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Standard Specification for Polymeric Resin Film for Electrical Insulation and Dielectric Applications¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers requirements for the material, dimensions and tolerances, and property values of film, in sheet or strip form, with or without heat-sealable coatings.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

NOTE 1—This document is similar to IEC 60674, Part 3, Sheets 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

D149 Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1711 Terminology Relating to Electrical Insulation

D2305 Test Methods for Polymeric Films Used for Electrical Insulation

D3636 Practice for Sampling and Judging Quality of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials

D4088 Practice for Preparation for Shipment of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials (Withdrawn 2003)³

2.2 IEC Standards:

Publication 60674-3 Specification for Electrical Films for Electrical Purposes⁴

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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 The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

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

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions are in accordance with Terminologies **D1711** and **D883** unless otherwise specified.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *sheet, n*—material greater than 75 mm in width.

3.2.2 *strip, n*—material 75 mm or less in width.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification covers the following:

4.1.1 *Type I*—General purpose,

4.1.2 *Type II*—Heat sealable,

4.1.2.1 *Grade 1*—One side coated, and

4.1.2.2 *Grade 2*—Two sides coated.

4.2 *Materials:*

4.2.1 *Item A*—Poly(N,N'-p,p'-oxydiphenylene pyromellitimide),

4.2.2 *Item B*—Poly(N,N'-p,p'-oxydiphenylene biphenyltetracarboxylimide),

4.2.3 *Item C*—Poly(N,N'-p-phenylene biphenyltetracarboxylimide),

4.2.4 *Item D*—FEP-fluorocarbon, and

4.2.5 *Item E*—Polyethylene terephthalate.

4.2.6 *Item F*—Polyethylene naphthalate.

4.2.7 *Item G*—Polyetherimide.

5. Ordering Information

5.1 Order the film covered by this specification stating the type, grade, class, thickness, width, and roll dimensions.

6. Materials

6.1 Type I material is flexible, unsupported film.

6.2 Type II material is film meeting all of the requirements of Type I, and having a heat-sealable coating on one or both sides.

7. Requirements

7.1 The film covered by this specification shall meet the property requirements given in **Tables 1-7** and **Table 8** when tested by the methods given in Test Methods **D2305**.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

TABLE 1 Property Values for Type I, Class A Film poly(N,N'-p-p'-oxydiphenylene pyromellitimide)

	Average Property Value							
	Nominal Thickness, μm (mils)							
	7.5 (0.3)	13 (0.5)	20 (0.8)	25 (1.0)	50 (2.0)	75 (3.0)	100 (4.0)	130 (5.0)
Tensile strength, min MPa (psi), machine direction and transverse direction	69 (10 000)	97 (14 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)
Elongation, min percent, machine and transverse direction	10	20	35	35	40	45	45	45
Shrinkage, max percent, after exposure to 200 °C (392 °F), machine and transverse direction	...	...	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Moisture absorption, max percent, 100 % RH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dielectric strength, min kV/mm (V/mil), 60 Hz ^{A,B}	120 (3000)	120 (3000)	180 (4500)	180 (4500)	150 (3800)	140 (3600)	100 (2500)	100 (2500)
Volume resistivity, min $\Omega\text{-cm}$, ^{B,C}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}
Permittivity, max at 1 kHz ^B	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dissipation factor, max at 1 kHz ^B	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004

^AUse Type 3 electrodes in air of Table 1 of Test Method D149 (opposing 6.4-mm diameter rods).

^BAt 23 °C (73.4 °F), 50 % RH.

^CThe median value of 5 measurements shall be used for compliance.

TABLE 2 Property Values for Type I, Class B Film poly(N,N'-p-p'-oxydiphenylene biphenyltetracarboxylimide)

	Average Property Value								
	Nominal Thickness, μm (mils)								
	7.5 (0.3)	13 (0.5)	20 (0.8)	25 (1.0)	40 (1.6)	50 (2.0)	75 (3.0)	100 (4.0)	130 (5.0)
Tensile strength, min MPa (psi), machine direction and transverse direction	110 (15 000)	138 (20 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)	196 (28 000)
Elongation, min percent, machine and transverse direction	24	40	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Shrinkage, max percent, after exposure to 200 °C (392 °F), machine and transverse direction	...	...	0.30	0.30	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
Moisture absorption, max percent, 100 % RH	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Dielectric strength, min kV/mm (V/mil), 60 Hz ^{A,B}	120 (3000)	120 (3000)	180 (4500)	180 (4500)	150 (3800)	140 (3500)	130 (3300)	100 (2500)	95 (2400)
Volume resistivity, min $\Omega\text{-cm}$, ^{B,C}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}
Permittivity, max at 1 kHz ^B	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dissipation factor, max at 1 kHz ^B	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005

^A Use Type 3 electrodes in air of Table 1 of Test Method D149 (opposing 6.4-mm diameter rods).

^BAt 23 °C (73.4 °F), 50 % RH.

^CThe median value of 5 measurements shall be used for compliance.

TABLE 3 Property Values for Type I, Class C Film poly(N,N'-p-phenylene biphenyltetracarboxylimide)

	Average Property Value								
	Nominal Thickness, μm (mils)								
	7.5 (0.3)	13 (0.5)	20 (0.8)	25 (1.0)	40 (1.6)	50 (2.0)	75 (3.0)	100 (4.0)	130 (5.0)
Tensile strength, min MPa (psi), machine direction and transverse direction	133 (19 000)	176 (25 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)	241 (34 000)
Elongation, min percent, machine and transverse direction	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Shrinkage, max percent, after exposure to 200 °C (392 °F), machine and transverse direction	...	...	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Moisture absorption, max percent, 100 % RH	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Dielectric strength, min kV/mm (V/mil), 60 Hz ^{A,B}	120 (3000)	120 (3000)	180 (4500)	180 (4500)	150 (3800)	140 (3500)	120 (3000)	100 (2500)	95 (2400)
Volume resistivity, min $\Omega\text{-cm}$, ^{B,C}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}
Permittivity, max at 1 kHz ^B	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dissipation factor, max at 1 kHz ^B	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005	0.005

^A Use Type 3 electrodes in air of Table 1 of Test Method D149 (opposing 6.4-mm diameter rods).

^BAt 23 °C (73.4 °F), 50 % RH.

^CThe median value of 5 measurements shall be used for compliance.

TABLE 4 Property Values for Type I, Class D Film (FEP—Fluorocarbon)

	Average Property Value												
	Nominal Thickness, μm (mils)												
	13 (0.50)	25 (1.0)	51 (2.0)	76 (3.0)	102 (4.0)	127 (5.0)	254 (10.0)	356 (14.0)	508 (20.0)	762 (30.0)	1016 (40.0)	1524 (60.0)	2413 (95.0)
Tensile strength, min MPa (psi), machine direction and transverse direction	13.8 (2000)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)	17.25 (2500)
Elongation, min, %, machine direction and transverse direction	175	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250
Shrinkage, max percent, after exposure to 200 °C (392 °F)	5.0	5.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
Moisture absorption, max percent, 100 %, RH	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Dielectric strength, min at 60 Hz kV/mm (V/mil) ^{A,B}	160 (4000)	160 (4000)	140 (3500)	120 (3000)	110 (2750)	100 (2500)	72 (1800)	64 (1600)	56 (1400)	...	...	...	...
Volume resistivity, min, $\Omega\text{-cm}$ ^{B,C}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}	10^{17}
Permittivity, max at 1 kHz ^B	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15	2.15
Dissipation factor, max at 1 kHz ^B	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003	0.0003

^A Use Type 3 electrodes in air of Table 1 of Test Method D149 (opposing 6.4-mm diameter rods).

^B At 23 °C (73.4 °F), 50 % RH.

^C The median value of 5 measurements shall be used for compliance.

TABLE 5 Property Values for Type I, Class E Film (Polyethylene Terephthalate)

	Average Property Value								
	Nominal Thickness, μm (mils)								
	12 (0.48)	15 (0.60)	23 (0.92)	36 (1.42)	75 (3.00)	100 (4.00)	190 (7.50)	250 (10.00)	
		19 (0.75)		50 (2.00)		125 (5.00)	225 (9.00)	>250	
Tensile strength, min MPa (psi), machine direction and transverse direction	145 (21 000)	145 (21 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	138 (20 000)	110 (16 000)	
Elongation, min % machine direction and transverse direction	60	60	65	70	70	70	70	70	
Shrinkage, max percent after exposure to 150 °C (302 °F), 30 min	3.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	
Moisture absorption, max %, 100 % RH	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	
Dielectric strength, min at 60 Hz, kV/mm (V/mil) ^{A,B}	208 (5300)	190 (4800)	174 (4400)	130 (3300)	105 (2700)	80 (2000)	60 (1500)	50 (1300)	
Volume resistivity, min, $\Omega\text{-cm}$ ^{B,C}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	10^{15}	
Permittivity, max at 1 kHz ^B	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Dissipation factor, max at 1 kHz ^B	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.006	

^A Use Type 3 electrodes in air of Table 1 of Test Method D149 (opposing 6.4-mm diameter rods).

^B At 23 °C (73.4 °F), 50 % RH.

^C The median value of 5 measurements shall be used for compliance.

7.1.1 Type II films, prior to coating, shall meet all of the requirements given in Table 1 for films of the thicknesses given in Table 9.

7.1.2 Type II films, after coating, shall meet all of the requirements given in Table 1 for elongation, before and after heating, and for shrinkage as given in Table 1 for films of the thicknesses given in Table 9.

7.2 Roll Diameters:

7.2.1 The outside diameters of rolls of film shall not vary from the value specified on the purchase order by more than ± 6 mm (0.25 in.).

7.2.2 The inside diameters of cores of standard rolls of film shall not vary from the value specified on the purchase order by more than ± 1.5 mm (0.060 in.).

7.3 The widths of film in rolls shall be within the following tolerances:

7.3.1 Twenty-five mm (1 in.) wide or less, ± 0.4 mm (0.015 in.).

7.3.2 Over 25 to 100 mm (over 1 to 4 in.), ± 0.8 mm (0.030 in.).

7.3.3 Over 100 mm (4 in.), ± 1.6 mm (0.062 in.).

7.4 The number of splices in standard rolls shall not exceed the values given in Table 10 for Type I film or Table 11 and Table 12 for Type II films.

7.5 The thicknesses shall be within the tolerances specified in Table 13 for Type I film or Table 3 for Type II film.

7.6 The color of the sheet or strip shall be uniform within a given lot, as determined by visual examination.

7.7 The film shall be uniform in appearance, as determined by visual examination. The film shall be clean and free from contamination, wrinkles, holes, scratches, and other defects that might affect either appearance or serviceability. The heat-sealable coating for Type II material shall be uniform in appearance.