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Standard Test Method for Effects of Temperature on Stability of Geotextiles¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method provides a procedure for determining the effects of climatic temperature on the tensile strength and elongation properties of geotextiles.

1.2 The effect of temperature on the stability of geotextiles is reported as the change in tensile strength and elongation between tests performed as directed in Test Method D 5035, in the standard atmosphere for testing textiles, and tests performed under conditions at which the geotextile is expected to perform in the field.

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. See 7.1.1-7.1.3.*

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values stated in inch-pound units are provided for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 76 Specification for Tensile Testing Machines for Textiles²

D 123 Terminology Relating to Textiles²

D 461 Test Methods for Felt²

D 1776 Practice for Conditioning Textiles for Testing²

D 4354 Practice for Sampling of Geosynthetics for Testing³

D 4439 Terminology for Geosynthetics³

D 5035 Test Method for Breaking Strength and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Strip Method)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *atmosphere for testing geotextiles, n*—air maintained at relative humidity of 50 to 70 % and at a temperature of $21 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ($70 \pm 4^\circ\text{F}$).

3.1.2 *temperature stability, n*—for a geotextile, the percent change in tensile strength or in percent elongation as measured at a specified temperature and compared to values obtained at the standard conditions for testing geotextiles.

3.2 For definitions of other terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology D 123 and Terminology D 4439.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 Specimens of a geotextile are conditioned at selected temperatures in an environmental chamber attached to a tensile testing machine. While maintaining these temperatures, 2 in. cut or ravel strip tensile tests are performed as directed in Test Method D 5035. The same tests are conducted as control under the standard laboratory test conditions. Tensile strength and percent elongation properties obtained at various test temperatures are recorded. Changes in strength characteristics due to the effects of temperature are determined.

4.2 The temperatures used for conditioning and testing the geotextiles are the temperatures at which the geotextile will perform or are typically exposed to in the field.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is used for evaluating the relative effects of temperature on geotextiles manufactured from different polymers, by a different manufacturing process, or both.

5.2 During shipping and storage, the geotextile may be exposed to abnormal temperatures. The fabric could be tested at these temperatures to determine the detrimental effects of these conditions on the strength properties.

5.3 This test method may also be used to evaluate the cyclic effects of temperature (freeze-thaw), that is, samples can be conditioned to below normal temperatures (below freezing) and then to above normal temperatures (elevated temperatures) for a given number of cycles. Strength characteristics can be determined after these cyclic exposures.

5.4 Most nonwoven, woven, and composite fabric can be tested by this method. Modification of the techniques is likely to be necessary for any fabric having a strength in excess of 179 kg/cm (1000 lb/in.) width. This test method is not recommended for knitted fabrics.

5.5 This test method is an index test method and is not recommended for acceptance testing of commercial shipments, since information on between laboratory precision has not been established. In some cases the purchaser and seller may have to

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 07.01.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.13.

⁴ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.09.