



Standard Specification for Poly(Vinyl Chloride) Jacket for Wire and Cable¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers a durable general-purpose thermoplastic jacket made from poly(vinyl chloride) or the copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate suitable for a minimum installing temperature of $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are the standard, except in cases where SI units are more appropriate. The values in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[D2565 Practice for Xenon-Arc Exposure of Plastics Intended for Outdoor Applications](#)

[D2633 Test Methods for Thermoplastic Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable](#)

[D6360 Practice for Enclosed Carbon-Arc Exposures of Plastics](#)

[G23 Practice for Operating Light-Exposure Apparatus \(Carbon-Arc Type\) With and Without Water for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials \(Discontinued 2001\)](#)³

[G151 Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices that Use Laboratory Light Sources](#)

[G152 Practice for Operating Open Flame Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials](#)

[G153 Practice for Operating Enclosed Carbon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials](#)

[G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic 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³ Withdrawn. The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

3. Test Applicable for Sunlight and Weather Resistant Materials

3.1 The jacket shall retain a minimum of 80 % of its unexposed tensile strength and elongation after 720 h of exposure in a dual carbon-arc apparatus or a Xenon arc light apparatus. Prepare the specimens in accordance with Test Methods D2633 for physical tests of insulations and jackets. Do not buff the surface that is exposed to the light source. Perform the test in accordance with Practice D2565 or Practice D6360, depending on which type of apparatus is used. Use Cycle 1 in Table X1.1 of Practice G153 or Cycle 1 in Table X3.1 of Practice G155, depending on which type of apparatus is used.

NOTE 1—Previous versions of this specification referenced carbon-arc devices described by Practice G23, which described very specific equipment designs. Practice G23 has been withdrawn and replaced by Practice G151, which describes performance criteria for all exposure devices that use laboratory light sources, and by Practice G152 and Practice G153, which give requirements for exposing nonmetallic materials in filtered open flame carbon-arc devices and enclosed carbon-arc devices, respectively.

4. Physical Properties

4.1 The jacket shall conform to the requirements for physical properties prescribed in Table 1.

4.2 When used on single-conductor nonshielded cable rated 2001 to 5000 V phase to phase, the jacket shall also conform to the requirements for surface resistivity and U-bend discharge in Table 2.

5. Sampling

5.1 Sample the jacket in accordance with Methods D2633 unless otherwise specified.

6. Test Methods

6.1 Unless otherwise specified, test the jacket in accordance with Methods D2633.

7. Keywords

7.1 jacket for wire and cable; poly (vinyl chloride) jacket; thermoplastic jacket

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.