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Standard Test Method for Determination of Edge Performance of Composite Wood Products Under Surfactant Accelerated Moisture Stress¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method is intended to serve as a means for measurement of swelling and cracking of the coated or uncoated edge of a composite wood substrate that has been subjected to wetting by a test solution containing surface active agent.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound 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 661 Test Method for Evaluating Degree of Cracking of Exterior Paints²

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:* Description of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *crack rating*—a numerical value on a scale from 1 to 10, with 10 representing no evidence of cracking of the edge (see Test Method D 661).

3.1.2 *composite wood products*—boards or other structural or decorative materials manufactured from wood fibers, flakes or strands and various resin binders consolidated under heat, or pressure, or both.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A surfactant solution is placed in a tray that contains a sponge. A preweighed and calipered panel with a coated edge is placed with the edge in contact with the surfactant saturated

sponge for 2 h. The exposed panel is blotted dry, reweighed, recalipered, and inspected for edge cracking. Percentage weight and thickness changes are calculated and recorded. Edge cracking is rated in accordance with Test Method D 661 and recorded.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides a measure of the dimensional stability and integrity of the coated edge of various composite wood products under accelerated moisture stress. It is widely used as an indicator or predictor of the anticipated performance of composite wood products during exterior exposure. It may be used for developmental evaluation of coatings, substrates, or both. It may also be useful for quality control or monitoring of the production of coated or uncoated composite wood products.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Wide Flat Tray or Pan*, suitable to contain the required number of sponges and test boards. The sides must be high enough to safely contain at least $\frac{1}{4}$ in. (6 mm) of solution.

6.2 *Rack or Holder*, suitable to support the required number of test boards at the nominal 60° angle.

6.3 *Micrometer or Vernier Caliper*, of sufficient capacity for the board thickness to be measured and capable of 0.1 mm accuracy.

6.4 *Balance*, with sufficient capacity (typically 400 g) and 0.01 g accuracy.

6.5 *Suitable Saw*, for cutting of samples.

6.6 *Common Household Cellulose Sponges*, cut to suitable size.

7. Materials

7.1 A sufficient supply of test solution.

7.2 Appropriately identified test boards cut to proper size.

8. Hazards

8.1 When using saws, wear goggles, dust mask, and use proper machine safeguards to prevent injury.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 06.01.