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Standard Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheeting or Film at Elevated Temperature¹

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

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the measurement of changes in linear dimensions of nonrigid thermoplastic sheeting or film that result from exposure of the material to specified conditions of elevated temperature and time.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

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.*

NOTE 1—This test method and ISO 11501 address the same matter, but differ in technical content (and results cannot be directly compared between the two methods).

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D 2732 Test Method for Unrestrained Linear Thermal Shrinkage of Plastic Film and Sheeting

D 4000 Classification System for Specifying Plastic Materials

2.2 ISO Standard

ISO 11501 Plastics: Film and Sheeting—Determination of Dimensional Change on Heating³

¹ This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee D20 on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee D20.19 on Film and Sheeting.

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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 Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terms applicable to this test method are defined in Terminology D 883.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method is particularly applicable to nonrigid thermoplastic sheeting or film made by the calender or extrusion process. The test gives an indication of lot-to-lot uniformity as regards to the degree of internal strains introduced during processing.

4.2 The heating medium in this test method is air and may not yield the same results as Test Method D 2732, which uses a liquid medium.

4.3 Before proceeding with this test method, reference should be made to the specification of the material being tested. Any test specimen preparation, conditioning, dimensions, or testing parameters, or combination thereof, covered in the relevant ASTM material specification shall take precedence over those mentioned in this test method. If there are no relevant ASTM material specifications, then the default conditions apply. Table 1 of Classification System D 4000 lists the ASTM material standards that currently exist.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Oven*—A mechanical convection oven capable of maintaining a temperature of $100 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.

5.2 *Scale*, graduated in 0.25-mm (0.01-in.) divisions, 30 cm (12 in.) or more in length.

5.3 *Thermometer*, graduated in 1°C divisions, with a range suitable for the test temperature used.

5.4 *Timer*, graduated in minutes.

5.5 *Template*, 25 by 25 cm (10 by 10 in.), for cutting test specimens.

5.6 *Heavy Paper Sheets*, approximately 40 by 40 cm (15 by 15 in.), with smooth, wrinkle- and crease-free surfaces.

5.7 *Talc*, finely ground.