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Standard Specification for Ketone Ethylene Ester Based Sheet Roofing¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers flexible sheet made from ketone ethylene ester (KEE) as the primary polymer intended for use in single ply roofing membrane exposed to the weather. The sheet shall be reinforced with fabric.

1.2 In-place roof system design criteria, such as fire resistance, field-seaming strength, material compatibility, uplift resistance, in-situ shrinkage, among others, are factors that must be considered, but are beyond the scope of this specification.

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1.3 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound 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.

1.4 The following precautionary caveat pertains to the test methods portion only, Section 8, 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 requirements prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D471 Test Method for Rubber Property Effect of Liquids

D751 Test Methods for Coated Fabrics

D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing

D1204 Test Method for Linear Dimensional Changes of Nonrigid Thermoplastic Sheeting or Film at Elevated Temperature

D2136 Test Method for Coated Fabrics Low-Temperature Bend Test

D3045 Practice for Heat Aging of Plastics Without Load

D3389 Test Method for Coated Fabrics Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Platform Abrader)

D5602 Test Method for Static Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens

D5635 Test Method for Dynamic Puncture Resistance of Roofing Membrane Specimens

G21 Practice for Determining Resistance of Synthetic Polymeric Materials to Fungi

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G151 Practice for Exposing Nonmetallic Materials in Accelerated Test Devices that Use Laboratory Light Sources

G154 Practice for Operating Fluorescent Light Apparatus for UV Exposure of Nonmetallic Materials

G155 Practice for Operating Xenon Arc Light Apparatus for Exposure of Non-Metallic Materials

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terminology D1079 shall apply to this specification.

3.2 *ketone ethylene ester (KEE), n*—a high molecular weight thermoplastic copolymer of ethylene, containing carbon monoxide and either vinyl acetate or acrylate monomer which are incorporated to provide softness and polarity.

3.2.1 *Discussion*—Ester groups of the vinyl acetate or acrylate are pendant from the ethylene backbone and reduce crystallinity, which provides flexibility. Carbon monoxide groups within the polymer backbone provide polarity. The KEE polymer is therefore a flexible polymer, which is miscible with other polymers of similar polarity.

3.3 *polymer content, n*—in this specification, polymer content shall be defined as polymeric materials which are in the solid state

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at room temperature, and are high (greater than 50 000 Mw) in molecular weight. Other ingredients, known to the art of polymer compounding, such as certain waxes, stabilizers, and other additives, while polymeric in nature are not considered to be part of the base polymer system.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 The sheet shall be formulated from the appropriate polymers and other compounding ingredients. The KEE polymer shall be a minimum of 50 % by weight of the polymer content of the sheet.

4.2 The sheet shall be reinforced internally with a fabric.

4.3 To make seam and repairs, the sheet shall be capable of being bonded watertight to itself during the design service life of the sheets. The manufacturer shall recommend a suitable method. Design service life is defined as the designated time period of intended system performance.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 The sheet shall conform to the physical requirements prescribed in Table 1.

~~5.2 Individual specimens must meet or exceed table values.~~

5.2 The tolerance for time conditions (aging, weathering, and so forth) is ± 15 min or ± 1 % of the period, whichever is greater, unless specified.

5.3 The tolerance for temperature conditions (aging, weathering, and so forth) is $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [4°F] of the specified temperature, unless otherwise specified.

6. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

6.1 The width and length of the sheet shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase contract. The width and length tolerance shall be $+3$ % -0 % after permitting the sheet to relax 1 h at $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ (73 [$73 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$]).

6.2 The thickness and thickness tolerance shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier as part of the purchase contract, subject to the minimum requirement in Table 1.

7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The sheet, including factory seams if present, shall be watertight and be visually free of pinholes, particles of foreign matter,

TABLE 1 Physical Requirements of the KEE-Reinforced Membrane

Property	
Thickness, min., mm (in.)	0.79 (0.031)
Thickness, min., mm [in.]	0.81 [0.032]
Thickness over fiber, min., mm (in.)	0.15 (0.006)
Thickness over fiber, min., mm [in.]	0.18 [0.007]
Breaking strength, strip, N (lbf)	1175 (265)
Breaking strength, strip, N [lbf]	1550 [348]
Elongation at break, strip, min., %	45
Elongation at break, strip, min., %	18
Tearing strength, min., N (lbf)	335 (75)
Tearing strength, min., N [lbf]	480 [108]
Lineal dimension change, max., %	1.3
Fabric adhesion, min., N/m (lbf/in.)	225 (13)
Fabric adhesion, min., N/m [lbf/in.]	3330 [19]
Retention of properties after heat aging:	
Breaking strength, strip, min., % of original	90
Elongation at break, strip, min., % of original	90
Low-temperature bend after heat aging	pass
Low-temperature bend	pass
Change in weight after exposure in water, max, %	0.0, +6.0
Factory seam strength, min., N (lbf)	1780 (400)
Factory seam strength, min., N [lbf]	1955 [440]
Hydrostatic resistance, min., MPa (psi)	3.5 (500)
Hydrostatic resistance, min., MPa [psi]	4.1 [590]
Static puncture resistance	pass
Dynamic puncture resistance	pass
Accelerated weathering test after 5000-h xenon arc light exposure	
Cracking (7 \times magnification)	none
Crazing (7 \times magnification)	none
Accelerated weathering test after 5000-h fluorescent light exposure	
Cracking (7 \times magnification)	none
Crazing (7 \times magnification)	none
Fungi resistance	
Sustained growth	no growth
Discoloration	none
Abrasion test, min., cycles	1500