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Standard Specification for Asphalt Used in Dampproofing and Waterproofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers three types of asphalt suitable for use as a mopping coat in dampproofing; or as a plying or mopping cement in the construction of membrane waterproofing systems with felts in accordance with Specification D 226; fabrics in accordance with Specifications D 173 or D 1668 (asphalt types); asphalt-impregnated glass mat in accordance with Specifications D 2178; and with primer in accordance with Specification D 41.

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 *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 5 Test Method for Penetration of Bituminous Materials²
- D 36 Test Method for Softening Point of Bitumen (Ring-and-Ball Apparatus)³
- D 41 Specification for Asphalt Primer Used in Roofing, Dampproofing, and Waterproofing³
- D 92 Test Method for Flash and Fire Points by Cleveland Open Cup Tester⁴
- D 113 Test Method for Ductility of Bituminous Materials²
- D 140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials²
- D 173 Specification for Bitumen-Saturated Cotton Fabrics Used in Roofing and Waterproofing³
- D 226 Specification for Asphalt-Saturated Organic Felt

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- D 1668 Specification for Glass Fabrics (Woven and Treated) for Roofing and Waterproofing³
- D 2042 Test Method for Solubility of Asphalt Materials in Trichlorethylene²
- D 2178 Specification for Asphalt Glass Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing³
- D 3461 Test Method for Softening Point of Asphalt and Pitch (Mettler Cup-and-Ball Method)⁵

3. Classification

3.1 Asphalts covered by this specification include three types:

3.1.1 *Type I*—A soft, adhesive, “self-healing” asphalt that flows easily under the mop and is suitable for use below grade under uniformly moderate temperature conditions both during the process of installation and during service.

NOTE 1—Type I asphalt is suitable for foundations, tunnels, subways, and so forth.

3.1.2 *Type II*—A somewhat less susceptible asphalt than Type I, with good adhesive and “self-healing” properties, suitable for use above grade where it will not be exposed to temperatures exceeding 50°C (122°F).

NOTE 2—Type II asphalt is suitable for railroad bridges, culverts, retaining walls, tanks, dams, conduits, spray decks, and so forth.

3.1.3 *Type III*—An asphalt less susceptible to temperature than Type II, with good adhesive properties, and suitable for use above grade on vertical surfaces exposed to direct sunlight or temperatures above 50°C (122°F).

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The asphalt shall be prepared from crude petroleum by suitable refining processes to conform to the applicable physical requirements for each type.

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 The asphalt shall be homogeneous and free of water.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.03.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.04.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.01.

⁵ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 05.02.