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Standard Practice for Storage Life of Adhesives by Viscosity and Bond Strength¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers a means by which the storage life of an adhesive can be measured using viscosity and adhesive performance testing.

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:*²

D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

D897 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Adhesive Bonds

D906 Test Method for Strength Properties of Adhesives in Plywood Type Construction in Shear by Tension Loading

D907 Terminology of Adhesives

D1002 Test Method for Apparent Shear Strength of Single-Lap-Joint Adhesively Bonded Metal Specimens by Tension Loading (Metal-to-Metal)

D1084 Test Methods for Viscosity of Adhesives

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Many terms in this practice are defined in Terminology D907.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This practice is applicable to all adhesives having a relatively short storage life.

4.2 This practice is intended to determine whether the storage life conforms to the minimum specified storage life required of an adhesive by viscosity tests (Procedure A) or by bond strength tests (Procedure B), or by both. It does so by providing results before and after a set of standard conditions that simulate storage life. The determination of what the requirements for percentage of the original property retained or the minimum value for a property is found in the relevant material specification, or as agreed between manufacturer and user.

PROCEDURE A—VISCOSITY TEST

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Viscometer*—Use the apparatus as described in Test Methods D1084, Method B.

5.2 *Controlled-Temperature Chamber*, capable of maintaining temperature to $\pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($\pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$), to provide temperature storage conditions.

6. Storage of Adhesive

6.1 Store the adhesive and all its components, if there are any, in their original and unopened containers when the container is approximately litre (or quart) size. When the adhesive is supplied in larger containers, the desired number of samples is withdrawn from the large container. In this latter case, the size, type of closure, and nature (such as glass, steel, or tin-coated steel) of the small storage container is agreed upon by the purchaser and the manufacturer.

6.2 For storage temperature, use any one of the standard temperatures specified in Practice D618. The time of storage is any time agreed upon by the purchaser and the manufacturer. If the effect of storage time is desired, it is suggested that at least three quantities of the adhesive be stored under the prescribed conditions, and tested at various intervals of time. Use a separate, unopened container at each such test.