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Standard Specification for Perlite Thermal Insulation Board¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the Department of Defense.

1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the composition and physical properties for perlite thermal insulation board used principally above structural roof decks and as a base for built-up, modified, and elastomeric membrane roofing in building construction.

1.2 The use of thermal insulation materials covered by this specification may be regulated by building codes or other agencies that address fire performance, or both. The fire performance of the material should be addressed through standard fire test methods established by the appropriate governing documents.

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

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods, Section 11, in 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 The following standards, of the issue in effect on the date of material purchase, form a part of this specification to the extent specified herein:

2.2 *ASTM Standards*:²

[C165 Test Method for Measuring Compressive Properties of Thermal Insulations](#)

[C168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulation](#)

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C16 on Thermal Insulation and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C16.22 on Organic and Nonhomogeneous Inorganic Thermal Insulations.

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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.

[C177 Test Method for Steady-State Heat Flux Measurements and Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Guarded-Hot-Plate Apparatus](#)

[C203 Test Methods for Breaking Load and Flexural Properties of Block-Type Thermal Insulation](#)

[C209 Test Methods for Cellulosic Fiber Insulating Board](#)

[C390 Practice for Sampling and Acceptance of Thermal Insulation Lots](#)

[C518 Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus](#)

[C1289 Specification for Faced Rigid Cellular Polyisocyanurate Thermal Insulation Board](#)

[E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For complete descriptions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [C168](#).

4. Classification

4.1 Perlite thermal insulation board is classified as follows:

4.1.1 *Type 1, Roof Insulation Board*—The ½ in. (13 mm) thick version of this product is available only to manufacturers of laminated rigid foam products as specified in Specification [C1289](#).

4.1.2 *Type 2, Roof Cover/Recover Board*—This is used primarily as a field-applied cover board over other roof insulations or in reroofing applications.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Orders shall at least include the following information:

5.1.1 Title and designation Specification C728.

5.1.2 Product name, nominal thickness and dimensions.

5.1.3 Quantity of material ordered.

5.1.4 Manufacturer's name, address, and telephone number.

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Composition*—The basic material of the insulation board shall be perlite expanded by the application of heat to form glassy, cellular aggregates. The insulation board shall be