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Standard Test Method for Wind-Resistance of Steep Slope Roofing Products (Fan-Induced Method)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the procedure for evaluating the wind resistance of many discontinuous, air permeable, steep slope roofing products that results from the product's rigidity, with or without contribution from sealant or other adhesive to help hold down the leading edge of the tabs, or mechanical interlocking, with or without contribution from sealant or other adhesive to help hold down the leading edge of the tabs, or any combination thereof. The products are applied to a test panel in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and tested at a 2:12 (17 %) slope, or at the lowest slope permitted by those instructions.

1.2 This method evaluates wind resistance using a fan-induced procedure, delivering a stream of air across the exposed surface of the test specimens. This method does not measure structural performance, and does not provide a measure of uplift resistance. Consequently, this method is not applicable to continuous, non-permeable roof systems or coverings (such as membranes or mechanically-seamed metal roof panels).

1.3 This test method is limited to steep slope roofing product applied with a maximum exposure of 410 mm (16 in.).

NOTE 1—This test method was formerly titled “Wind Resistance of Asphalt Shingles (Fan-Induced Method)” but was revised to acknowledge that the method is applicable to many other steep slope roofing products and has been used to evaluate the wind resistance of those products for many years by several testing and certification laboratories. Products that have been tested by this method, in addition to asphalt shingles, include polymer-based shingles, fiber-cement shingles, concrete tiles, clay tiles, metal shingles, and photovoltaic shingles. The terms steep slope roofing products, or product, are used throughout this standard to include all of these types of steep slope roofing products.

1.4 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.

1.5 *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

[D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this test method, refer to Terminology [D1079](#).

3.2 *Definitions:*

3.2.1 *seal*—as it relates to steep slope roofing products, is the bonding that results from the use of sealant.

3.2.2 *sealant*—as it relates to steep slope roofing products, is defined as factory-applied or field-applied material designed to help hold down the leading edge of the tabs.

3.2.3 *sealed*—the condition of the products after they are subjected to the conditioning procedure described in [8.2](#).

3.2.4 *tab, n*—a discrete section of the exposed portion of a steep slope roofing product.

3.2.4.1 *Discussion*—Typically, the exposed portion of an asphalt shingle consists of one or more tabs. Many other steep slope roofing products consist of a single tab per unit.

4. Classes of Steep Slope Roofing Products

4.1 Products are of three classes:

4.1.1 *Class A*—Pass at a test velocity of 97 km/h [60 mph].

4.1.2 *Class D*—Pass at a test velocity of 145 km/h [90 mph].

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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.

4.1.3 *Class F*—Pass at a test velocity of 177 km/h [110 mph].

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Most steep slope roofing products that have demonstrated wind resistance by this test have also performed well in use. Natural wind conditions differ with respect to intensity, duration, and turbulence; these conditions are beyond the means of this test to simulate. The results of this test do not directly correlate to wind speeds experienced in service, and no accommodation is made in this test method for building height, building exposure category, or building importance factor.

5.2 Many factors influence the wind resistance of a steep slope roofing product in the field; for example, temperature, time, roof slope, contamination by dirt and debris, and fasteners, both appropriate and inappropriate, that are misaligned or misplaced, or over- or under-driven, and sealant adhesion, if used and functioning. It is beyond the scope of this test method to address all of these influences. This test method is designed to evaluate the wind resistance of products as described in the scope when representative samples are applied to test panels in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and conditioned as specified before testing.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Test Machine*, capable of delivering a horizontal stream of air through a rectangular opening 914 mm [36 in.] wide and 305 mm [12 in.] high at a velocity not less than 97 km/h [60 mph]. At a velocity of not less than 177 km/h [110 mph], it is permissible to add a duct section to the equipment to lower the height of the rectangular opening to 152 mm [6 in.]. The machine shall be equipped with an adjustable stand to receive a test panel and be adapted to setting the test panel at any desired slope, at any horizontal distance from the lower edge of the duct opening, and at various angles incident to the wind direction.

6.1.1 *Calibration*—As a minimum, at the start of each test day, and at the start of each new desired test velocity, the air velocity shall be calibrated. Obtain calibration measurements using a bare panel as described in 7.1, or the test panel with the candidate product to be tested. With the panel positioned as described in 9.1, the velocity shall be measured using calibrated airflow measuring devices, such as pitot tubes or airflow anemometers. Velocity measurements shall be taken at a minimum of three evenly spaced locations across the duct orifice. The average measured velocity shall not vary more than ± 5 mph from the target test velocity selected to achieve the desired class of product.

6.2 *Timer*, capable of reading to the nearest minute.

6.3 *Mechanical Circulation Conditioning Cell or Room*, having forced circulation of air capable of receiving a 1.27-m [50-in.] wide by 1.68-m [66-in.] long, or larger test panel on a slope of 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions, and of maintaining a uniform temperature of 57 to 60°C [135 to 140°F].

7. Test Samples

7.1 The test panels shall be of plywood, tightly matched sheathing boards, or other suitable decking material and not less than 1.27 by 1.68 m [50 by 66 in.] in size. They are to be of such rigidity that they will not twist or distort with normal handling, or vibrate from the wind velocity during the test.

7.2 Apply the product to duplicate panels, parallel to the short dimension of the panel, in the normal manner recommended by the manufacturer. Use roofing nails, or other fasteners specified, or allowed, by the manufacturer, properly positioned in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, to fasten the product to the test panel. Do not apply sealant or adhesive to fasten down tabs unless required by the manufacturer's installation instructions. Do not apply pressure to the product either during or after application unless required by the manufacturer's instructions.

7.3 Apply interlocking-type product to an additional two panels, parallel to the short dimension of the panel, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

7.4 Secure the product at the outer edge of each test panel.

7.5 Control the temperature at $27 \pm 8^\circ\text{C}$ [$80 \pm 15^\circ\text{F}$] and maintain the slope of the panel at 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions, during application of the product.

8. Conditioning of Product Test Panels

8.1 Maintain the test panels at a slope of 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions, and at a temperature of $27 \pm 8^\circ\text{C}$ [$80 \pm 15^\circ\text{F}$] until beginning heat conditioning.

8.2 For a product with sealant or other adhesive to help hold down the leading edge of the tabs, place the test panels in the conditioning cell or room on a slope of 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions, and maintain at a temperature of 57 to 60°C [135 to 140°F] for a continuous period of 16 h.

8.3 For a product that does not use sealants or adhesives, place the test panels in a conditioning cell or a room on a slope of 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions, and maintain at room temperature $27 \pm 8^\circ\text{C}$ [$80 \pm 15^\circ\text{F}$] for a continuous period of at least 16 h.

8.4 After completion of the conditioning period, allow the test panels to come to room temperature $27 \pm 8^\circ\text{C}$ [$80 \pm 15^\circ\text{F}$] while being maintained at a slope of 2:12 (17 %), or the lowest slope recommended in the product manufacturer's installation instructions.

8.5 Exercise care to avoid pressure on, or damage to, the product by any twisting or distortion of the test panels in handling.

9. Test Procedure

9.1 *Location of the Test Panel*—Install the panel on the test carriage and accurately adjust it in relation to the duct so that the exposed edge of the target course will be on the same level