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Standard Specification for Perfluoroalkoxy (PFA)-Fluorocarbon Resin Molding and Extrusion Materials[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers melt processable molding and extrusion materials of PFA-perfluoro(alkoxy alkane) fluorocarbon resin. The materials are copolymers of TFE-fluorocarbon resins containing perfluoroalkoxy side chains. These materials were formerly the subject of this specification and Specification D 6314.

1.2 This specification is intended to provide a means for calling out plastic materials used in the fabrication of end items or parts. It is not intended for the selection of materials. Material selection should be made by those having expertise in the plastics field after careful consideration of the design and the performance required of the part, the environment to which it will be exposed, the fabrication process to be employed, the costs involved, and the inherent properties of the material other than those covered by this specification.

1.3 This specification does not cover recycled plastics.[2]

1.4 The tests involved are intended to provide information for identifying the materials covered. It is not the function of this specification to provide engineering data for design purposes. Specimens prepared by injection molding or extrusion could yield test results that may vary from the values in this specification.

1.5 The values stated in SI units[3] are to be regarded as standard. The values given in ~~brackets~~parentheses are for information only.

1.6 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portions, Sections 8 and 9 of this specification: *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 specification, ISO 12086–1(2006), and ISO 12086–2(2006) differ in approach or detail. Data obtained using either may not be technically equivalent.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[4]

D 150 Test Methods for AC Loss Characteristics and Permittivity (Dielectric Constant) of Solid Electrical Insulation
D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing
D 638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics
D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement
D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics
D 1238 Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer
D 1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics
D 1708 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics by Use of Microtensile Specimens
D 2116 Specification for FEP-Fluorocarbon Molding and Extrusion Materials
D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics

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[2] As defined in Guide D 5033.

[3] As defined in IEEE/ASTM SI 10.

[4] 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.

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

D 4591 Test Method for Determining Temperatures and Heats of Transitions of Fluoropolymers by Differential Scanning Calorimetry
D 4895 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin Produced From Dispersion
D 5033 Guide for Development of ASTM Standards Relating to Recycling and Use of Recycled Plastics
D 6314 Specification for Fluorocarbon Perfluoromethoxy (MFA) Resin Molding and Extrusion Materials
E 177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods
IEEE/ASTM SI 10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System

2.2 *ISO Standards:*[5]

ISO 12086–1 Plastics–Fluoropolymer Dispersions and Moulding and Extrusion Materials–Part 1
ISO 12086–2 Plastics–Fluoropolymer Dispersions and Moulding and Extrusion Materials–Part 2

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminologies D 883 and D 1600.

3.1.1 *lot*, *n*—one production run or a uniform blend of two or more productions runs.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification covers ~~13~~14 types of PFA-fluorocarbon resins supplied in pellet form for molding and extrusion.

4.2 A one-line system may be used to specify materials covered by this specification. The system uses predefined cells to refer to specific aspects of this specification, illustrated as follows:

Specification					
Standard Number Block	Type	Grade	Class	Special Notes
: :	:	: :	:	:
	:		:	
_____	___	___	___	_____
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In this standard, the only specifications are type; no grade or class is required. A comma is used as the separator between the standard number and the type.[6]

5. General Requirements

5.1 The materials shall be of uniform composition and so prepared as to conform to the requirements of this specification.

5.2 The materials described in this specification shall be free of foreign matter to such a contamination level as may be required in 10.4.

6. Detail Requirements

6.1 The materials covered by this specification shall conform to the requirements prescribed in Table 1 and Table 2 when tested by the procedures specified herein. Table 2 lists those tests requiring a specimen molded as described in 9.1.

7. Sampling

7.1 Sampling shall be statistically adequate to satisfy the requirements of 10.4.

8. Number of Tests

8.1 One set of test specimens as prescribed in Section 9 shall be considered sufficient for testing each sample. The average result

[5] Available from the American National Standards Institute, 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036.
[6] See *ASTM Form and Style Manual.*

TABLE 1 Detail Requirements for Test on Molding and Extrusion Materials

	~~Type I~~	~~Type II~~	~~Type III~~	~~Type IV~~	~~Type V~~	~~Type VI~~	~~Type VII~~	~~Type VIII~~	~~Type IX~~	~~Type X~~	~~Type XI~~	~~Type XII~~	~~Type XIII~~	
	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV	Type V	Type VI	Type VII	Type VIII	Type IX	Type X	Type XI	Type XII	Type XIII	Type XIV
Melt flow,[A] g/10min:														
min	>7	1	>3	>10	1	>3	10	2	>24	1	≥4	≥8	≥18	≥63
~~max~~	~~19~~	~~3~~	~~7~~	~~30~~	~~3~~	~~10~~	~~17~~	~~5~~	~~≤40~~	~~4~~	~~8~~	~~18~~	~~40~~	
max	19	3	7	30	3	10	17	5	≤40	4	8	18	40	81
Melting endotherm peak temperature,[B] min, °C	300	300	300	285	285	285	280	280	300	265	265	265	265	290

[A] See 9.3 of this specification.
[B] See 9.4 of this specification.