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Standard Specification for Asphalt-Coated Glass Fiber Base Sheet Used in Roofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asphalt impregnated and coated glass fiber base sheet, with or without perforations, for use as the first ply of the built-up roofing. When not perforated, this sheet is suitable for use as a vapor retarder, with a solid mopping of asphaltic material, under roof insulation or between multiple layers of roof insulation.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D146 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Bitumen-Saturated Felts and Woven Fabrics for Roofing and Waterproofing

D228 Test Methods for Sampling, Testing, and Analysis of Asphalt Roll Roofing, Cap Sheets, and Shingles Used in Roofing and Waterproofing

D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology **D1079**.

4. Classification

4.1 Asphalt impregnated and coated glass fiber base sheet, Type I and Type II, are covered by this specification.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The mat shall be a thin, porous mat of uniformly distributed glass fibers, with or without additional reinforcing strands of glass yarn, and bonded with a water-resistant resinous binder.

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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.

TABLE 1 Physical Requirements^A

Description	Type I	Type II
Breaking strength, minimum kN/m (lbf/in.) longitudinal and transverse	3.9 (22)	7.7 (44)
Pliability, 13 mm (½ in.) radius Maximum failures, 10 specimens	0	0

^A To prevent the asphalt glass fiber base sheet from slipping from between the jaws of the tensile testing machine, insert a thin strip of soft gasket rubber between the felt in each of the four jaw faces of the machine.

5.2 In the process of manufacture, a single thickness of glass fiber mat shall be impregnated with hot asphalt, coated on one or both sides with a hot asphaltic material, and permitted to be surfaced with mineral surfacing.

5.3 The impregnating and coating material shall be a hot-applied asphalt permitted to be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

5.4 The base sheet may be faced with a kraft paper on the bottom side.

6. Physical Requirements, Dimensions, and Masses

6.1 The material shall conform to the physical requirements, dimensions, and masses described in **Table 1** and **Table 2**. It may have small pin holes throughout the sheet.

6.2 Perforated material shall conform to the physical requirements, dimensions, and masses described in **Tables 1-3**. It may have small pin holes throughout the sheet.

6.3 The finished product shall not crack nor be so sticky as to cause tearing or other damage upon being unrolled at temperatures between 4 and 60°C (40 and 140°F).

7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The finished material shall be uniformly impregnated and coated with asphalt. It shall be free of visible defects such as holes, ragged or untrue edges, breaks, cracks, tears, and protrusions. This is not to exclude perforations for the specific purpose of providing for venting of gases during application or small pin holes.

8. Sampling and Test Methods

8.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods **D228** unless otherwise indicated.