



## Standard Test Method for Bulk Density of Level Paintbrush Filaments<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers a procedure for measuring the weight of filaments per unit volume.

1.2 This test method is applicable only to monofilament with consistent longitudinal (level) profiles.

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

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. Summary of Test Method

2.1 The weight and volume of a bundle of filaments is measured, and the bundle density is calculated.

### 3. Significance and Use

3.1 Filaments are available in a variety of cross sections and materials. A measure of bulk density permits the brushmaker to estimate the weight of filament required to prepare a given number of brushes.

### 4. Apparatus

4.1 The apparatus requires some machining, and is assembled as shown in Fig. 1 from the following equipment:

4.1.1 *Air Valve*<sup>2</sup>

4.1.2 *Miniature Air Cylinder*,<sup>3</sup> dual acting, heavy duty.

4.1.3 Assorted parts shown in Fig. 1 are machined from 304 stainless steel and assembled as shown along with the air valve and cylinder just described. The scale must be fixed in place so that it reads accurately the diameters of metal standards that are 1.82 in. (46.2 mm) and 2.06 in. (52.3 mm) diameter.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Air valve such as Model 6676 available from Hunt Valve Co., 1913 E. State Street, Salem, Ohio 44460, or equivalent, has been found suitable for this purpose.

<sup>3</sup> Miniature air cylinder such as Model H95-5D,  $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. (14.3-mm) bore, 5-in. (127-mm) stroke, dual acting, heavy duty, available from Clippard Instrument Laboratory, 7390 Colerain Road, Cincinnati, OH 45239, or equivalent, has been found suitable for this purpose.

<sup>4</sup> An assembled bulk density test device available from T. S. Simms and Co., 33 Bridge Road, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada E21 E2L 4C5, or equivalent, has been found suitable for this purpose.

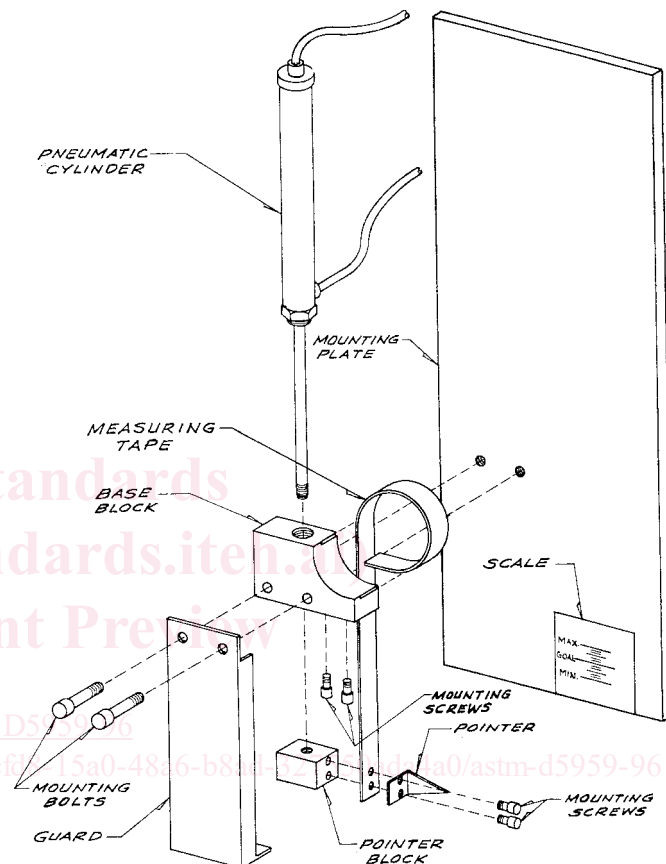


FIG. 1 Apparatus to Measure Bundle Diameter

4.2 *Weighing Device*, accurate to 0.1 g to weigh the bundle.

4.3 *Scale*, accurate to 0.02 in. (0.5 mm) to measure the bundle length.

4.4 *Air Supply*, with pressure regulator set for 50 psig.

4.5 *Calibration Standards*, 1.82 (46.2 mm) and 2.06 in. (52.3 mm) in diameter.<sup>5</sup>

### 5. Sampling, Test Specimens and Test Units

5.1 The test result will depend on the cross-sectional shape, the polymer, and the length of the bundle selected for the test. To a lesser extent it will also depend on the filament diameter since thin filaments pack more efficiently than large ones.

<sup>5</sup> Steel cylinders machined to diameters of 1.82 in. with a tolerance of 0.001 in. (46.2 mm with a tolerance of 0.02 mm) and 2.060 in. with a tolerance of 0.001 in. (52.3 mm with a tolerance of 0.02 mm).