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Standard Practice for Sampling of Thermoplastic Traffic Marking Materials¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the proper field sampling of thermoplastic traffic marking materials to ensure test results are representative of the material being tested.

1.2 The values stated in SI 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:*²

D346 Practice for Collection and Preparation of Coke Samples for Laboratory Analysis

D2013 Practice for Preparing Coal Samples for Analysis

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *thermoplastic traffic marking material, n*—a highly filled 100 % total solids highway marking material that when heated to a molten state can be extruded or sprayed onto a road surface and when cooled forms a solid, durable delineator.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 A random selection of three bags of thermoplastic traffic marking material is made from a manufactured lot. Using one of the three size reduction methods outlined in this procedure a small, representative sample of the manufactured lot is

obtained. This sample may then be used for the testing of the chemical and physical properties of the marking material.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 It is important to obtain a truly representative sample of the thermoplastic traffic marking material prior to performing any tests. This can be difficult due to the wide ranges of sizes, shapes, and densities of the individual components that are used in the manufacture of these types of materials. The sample that is obtained using this guide should be representative of the manufactured lot from which it was obtained and can be used for the testing of the chemical and physical properties of the material as required by the governing specification.

6. Apparatus (See Note 1)

6.1 *Quartering Method:*

6.1.1 *1.2 by 1.2 m (4 by 4 ft.) Section of Cardboard, Smooth Plywood, or Metal.*

6.1.2 *Metal Scooping Pan.*

6.1.3 *Metal Splitting Device*, consisting of four panels separated from each other at a 90 degree angle and joined at the center.

6.1.4 *Unlined 3.78 L (1 gal) Metal Cans.*

6.2 *Splitter Method:*

6.2.1 *1:1 Splitter Apparatus*, with pans with a minimum capacity of 28.3 L (1 cubic foot).

6.2.2 *Unlined 3.78 L (1 gal) Metal Cans.*

6.3 *Thieving Method:*

6.3.1 *5 cm (2 in.) ID Metal Pipe*, approximately 1 m (3 ft.) long.

6.3.2 *Unlined 3.78 L (1 gal) Metal Cans.*

NOTE 1—The quartering procedure for reducing bulk samples, to obtain representative test samples, is described and illustrated in Practice **D346**. Various types of riffle samplers are illustrated in Practice **D2013**.

7. Hazards

7.1 Consult the material safety data sheet for the material being tested and follow the recommendations for the handling of the material. Minimum safety equipment should be safety glasses, dust mask for nuisance dust, and gloves.

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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.