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## Standard Specification for Sheet Materials for Curing Concrete<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This specification covers materials in sheet form used for covering the surfaces of hydraulic cement concrete to inhibit moisture loss during the curing period and, in the case of the white reflective type materials, to also reduce temperature rise in concrete exposed to radiation from the sun. The following types are included:

#### 1.1.1 Curing Paper:

1.1.1.1 Regular.

1.1.1.2 White.

#### 1.1.2 Polyethylene Film:

1.1.2.1 Clear.

1.1.2.2 White Opaque.

#### 1.1.3 White-Burlap-Polyethylene Sheet.

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

NOTE 1—This specification does not cover materials such as burlap, cotton mats, or rugs used with additional applications of water to maintain a water-saturated environment on such surfaces. Procedures employing these materials are discussed in ACI 308R. Sheet materials having additional characteristics such as insulating properties and the ability to carry additional water to the curing region are commercially available but are not currently addressed in this specification.

1.3 The text of this standard references notes and footnotes which provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered as requirements of the standard.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

C 156 Test Method for Water Retention by Liquid Membrane-Forming Curing Compounds for Concrete

D 829 Test Methods for Wet Tensile Breaking Strength of Paper and Paper Products

D 4397 Specification for Polyethylene Sheeting for Construction, Industrial, and Agricultural Applications

E 96/E 96M Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials

E 1347 Test Method for Color and Color-Difference Measurement by Tristimulus (Filter) Colorimetry

#### 2.2 ACI Standard:

ACI 308R Standard Practice for Curing Concrete<sup>3</sup>

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *curing paper, n*—a composite consisting of two layers of kraft paper bonded together with a bituminous material and reinforced with fiber, used for covering the surface of fresh concrete to inhibit moisture loss during the curing period.

### 4. Ordering Information

4.1 The purchaser shall specify the type of curing material to be furnished under this specification.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* Vol 15.09, volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 08.03.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.aci-int.org>.

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