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Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Dimension Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic Using a Rotary Platform, Double-Head Abraser¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the establishment of an index of abrasion resistance by determination of loss of volume resulting from abrasion of dimension stone as described in Terminology C119 and is based on Guide G195.

1.2 *Units*—The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.2.1 *Exception*—The formula for calculation of the result of this test method relies on the use of SI units; all measurements of weight in this test method shall be recorded in SI units.

1.2.2 *Exception*—As the equipment used in this test method was designed and initially fabricated using dimensions in inch-pound units, the values of equipment dimensions stated in SI units have been given as exact conversions to the nearest 0.1 mm.

1.3 This test method uses a rotary platform, double-head abraser to determine the loss in volume of dimension stone caused by abrasion under controlled conditions.

1.4 This test method is useful in indicating the differences in abrasion resistance between the various dimension stones. This test method provides one element in comparing stones of the same type.

1.5 *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.*

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2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:²

C97 Test Methods for Absorption and Bulk Specific Gravity of Dimension Stone

C119 Terminology Relating to Dimension Stone

C121 Test Method for Water Absorption of Slate

G195 Guide for Conducting Wear Tests Using a Rotary Platform, Double-Head Abraser

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard*:

3.1.1 *abraser*—wear testing instrument to evaluate abrasion resistance, also referred to as an abrader.

3.1.2 *abrasion cycle*—in abrasion testing, one or more movements of the abradant across a material surface, or the material surface across the abradant, that permits a return to its starting position. In the case of the rotary platform test method, it consists of one complete rotation of the specimen.

3.1.3 *index of abrasion resistance, n*—a number calculated from the weight loss of a specimen subjected to a given number of revolutions against a standard bonded abrasive wheel.

3.1.4 *resurface*—procedure of cleaning and refreshing the running surface of an abrasive wheel prior to use in testing.

3.1.5 *sample, n*—a geometrically regular block of stone.

3.1.6 *test specimen, n*—a flat prism of specified size and shape cut from the submitted sample.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 A specimen is abraded using rotary rubbing action under controlled conditions of pressure and abrasive action. The test specimen is mounted on a turntable platform and turns on a vertical axis, against the sliding rotation of two abrading wheels. One abrading wheel rubs the specimen outward toward the periphery and the other, inward toward the center. The resulting abrasion marks form a pattern of crossed arcs over an area of approximately 5 in.² [30 cm²]. Resistance to abrasion is

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.

evaluated by determination of the loss of volume due to abrasion and calculation of an index of abrasion resistance.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method provides a means to quantify the abrasion resistance of dimension stone and may be related to end-use performance, or used to comparatively rank material performance, or both. The resistance of dimension stone to abrasion, as measured on a testing machine in the laboratory, is generally only one of several factors contributing to wear performance as experienced in the actual use of the material. Calculation of predicted life should not be based on specific abrasion data alone.

5.2 The resistance of dimension stone to abrasion may be affected by factors including test conditions; type of abrasant; pressure between the specimen and abrasant; mounting or tension of the specimen; and type, kind, or amount of finishing materials.

5.3 Abrasion tests utilizing the rotary platform, double-head abramer may be subject to variation due to changes in the abrasant during the course of specific tests. Depending on abrasant type and test specimen, the abrading wheel surface may change (that is, become clogged) due to pick-up of finishing or other materials from test specimens. To reduce this variation, the abrading wheels may require resurfacing after use.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Rotary Platform, Double-Head (RPDH) Abraser*³, consisting of the elements described in 6.1.1-6.1.5 (see Fig. 1).

³ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Taber Industries, 455 Bryant Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120. If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,¹ which you may attend. The Taber abramer is available in two models: the 5130 with a single platform or the 5150 with dual testing platforms. Both machines function in the same manner.

6.1.1 A removable turntable specimen platform, which includes a rubber pad, clamp plate, centrally located threaded post and nut. The turntable shall be motor driven and mounted so as to produce a circular surface travel of a flat specimen in the plane of its surface. The specimen platform shall rotate with no visible wobble. This can be checked with a dial indicator at the top outer edge of the platform to make sure it runs true within 0.02 in. [0.5 mm].

6.1.2 A motor capable of rotating the turntable platform at a speed of either 72 ± 2 r/min or 60 ± 2 r/min.

6.1.3 A pair of pivoted arms to which the abrasive wheels and accessory weights or counterweights are attached.

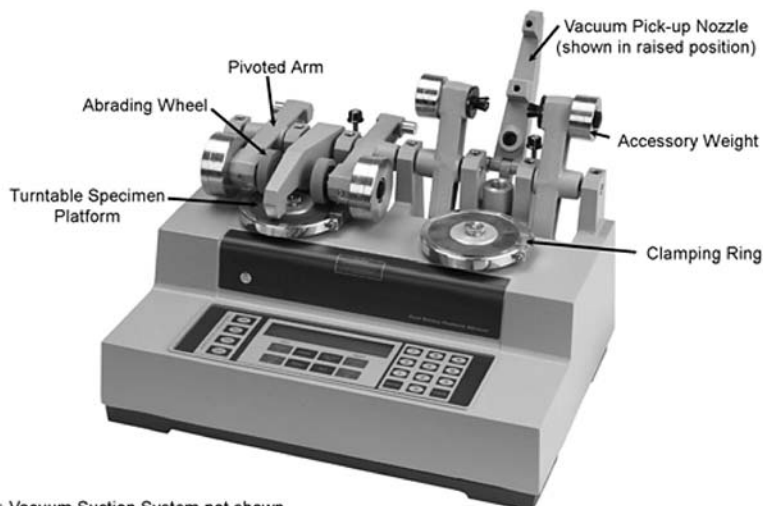
6.1.4 A vacuum suction system and vacuum pickup nozzle to remove debris and abrasive particles from the specimen surface during testing. The height of the vacuum pickup nozzle shall be adjustable, and the nozzle will have two $\frac{3}{8}$ in. [8 mm] openings. One opening shall be positioned between the two wheels and over the wear path and the other placed diametrically opposite, with 3 in. [76.2 mm] distance between the axes of the two openings. The vacuum suction force at the surface of the specimen shall be sufficient to remove debris and abrasive particles.

6.1.5 A counter to record the number of abrasion cycles (revolutions) made by the turntable platform.

6.2 *Abrasive Wheels*³, which are attached to the free end of the pivoted arms and are able to rotate freely about horizontal spindles.

6.2.1 The wheels shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ in. [12.7 mm] thick and have an external diameter of 2 in. [50.8 mm] when new, and in no case less than $1\frac{5}{8}$ in. [41.3 mm]. The abrasive wheels shall be vitrified based, consisting of hard particles embedded in a binder material. H-22 Calibrade wheels are the required grade of abrasive for this test method.

6.2.2 The internal faces of the abrasive wheels shall be $2\frac{1}{16}$ in. [52.4 mm] apart and the hypothetical line through the two spindles shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ in. [19.1 mm] away from the central axis of the turntable (see Fig. 2). The wheels should be spaced equally on both sides from the wheel-mounting flange to the



Note: Vacuum Suction System not shown

FIG. 1 Rotary Platform, Double-Head (RPDH) Abraser, with Dual Testing Platforms