



Standard Specification for Packing, Fiberglass, Braided, Rope, and Wick¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the general requirements and tests for braided, rope, and wick fiberglass packing used for boiler, furnace, and other high-temperature equipment seals for service temperatures up to 1000°F (538°C).

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

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

D578 Specification for Glass Fiber Strands

D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging

D4268 Test Methods for Testing Fiber Ropes (Withdrawn 2002)³

3. Terminology

3.1 *braided fiberglass*—Aa braid constructed of continuous fiberglass strands.

3.2 *plied*—Aa yarn product produced by twisting together two or more ends of single fiberglass yarns.

3.3 *strand*—Anan ordered assemblage of textile fibers having a high ratio of length to diameter and normally used as a unit, including slivers, rovings, single yarns, plied yarns, cords, braids, ropes, and so forth.

3.4 *yarn*—Portionportion of fiberglass reduced to thread to obtain a fine and thin strand.

3.5 *lot*—Unlessunless otherwise specified herein, a lot shouldshall consist of all finished packing of one type and size produced in a continuous run or at the same time under essentially the same conditions. The sampling unit shouldshall be one spool, reel, or coil of packing as necessary to enable performance of the required examinations or tests.

4. Classification

4.1 *Classification*—The material shall be of the following types as specified (see 5.1):

Type I—Wick

Type II—Rope

Type III—Braided

5. Ordering Information

5.1 *Acquisition Requirements*—Acquisition documents mustshall specify the following:

(a) Title, number, and date of this specification;

(b) Type, size, and weight of spool, reel, or coil required (see Section 7);

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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.

- (c) Marking requirements (see Section 15);
- (d) Packaging requirements (see Section 16);
- (e) Performance requirements; and
- (f) Inspection, testing, and certification of the material ~~should~~shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase contract (see Sections 12 and 14).

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Material*—The material shall be a continuous, high-density-type ETG fiberglass material (see Specification D578). Asbestos and components containing asbestos are prohibited.

6.2 *Construction*—The packing shall be composed of twisted plied strands made into a braided packing or laid up into the general form of a wick or a loosely twisted rope according to the manufacturer’s design. If a core is used, it shall be of the same material and construction.

7. Dimensions and Tolerances

7.1 *Type I Wick Packing*—Unless otherwise specified (see 5.1), the packing shall come in 13-lb (5.9-kg) or 25-lb (11.3-kg) spools, reels, or coils in the sizes listed in Table 1.

7.2 *Type II Rope Packing*—Unless otherwise specified (see 5.1), the packing shall come in 25-lb (11.3-kg) or 50-lb (22.7-kg) spools, reels, or coils in the sizes listed in Table 2.

7.3 *Type III Braided Packing*—Unless otherwise specified (see 5.1), the packing shall come in 25-lb (11.3-kg) or 50-lb (22.7-kg) spools, reels, or coils in the sizes listed in Table 3.

8. Workmanship

8.1 *Workmanship*—The packing ~~should~~shall be free from extraneous material and visible defects that ~~may~~ affect its serviceability.

9. Quality Assurance

9.1 *Quality Systems*—Suppliers shall be prepared to document use of a quality system such as compliance with an ISO 9000 series program or similar program.

10. Specimen Preparation

10.1 *Specimen Preparation*—Purchaser and supplier ~~should~~shall agree on specimen preparation.

11. Test Methods

11.1 *Material*—Material shall be tested in accordance with Specification D578.

11.2 *Size*—Material shall be measured using a flexible measuring tape such as the one described in Test Methods D4268 and shall be in accordance with the size specified in Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3.

11.3 *Splices*—Unless otherwise agreed upon, there shall be allowed a maximum of two splices per unit with no piece shorter than 10 ft in length.

11.4 *Weight*—Material shall be weighed in accordance with Table 1, Table 2, or Table 3 using a weighing scale, accurate to ± 0.25 related to the real division of the graduated line. This value is expressed in mass unit of:

- (a) the difference between the corresponding values of marks of the graduated line and
- (b) the difference between two consecutive indications for digital indication.

12. Inspection and Testing

12.1 Inspection and testing of the material ~~should~~shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase contract (see 5.1).

13. Rejection

13.1 Materials that fail to conform to the requirements of this specification shall be rejected. Rejection should be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. In case of dissatisfaction with the results of testing, the producer may be entitled to make claim for a rehearing or provide for third party testing.

TABLE 1 Dimensions for Type I Wick Packing

Size	Diameter in. (mm)	ft/lb (m/kg)
001W	0.250 \pm 0.025 (6.3 \pm 0.6)	54.00 \pm 5.40 (80.36 \pm 8.04)
002W	0.375 \pm 0.038 (9.5 \pm 0.9)	29.00 \pm 2.90 (43.16 \pm 4.32)