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Standard Specification for Sample Preparation for Qualification Testing of Coatings to be Used in Nuclear Power Plants¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification defines the size, composition, and surface preparation, and coating application variables for preparing samples for evaluating coatings and linings over various substrates.

1.2 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.

1.3 *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

[A36/A36M Specification for Carbon Structural Steel](#)

[C33/C33M Specification for Concrete Aggregates](#)

[C150/C150M Specification for Portland Cement](#)

[C192/C192M Practice for Making and Curing Concrete Test Specimens in the Laboratory](#)

[C260 Specification for Air-Entraining Admixtures for Concrete](#)

[C494/C494M Specification for Chemical Admixtures for Concrete](#)

[C618 Specification for Coal Fly Ash and Raw or Calcined Natural Pozzolan for Use in Concrete](#)

[D3912 Test Method for Chemical Resistance of Coatings and Linings for Use in Nuclear Power Plants](#)

[D4258 Practice for Surface Cleaning Concrete for Coating](#)

[D4259 Practice for Abrading Concrete](#)

[D4260 Practice for Liquid and Gelled Acid Etching of Concrete](#)

[D4538 Terminology Relating to Protective Coating and Lining Work for Power Generation Facilities](#)

[D4541 Test Method for Pull-Off Strength of Coatings Using Portable Adhesion Testers](#)

[D7234 Test Method for Pull-Off Adhesion Strength of Coatings on Concrete Using Portable Pull-Off Adhesion Testers](#)

2.2 American Concrete Institute:³

[ACI 308 Guide to Curing Concrete](#)

[ACI Cement and Concrete Terminology](#)

2.3 American National Standards Institute (ANSI):⁴

[ANSI N5.12–1974 Protective Coatings \(Paints\) for the Nuclear Industry, paragraph 7.4.3](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions for use with this standard are shown in Terminology [D4538](#) or other applicable standards.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

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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 American Concrete Institute (ACI), P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, <http://www.concrete.org>.

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

3.2.1 *bughole (surface air void), n*—a small regular or irregular cavity, usually not exceeding 1.5 mm in diameter, resulting from entrapment of air bubbles in the surface of formed concrete during placement and consolidation (ACI Cement and Concrete Terminology).

3.2.2 *curing compound, n*—a liquid that can be applied as a coating to the surface of newly placed concrete to retard the loss of water and, in the case of pigmented compounds, to reflect heat so as to provide an opportunity for the concrete to develop its properties in a favorable temperature and moisture environment (ACI Cement and Concrete Terminology).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification provides uniform requirements for the preparation of test samples used for testing of coatings and linings to be used in nuclear power plants.

4.2 At the users discretion, this standard may also be used when preparing samples to be tested for the purpose of assessing performance attributes for coating and lining systems that may be applied in other types of power plants or for other industrial facilities.

4.3 Users of this guide must ensure that coatings work complies not only with this guide, but also with the licensee’s plant-specific quality assurance program and licensing commitments.

5. Steel Samples/Panels

5.1 Sample Panel size shall be a minimum of 2-in. wide by 4-in. long by 1/8-in. thick (50.8-mm wide by 101.6-mm long by 3.175-mm thick) unless otherwise stated in the referenced test method. Edges and corners may be rounded. A suitably located 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) diameter hole may be provided in the test panel as appropriate when required by the test method.

5.1.1 For Test Method **D4541** the minimum size shall be 3-in. wide by 5-in. long by 1/4-in. thick (76.2-mm wide by 127-mm long by 6.35-mm thick).

5.2 Unless otherwise required, all panels shall be carbon steel, meeting the requirements of Specification **A36/A36M**.

4.3 ~~Surface preparation criteria, including substrate cleanliness and profile, shall be specified.~~

6. Concrete Blocks

6.1 The minimum size shall be 2-in. wide by 2-in. deep by 4-in. long (50.8-mm wide by 50.8-mm deep by 101.6-mm long) unless otherwise stated in the referenced test method. The edges may be chamfered up to 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) maximum.

6.1.1 The dimensions of the block to be tested should be sufficient to accommodate the adhesion tester to be used (for example, Test Method **D7234**).

6.2 Composition shall be as follows:

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| Cement | Specification C150/C150M , Type II | 7 sacks/yd ³ |
| Gravel | Specification C33/C33M , size 3/8 in. | 45 % by volume |
| Sand | Specification C33/C33M | 55 % by volume |
| Air-entraining admixture | Specification C260 | As recommended 4 to 7 % |
| Water-reducing admixture | Specification C494/C494M | As recommended |
| Pozzolan | Specification C618 | As recommended to 15 % amount 3 in. slump |
| Water, demineralized or distilled | | |
| | | Nominal 1 Cubic Foot Batch |

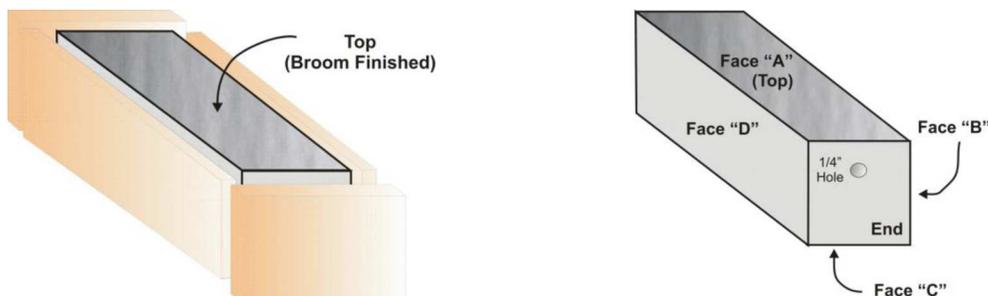


FIG. 1 Concrete Test Block Face Designation