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Standard Specification for Molded Expanded Perlite Block and Pipe Thermal Insulation¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers molded expanded perlite block, fittings, and pipe thermal insulation intended for use on surfaces with temperatures between 80 to 1200°F (27 to 649°C).

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 When the installation or use of thermal insulation materials, accessories, and systems may pose safety or health problems, the manufacturer shall provide the user appropriate current information regarding any known problems associated with the recommended use of the company's products and shall also recommend protective measures to be employed in their safe utilization. The following safety caveat applies only to the test methods portion of this specification: *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

- C 165 Test Method for Measuring Compressive Properties of Thermal Insulations
- C 168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulating Materials
- C 177 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded Hot Plate Apparatus

- C 203 Test Methods for Breaking Load and Flexural Properties of Block-Type Thermal Insulation
- C 302 Test Method for Density of Preformed Pipe-Covering-Type Thermal Insulation
- C 303 Test Method for Density of Preformed Block-Type Thermal Insulation
- C 335 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Transfer Properties of Horizontal Pipe Insulations
- C 356 Test Method for Linear Shrinkage of Preformed High-Temperature Thermal Insulation Subjected to Soaking Heat
- C 390 Practice for Sampling and Acceptance of Thermal Insulation Lots
- C 411 Test Method for Hot-Surface Performance of High-Temperature Thermal Insulation
- C 421 Test Method for Tumbling Friability of Preformed Block-Type Thermal Insulation
- C 446 Test Method for Breaking Load and Calculated Modulus of Rupture of Preformed Insulation for Pipes
- C 450 Practice for Prefabrication and Field Fabrication of Thermal Insulating Fitting Covers for NPS Piping, Vessel Lagging, and Dished Head Segments
- C 518 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus
- C 585 Practice for Inner and Outer Diameters of Rigid Thermal Insulation for Nominal Sizes of Pipe and Tubing (NPS System)
- C 692 Test Method for Evaluating the Influence of Thermal Insulations on the External Stress Corrosion Cracking Tendency of Austenitic Steel
- C 795 Specification for Thermal Insulation for Use in Contact with Austenitic Stainless Steel
- C 1045 Practice for Calculating Thermal Transmission from Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements
- C 1058 Practice for Selecting Temperatures for Evaluating and Reporting Thermal Properties of Thermal Insulation
- E 84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

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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.

3. Terminology

3.1 *General*—Terminology **C 168** shall be considered as applying to the terms used in this specification.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *composition*—molded expanded perlite block, fitting, and pipe thermal insulation shall be composed principally of expanded perlite and silicate binders. It may also contain reinforcing fibers.

4. Standard Shapes, Sizes, and Dimensions

4.1 Molded expanded perlite block, fitting, and pipe thermal insulation shall be as follows:

4.1.1 *Block*—Block shall be furnished in lengths of either 36 or 39.37 in. (914 or 1000 mm), widths of 6 in. (152 mm), 12 in. (305 mm), 18 in. (457 mm), or 24 in. (610 mm), and in thickness from 1½ to 6 in. (38 to 152 mm) in increments of ½ in. (13 mm).

4.1.2 *Pipe Insulation*—Molded expanded perlite pipe insulation shall be supplied either as hollow cylindrical shapes split in half lengthwise (in a plane including the cylindrical axis) or as curved segments. The pipe insulation shall be furnished in sections or segments in lengths of either 36 or 39.37 in. (914 or 1000 mm) to fit standard sizes of pipe and tubing, and in nominal thickness from 1 to 4 in. (25 to 102 mm) in ½-in. (13-mm) increments. Inner and outer diameters of multilayer construction may be specified. Inner and outer diameters shall be in accordance with those standard dimensions specified in Practice **C 585**. Since outside diameter tolerances may be different under individual manufacturing processes, it may be necessary to have pipe insulation furnished in two or more layers nested by the manufacturer. The purchaser shall consult the manufacturer for specific requirements.

4.1.3 *Fittings*—Molded (expanded insulation fittings shall conform to the inner and outer diameters in accordance with those standard dimensions specified in Practice **C 585**. Mitered fittings shall be in accordance with Practice **C 450**.

5. Dimensional Tolerances

5.1 *General*—The average tolerances for length, width, and thickness shall comply with the requirements shown in **Table 1**.

5.2 *Pipe Insulation*—The following additional tolerances apply to perlite pipe insulation supplied as half sections:

5.2.1 *Fit and Closure*—When fitted to the appropriate size pipe, the longitudinal seam of the pipe insulation shall close to within ¼ in. (1.6 mm) along the entire length of the section.

5.2.2 *Concentricity*—The inner bore of the pipe insulation shall be concentric with the outer cylindrical surface. The deviation from concentricity shall not exceed ⅛ in. (3.2 mm) or 5 % of the wall thickness, whichever is greater.

TABLE 1 Dimensional Tolerances

	Block	Pipe
Length	± ⅛ in. (3.2 mm)	± ⅛ in. (3.2 mm)
Width	± ⅛ in. (3.2 mm)	...
Thickness	± ⅛ in. (3.2 mm)	± ⅛ in. (3.2 mm)
Inner Diameter	...	in accordance with Practice C585
Outer Diameter	...	in accordance with Practice C585

5.2.3 *Half-Section Balance*—The plane formed by the split between half sections shall include the cylindrical axis. Deviation of the split plane from the cylinder axis over the 36 or 39.37-in. (914 or 1000-mm) length shall not exceed ⅛ in. (3.2 mm).

6. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

6.1 Since some requirements for this material are not easily defined by a numerical value, the insulation shall not have visible defects that will adversely affect its service qualities.

7. Physical Requirements

7.1 The insulation shall conform to the physical requirements in **Table 2**.

8. Sampling

8.1 The insulation shall be sampled in accordance with Practice **C 390**. Specific provision for sampling shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

9. Qualification Requirements

9.1 The following requirements are generally employed for purpose of initial material or product qualification:

- 9.1.1 Flexural strength,
- 9.1.2 Compressive strength,
- 9.1.3 Surface burning characteristics,
- 9.1.4 Linear shrinkage after soaking heat,
- 9.1.5 Water absorption after heat aging,
- 9.1.6 Apparent thermal conductivity,
- 9.1.7 Hot-surface performance,
- 9.1.8 Stress corrosion cracking of austenitic stainless steel, and
- 9.1.9 Weight loss by tumbling.

10. Acceptance Requirements

10.1 The following requirements are generally employed for purposes of acceptance sampling of lots or shipments of qualified products:

- 10.1.1 Density,
- 10.1.2 Dimensional tolerances,
- 10.1.3 Workmanship, and
- 10.1.4 Moisture content.

11. Test Methods

11.1 The properties enumerated in this specification shall be determined in accordance with the following test methods:

- 11.1.1 *Density:*
 - 11.1.1.1 *Block Insulation*—Test Method **C 303**.
 - 11.1.1.2 *Pipe Insulation*—Test Method **C 302**.
- 11.1.2 *Apparent Thermal Conductivity:*
 - 11.1.2.1 *Block Insulation*—Test Method **C 177** per Practice **C 1058** large temperature difference method or Test Method **C 518**, using 1½ ± ½-in. (38 ± 13-mm) thick specimens.
 - 11.1.2.2 *Pipe Insulation*—Test Method **C 335**, using 1½ ± ½ in. (38 ± 13-mm) thick specimens of pipe insulation as supplied for fit to 3-in. nominal iron pipe.
 - 11.1.2.3 *General*—Determinations shall be made at four mean temperatures within the temperature range in accordance