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Standard Specification for Annealed Soda-Lime-Silicate Glass Containers That Are Produced for Use as Candle Containers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the minimum requirements for annealed soda-lime-silicate glass containers when the producer knows the containers are to be used as candle containers.

1.2 *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 requirements prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 Reference to these documents shall be the latest revision, unless otherwise specified by the authority applying this specification.

2.2 *ASTM Standards:*²

[C148 Test Methods for Polariscopic Examination of Glass Containers](#)

[C149 Test Method for Thermal Shock Resistance of Glass Containers](#)

[C162 Terminology of Glass and Glass Products](#)

[C224 Practice for Sampling Glass Containers](#)

[F1972 Guide for Terminology Relating to Candles and Associated Accessory Items](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of glass and glass products terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [C162](#).

3.2 For definitions of candle related terms used in this specification, refer to Guide [F1972](#).

4. Performance Requirements

4.1 *Annealing:*

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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.

4.1.1 *Transparent Glass*—Containers examined under polarized light in accordance with Test Methods [C148](#) shall, after annealing, show no greater than real temper number 4. This performance requirement will also apply to containers that are further processed (such as ceramic enamel decorations), following the original manufacture, by reheating the container above the strain point and cooling to room temperature. The Scratch Test (Section 5) can be used as an alternative to Test Methods [C148](#). Containers tested in accordance with the Scratch Test shall show no fractures.

4.1.2 *Non-transparent Glass*—If glass condition (color, decoration, etc.) prohibits sufficient light transmission for use of Test Methods [C148](#), annealing shall be qualified through the use of the Scratch Test (Section 5). Containers tested in accordance with the Scratch Test shall show no fractures. This performance requirement will also apply to containers that are further processed (such as ceramic enamel decorations), following the original manufacture, by re-heating the container above the strain point and cooling to room temperature.

4.2 *Thermal Shock:*

4.2.1 Containers shall not crack or break when tested at a thermal shock temperature differential (ΔT) of 90 Fahrenheit degrees (50 Celsius degrees) during continuous production in accordance with Test Method [C149](#).

4.2.2 Containers shall be tested at a thermal shock temperature differential (ΔT) of 90 Fahrenheit degrees (50 Celsius degrees) during lot sampling in accordance with Practice [C224](#).

5. Test Methods

5.1 *Scope*—This Scratch Test Method is designed to ensure that residual stress is reduced to a commercially acceptable level in annealed soda-lime-silicate glass containers that are intended for use as candle containers. It provides an alternative method to Test Methods [C148](#). Two methods of performing the Scratch Test are covered:

5.1.1 *Test Method A*—Scratch Test using a tungsten carbide scribe, [5.4.2.1](#), and

5.1.2 *Test Method B*—Scratch Test using fifty-grit emery paper/cloth, [5.4.2.2](#).

NOTE 1—Independent test results showed no significant statistical difference between using tungsten carbide scribe and fifty-grit emery paper/cloth.