



Standard Specification for Total Lead Content in Synthetic Turf Fibers¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification applies to the maximum content of lead in fibers used in synthetic turf.

1.1.1 This specification outlines a test method for sample preparation and a test method for analyzing the total lead content in synthetic turf fibers.

1.1.2 This specification outlines guidelines for reporting total lead content in synthetic turf fibers.

1.2 This specification applies only to synthetic turf fibers manufactured after Sept. 1, 2009.

NOTE 1—It is the goal of the industry to reduce lead content to 100 mg/kg (ppm) by Sept. 1, 2011.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.4 *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.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

E1613 Test Method for Determination of Lead by Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectrometry (ICP-AES), Flame Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (FAAS), or Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (GFAAS) Techniques

2.2 U.S. EPA Standards:³

EPA Method 3052 Microwave Assisted Acid Digestion of Siliceous and Organically Based Matrices - Modified,

SW-846, Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *synthetic turf fiber, n*—extruded fiber used to simulate grass blades in a tufted, knitted, or woven turf fabric.

3.1.2 *total lead content, n*—quantity of lead in all forms measured by appropriate analytical technique and reported as mg/kg (ppm).

4. Acceptable Level

4.1 A representative sample of fiber shall be tested by the test method(s) described in Section 5 of this specification. The total lead content measured shall be less than 300 mg/kg (ppm).

4.2 Synthetic turf fibers shall be tested at such quantity intervals as to ensure continuing compliance with the requirement in 4.1.

5. Test Methods

5.1 *Laboratory Qualification*—The testing shall be conducted by an independent environmental laboratory accredited for heavy metal testing in solid and hazardous waste.

5.2 *Preparation of the Sample*—Prepare sample(s) as outlined in EPA Method 3052 with the temperature modified from $180 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ to $210 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$.

5.3 Analysis of Sample:

5.3.1 Analyze sample(s) prepared in 5.1 for lead using inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy [ICP-AES] or atomic absorption spectrometry (AAS) as outlined in Test Method **E1613**.

5.3.2 Report total lead content as mg/kg (ppm).

6. Report

6.1 Record the following information:

- 6.1.1 Fiber identification, such as lot and color numbers.
- 6.1.2 Date sampled,
- 6.1.3 Method used,
- 6.1.4 Date tested, and
- 6.1.5 Total lead content (mg/kg or ppm).

7. Keywords

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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 Available from United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, <http://www.epa.gov/waste/hazard/testmethods/index.htm>.

APPENDIX

(Nonmandatory Information)

X1. APPENDIX

X1.1 According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in a release dated July 30, 2008 from the Office of Information and Public Affairs: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff released its evaluation of

various synthetic athletic fields. The evaluation concludes that young children are not at risk from exposure to lead in these fields.

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