



Standard Specification for Sound-Absorbing Board, Fibrous Glass, Perforated Fibrous Glass Cloth Faced¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers fibrous glass sound-absorbing board with a perforated fibrous glass cloth facing for sound reduction in ship spaces with high noise levels. This specification is primarily for materials used on ships. Additional requirements, testing, and certification are required for use of this material aboard U.S. Coast Guard inspected vessels in the United States.

1.2 Supplemental requirements and exceptions to the requirements discussed herein for ships of the US Navy are included in Supplementary Requirements S1.

1.3 This standard measures and describes the response of materials, products, or assemblies to heat and flame under controlled conditions, but does not by itself incorporate all factors required for fire hazard or fire risk assessment of materials, products, or assemblies under actual fire conditions.

1.4 *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

[C423 Test Method for Sound Absorption and Sound Absorption Coefficients by the Reverberation Room Method](#)

[C634 Terminology Relating to Building and Environmental Acoustics](#)

[D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging](#)

[E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials](#)

2.2 ANSI Standard:

[ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes³](#)

2.3 Other Documents:

[46 CFR 164.012 Code of Federal Regulations—Interior Finishes for Merchant Vessels⁴](#)

[Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular \(NVIC\) 9-97⁵](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, see Terminology [C634](#).

4. Ordering Information

4.1 Title, number, and date of this specification.

4.2 First article sample, when required (see [7.1](#)).

4.3 Width and length required, if other than 24- by 36-in. (609.6- by 914.4-mm) board (see [8.1](#)).

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

⁴ Available from U.S. Government Printing Office Superintendent of Documents, 732 N. Capitol St., NW, Mail Stop: SDE, Washington, DC 20401, [http://www.access.gpo.gov](#).

⁵ Available from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250–7954.

- 4.4 Thickness required (see 8.2).
- 4.5 Density of waffle board (see 10.1).
- 4.6 Conformance inspection reports required (see 11.1).

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 See typical construction details located in Supplementary Requirements Section S3.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 *Surface Flame Spread and Smoke Generation Properties*—The sound-absorbing board shall meet the requirements for surface flame spread and smoke generation properties for an U.S. Coast Guard Approved Interior Finish in accordance with 46 CFR 164.012 or NVIC Circular 9-97.

6.2 *Facing Separation*—When the sound-absorbing board is cut or sawed, the threads of the fibrous glass cloth facing across which the cut is made shall not be separated from the face over a distance of more than 3.0 mm (1/8 in.). In case the fibrous glass cloth facing does not cover the entire surface of the board, the uncovered portion of the board shall not extend further than 3.175 mm (1/8 in.) from any edge. The fibrous glass cloth facing shall not extend over the edge of the board.

6.3 *Sound-Absorption*—When tested as specified in 10.3, the sound-absorbing board shall have coefficients of absorption that are equal to or greater than those shown in Table 1.

7. Other Requirements

7.1 *First Article*—When specified (see Section 4), the contractor shall furnish sample unit(s) for first article inspection and approval (see 11.1).

8. Dimensions and Tolerances

8.1 *Width and Length*—Unless otherwise specified (see Section 4), the sound-absorbing board shall be furnished in a width of 609.6 mm (24 in.) and a length of 914.4 mm (36 in.) (see 11.2).

8.2 *Thickness*—The sound-absorbing board shall be furnished in thicknesses of 25.4 mm (1 in.) or 50.8 mm (2 in.), as specified (see Section 4 and 11.2).

8.3 *Tolerances*—Tolerances on length and width shall not exceed ± 6.35 mm (1/4 in.). Tolerance on thickness shall not exceed ± 2.38 mm (3/32 in.) –0 mm (0 in.).

9. Sampling

9.1 *Inspection Lot*—For the purpose of sampling, a lot shall consist of all boards of the same thickness produced under essentially the same conditions, and offered for delivery at one time.

9.2 *Sampling for Visual and Dimensional Examination*—A random sample of board shall be selected from each lot offered for inspection in accordance with ANSI Z1.4 at Inspection Level II. No defects shall be allowed.

9.3 *Conformance Test Sampling*—When density and surface flame spread and smoke generation property tests are required in accordance with 11.1.2, the samples shall be selected in accordance with 9.3.1 and 9.3.2.

9.3.1 *Sampling for Density Test*—Sample boards shall be selected in accordance with ANSI Z1.4 at Inspection Level S-4 for the density test of 10.1. No defects shall be allowed.

9.3.2 *Sampling for Surface Flame Spread and Smoke Generation Properties*—A sufficient number of boards shall be randomly selected and joined end-to-end to form a specimen 50.8 cm (20 in.) wide by 50.8 mm (2 in.) thick by 731.5 cm (24 ft) long. The specimen shall be subject to the surface flame spread and smoke generation property test of 10.2.

10. Test Methods

10.1 *Density*—The density of the waffle board fibrous glass layer (see S3.1.2) shall be tested at the location of manufacture prior to fabrication into final form panels. Density is determined by dividing sample mass by sample volume. Sample mass is measured to the nearest 1.0 g and sample volume is measured to the nearest 1 cm³ of water displaced by one standard board as specified (see 9.3.1).

TABLE 1 Minimum Sound-Absorption Coefficients

Board Thickness,		Frequency, Hz					
mm	in.	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000
25.4	1	0.07	0.25	0.70	0.90	0.75	0.70
50.8	2	0.25	0.70	0.90	0.85	0.75	0.75