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Standard Specification for Sewer and Manhole Brick (Made From Clay or Shale)[1]

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers brick intended for use in (*1*) drainage structures for the conveyance of sewage, industrial wastes, and storm water, and (*2*) related structures such as manholes and catch basins.

~~1.1.1 *Sewer Brick*:~~

~~1.1.1.1 *Grade SS*—Brick intended for use in structures requiring low absorption and resistance to the action of sewage carrying large quantities of abrasive material at velocities exceeding 8 ft (2.4 m)/s.~~

~~1.1.1.2 *Grade SM*—Brick intended for use in structures requiring resistance to the action of sewage carrying abrasive materials at velocities less than 8 ft (2.4 m)/s.~~

~~1.1.2 *Manhole Brick*:~~

~~1.1.2.1 *Grade MS*—Brick intended for use in manholes and catch basins not requiring high degrees of abrasive resistance but where a high and uniform degree of resistance to frost action and disintegration is needed when the brick may be frozen when permeated with water.~~

~~1.1.2.2 *Grade MM*—Brick intended for use in manholes not requiring high degrees of abrasive resistance but where a moderate and nonuniform degree of resistance to frost action and disintegration is needed when the brick may be permeated with water.~~

1.2 The property requirements of this standard apply at the time of purchase. The use of results from testing of brick extracted from masonry structures for determining conformance or non-conformance to the property requirements (Section ~~3~~4) of this standard is beyond the scope of this standard.

~~1.3 Brick~~1.3 Brick covered by this standard are manufactured from clay, shale, or similar naturally occurring substances and subjected to a heat treatment at elevated temperatures (firing). The heat treatment must develop sufficient fired bond between the particulate constituents to provide the strength and durability requirements of this specification. (See *firing* and *fired bond* in Terminology C1232.)

1.4 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]

C67 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile

C1232 Terminology of Masonry

3. Classification

3.1 *Grades*—Two grades of sewer brick are covered:

3.1.1 *Grade SS*—Brick intended for use in structures requiring low absorption and resistance to the action of sewage carrying large quantities of abrasive material at velocities exceeding 8 ft (2.4 m)/s.

3.1.2 *Grade SM*—Brick intended for use in structures requiring resistance to the action of sewage carrying abrasive materials at velocities less than 8 ft (2.4 m)/s.

3.2 *Grades*—Two grades of manhole brick are covered:

3.2.1 *Grade MS*—Brick intended for use in manholes and catch basins not requiring high degrees of abrasive resistance but where a high and uniform degree of resistance to frost action and disintegration is needed when the brick may be frozen when permeated with water.

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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.

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