



Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Jacket for Wire and Cable¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a durable general-purpose thermoplastic jacket made from poly(vinyl chloride) or the copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate suitable for a minimum installing temperature of -10°C .

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are the standard, except in cases where SI units are more appropriate. The values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 470 Test Methods for Crosslinked Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable²

D 1499 Practice for Filtered Open-Flame Carbon-Arc Exposures of Plastics³

D 2633 Methods of Testing Thermoplastic Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable⁴

G 23 Practice for Operating Light-Exposure Apparatus (Carbon-Arc Type) With and Without Water for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials⁵

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.01.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.02.

⁵ Discontinued; see *1996 Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

3. Test Applicable for Sunlight and Weather Resistant Materials

3.1 The jacket shall retain a minimum of 80 % of its unexposed tensile strength and elongation after 720 h of exposure in a dual carbon-arc apparatus. Prepare the specimens in accordance with Test Methods **D 470** for physical tests of insulations and jackets. Perform the test in accordance with Practice **D 1499** using Method 1 of Practice **G 23**.

4. Physical Properties

4.1 The jacket shall conform to the requirements for physical properties prescribed in **Table 1**.

4.2 When used on single-conductor nonshielded cable rated 2001 to 5000 V phase to phase, the jacket shall also conform to the requirements for surface resistivity and U-bend discharge in **Table 2**.

5. Sampling

5.1 Sample the jacket in accordance with Methods **D 2633** unless otherwise specified.

6. Test Methods

6.1 Unless otherwise specified, test the jacket in accordance with Methods **D 2633**.

7. Keywords

7.1 jacket for wire and cable; poly (vinyl chloride) jacket; thermoplastic jacket