 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section **11**, of this specification: *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.*

NOTE 2—There are no ISO standards covering the primary subject matter of this specification.

1.8 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes, which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this standard.

1.9 Rigid PVC recycle plastic meeting the requirements of this specification may be usable in some applications. Refer to the specific requirements in the Materials and Manufacture Section of the applicable product standard.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 256** Test Method for Determining the Pendulum Impact Resistance of Notched Specimens of Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 618** Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing<sup>2</sup>
- D 635** Test Method for Rate of Burning and/or Extent and Time of Burning of Self-Supporting Plastics in a Horizontal Position<sup>2</sup>
- D 638M** Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics [Metric]<sup>2</sup>
- D 648** Test Method for Deflection Temperature of Plastics Under Flexural Load<sup>2</sup>
- D 696** Test Method for Coefficient of Linear Thermal Expansion of Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 883** Terminology Relating to Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 1435** Practice for Outdoor Weathering of Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 1600** Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

\*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.

**TABLE 1 Class Requirements for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) and Related PVC and CPVC Compounds for Building Products**

NOTE—The minimum property value will determine the cell number, although the maximum expected values may fall within the next higher cell.

Designation Order No.	Property and Unit	Cell Limits								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Kind of resin in compound	Unspecified	poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC)	chlorinated poly(vinyl chloride) (CPVC)	vinyl chloride copolymer	vinyl chloride blend				
2	Impact resistance, J/m of notch [ft · lbf/in. of notch]	Unspecified	>34.7 [>0.65]	>53.4 [>1.0]	>107 [>2.0]	>267 [>5.0]				
3	Impact resistance, drop dart, Procedure A, Test Method D 4226, J/m [in. · lb/mil]	Unspecified	>4450 [>1.0]	>6675 [>1.5]	>8900 [>2.0]	>13 350 [>3.0]				
4	Impact resistance, drop dart, Procedure B, Test Method D 4226, J/m [in. · lb/mil]	Unspecified	>4450 [>1.0]	>6675 [>1.5]	>8900 [>2.0]	>13 350 [>3.0]				
5	Tensile strength, MPa [psi]	Unspecified	>34 [>5000]	>37.7 [>5500]	>41.4 [>6000]	>44.9 [>6500]	>48.3 [>7000]			
6	Modulus of elasticity in tension, MPa [psi]	Unspecified	>2000 [>290 000]	>2400 [>348 000]	>2600 [>377 000]	>2800 [>406 000]				
7	Deflection temperature under load, 1.82 MPa [264 psi] °C [°F]	Unspecified	>60 [>140]	>65 [>149]	>70 [>158]	>75 [>167]	>80 [>176]	>85 [>185]		
8	Coefficient of linear expansion, cm/cm/°C [in/in/°F]	Unspecified	<4 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> [<2.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> ]	<6 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> [<3.3 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> ]	<8 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> [<4.4 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> ]	<10 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> [<5.5 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> ]				

- D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics<sup>2</sup>
- D 3010 Practice for Preparing Compression-Molded Test Sample Plaques of Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Compounds<sup>3</sup>
- D 3679 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Siding<sup>4</sup>
- D 4226 Test Methods for Impact Resistance of Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Building Products<sup>4</sup>
- D 4477 Specification for Rigid (Unplasticized) Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Soffit<sup>4</sup>
- D 4726 Specification for White Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Exterior Profile Extrusions Used for Assembled Windows and Doors<sup>4</sup>
- D 5260 Classification for Chemical Resistance of Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Homopolymer and Copolymer Compounds and Chlorinated Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (CPVC) Compounds<sup>5</sup>
- F 964 Specification for Rigid Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Exterior Profiles Used for Fencing<sup>6</sup>

**3. Terminology**

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *General*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminology D 883 and Terminology D 1600, unless otherwise indicated.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *temperate northern climate*—in weather testing, a North American metropolitan area testing site located within 73° to 100°W longitude and 37° to 45°N latitude.

**4. Classification**

4.1 The means for classifying and identifying rigid PVC building products compounds are provided in Table 1. The properties enumerated in this table and the tests defined are expected to provide identification of the compounds selected. They are not necessarily suitable for direct application in design because of differences in shape of part, size, loading, environmental conditions, etc.

4.2 Classes are designated by the cell number for each property in the order in which they are listed in Table 1.

NOTE 3—Because of the large number of property requirements, the properties of classes are divided into groups for easy identification of the selected materials. The groups are the following: kind of resin in compound, strength properties, and dimensional stability. The class numbers are grouped as shown by the following example:

	1	3 2 0 2 1	2 2
Kind of resin in compound _____			
Strength properties _____			
Dimensional properties _____			

<sup>3</sup> Discontinued 1992; Replaced by D 4703.  
<sup>4</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.04.  
<sup>5</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.03.  
<sup>6</sup> Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 01.06.