



Standard Specification for Synthetic Rubber Insulation for Wire and Cable, 90°C Operation¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers a crosslinked insulating compound for electrical wires and cables. The rubber polymer is primarily composed of synthetic rubber.

1.2 This type of insulation is suitable for continuous operation at conductor temperatures not exceeding 90°C in dry locations, and operating voltages not exceeding 2000 V. This insulation may have low-temperature limitations. Consult the manufacturer for specific recommendations for installation.

1.3 In many instances the insulation cannot be tested unless it has been formed around a conductor. Therefore, tests are done on insulated wire in this standard solely to determine the relevant property of the insulation and not to test the conductor or completed cable.

1.4 Whenever two sets of values are presented, in different units, the values in the first set are the standard, while those in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

D470 Test Methods for Crosslinked Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable

D1711 Terminology Relating to Electrical Insulation

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification refer to Terminology D1711.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.2.1 *aging (act of), n*—exposure of materials to air at 121 °C for 168 h or heat and pressure at 127 °C for 42 h.

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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. Physical Properties

4.1 Table 1 lists the unaged and aged physical property requirements.

4.2 *Thickness of Insulation*—Table number 1A of Test Methods D470 lists the minimum average thickness for the insulation. The required minimum thickness is 90 % of that given in Table number 1A of Test Methods D470.

TABLE 1 Physical Properties for Synthetic Rubber Insulation, 90°C Operation^A

Unaged Requirements:	
Tensile strength, min, psi (MPa)	700 (4.8)
Elongation at rupture, min, %	300
Set in 2-in. (or 50-mm) gage length, max, %	25
Aged Requirements:	
After Air Pressure Heat Test at 127 ± 1 °C for 42 h:	
Tensile strength and elongation, min, percentage of unaged value	50
After Air Oven Test at 121 ± 1 °C for 168 h:	
Tensile strength and elongation, min, percentage of unaged value	50

^A The values specified are applicable to insulation having a nominal wall thickness of 0.030 in. (0.76 mm) or greater.

5. Electrical Requirements

5.1 *Order of Testing*—Perform the ac voltage, insulation resistance, and dc voltage tests in that order when any of these tests are required. The sequence for other testing is not specified.

5.2 *AC Voltage Test*—Unless otherwise specified, omit this test if the dc voltage test described in 5.4 is to be performed. Test each insulated conductor for 5 min at the ac withstand voltage given in Table number 1A of Test Methods D470 under the columns labeled “Other Than Ozone-Resisting Insulations.”

5.3 *Insulation Resistance*:

5.3.1 The insulated conductor shall have an insulation resistance value of at least that corresponding to a constant of 4000 at 60 °F (15.6 °C).

5.3.2 If the temperature at the time measurement was made differs from 60 °F (15.6 °C) correct the insulation resistance to 60 °F. Table number 2 of Test Methods D470 contains the correction factors. Each insulation manufacturer can furnish