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## Standard Classification for Fluoropolymer Micropowders Low Molecular Weight PTFE and FEP Micronized Powders<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope—Scope\*

1.1 This classification system provides a method of adequately identifying PTFE micropowders low molecular weight polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) and fluorinated ethylene propylene (FEP) micronized powders using a system consistent with that of Classification System **D4000**. It further provides a means for specifying these materials by the use of a simple line callout designation. This classification covers fluoropolymer micropowders micronized powders that are used as lubricants and as additives to other materials in order to improve lubricity or to control other characteristics of the base material.

1.2 These powders are sometimes known as lubricant powders. The powders usually have a much smaller particle size than those used for molding or extrusion, and they generally are not processed alone. The test methods and properties included are those required to identify and specify the various types of fluoropolymer micropowders micronized powders. Recycled fluoropolymer materials meeting the detailed requirements of this classification are included (see Guide **D5033D7209**).

1.3 These micropowders fluoropolymer micronized powders and the materials designated as filler powders (F) in ISO 12086-1 and ISO 12086-2 are equivalent.<sup>2</sup>

1.4 The values stated in SI units as detailed in **IEEE/ASTM SI-10** are to be regarded as 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.* Specific precautionary statements are given in **7.1.2**.

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>3</sup>

**D854** Test Methods for Specific Gravity of Soil Solids by Water Pycnometer

**D883** Terminology Relating to Plastics

**D1238** Test Method for Melt Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer

**D1600** Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

**D3892** Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics

**D4000** Classification System for Specifying Plastic Materials

**D4464** Test Method for Particle Size Distribution of Catalytic Material by Laser Light Scattering

**D4567** Test Method for Single-Point Determination of Specific Surface Area of Catalysts and Catalyst Carriers Using Nitrogen Adsorption by Continuous Flow Method

**D4591** Test Method for Determining Temperatures and Heats of Transitions of Fluoropolymers by Differential Scanning Calorimetry

**D4895** Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Resin Produced From Dispersion

**D5033D7209** Guide for Development of ASTM Standards Relating to Recycling—Waste Reduction, Resource Recovery, and Use of Recycled Plastics Polymeric Materials and Products (Withdrawn 2007)

**D5740** Guide for Writing Material Standards in the Classification Format

**IEEE/ASTM SI-10** Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System

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<sup>2</sup> Designations, specifications, and test methods are included in ISO 12086-1 and 12086-2.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

## 2.2 ISO Standards:<sup>4</sup>

**ISO 12086-1** Plastics-Fluoropolymer Dispersions and Moulding and Extrusion Materials Part 1: Designation and System and Basis for Specification

**ISO 12086-2** Plastics-Fluoropolymer Dispersions and Moulding and Extrusion Materials Part 2: Preparation of Test Specimens and Determination of Properties

## 3. Terminology

3.1 ~~Definitions:~~~~Definitions~~—The terminology given in Terminology **D883** is applicable to this classification unless otherwise specified.

3.1.1 *bulk density, n*—the mass per unit volume, in grams per litre of a loosely packed material, such as a molding powder. **D4895**

3.1.2 *lot, n*—one production run or uniform blend of two or more production runs. **D4895**

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *direct polymerization powder, n*—~~PTFE~~fluoropolymer material based on polymerizations designed to produce low molecular weight PTFE resins with properties of materials described in this standard.

3.2.2 *dispersion-based powder, n*—~~PTFE~~fluoropolymer material based on the type of polymerization normally related to the production of “paste or coagulated dispersion type” ~~PTFE~~fluoropolymer resins.

3.2.3 ~~micropowder-micronized powder, n~~—~~white, free-flowing PTFE powders designed for use as additives in other materials or systems;~~ a material comprised of particles reduced in average size to a dimension typically between 1 and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3.2.4 *reground PTFE, n*—PTFE material produced by grinding polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) material that has been preformed but has never been sintered.

3.2.5 *reprocessed PTFE, n*—PTFE material produced by grinding PTFE material that has been both preformed and sintered.

3.2.6 *sintering, n*—~~as it applies to PTFE,~~ a thermal treatment during which the PTFE is melted and recrystallized by cooling, with coalescence occurring during the treatment.

3.2.7 *suspension-based powder, n*—~~PTFE~~fluoropolymer material based on the type of polymerization normally related to the production of granular PTFE resins.

~~3.3 Abbreviations—Abbreviated terms are in accordance with Terminology **D1600**.~~

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## 4. Classification

4.1 This classification covers two groups of fluoropolymer ~~micropowders~~. ~~Fluoropolymer micropowders-micronized powders.~~ Fluoropolymer micronized powders are classified into groups according to their base fluoropolymer. These groups are further subdivided into classes and grades as shown in **Table 1**.

NOTE 1—An example of this classification system is as follows:

The designation ASTM D5675 PTFE0111 indicates PTFE ~~micropowder-micronized powder~~ in accordance with Specification D5675:

01 = PTFE resin,

1 = suspension polymerization based, and

1 = formerly Type I, Grade 1, Class A, in

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with a particle size of 1 to <10  $\mu\text{m}$

(average diameter), a surface area of

0.8 to 4.5  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ , and a

mass flow rate of >1 g/10 min using a load of 5 kg.

## 5. General Requirements

5.1 The resin shall be uniform and shall contain no additives or foreign material.

5.2 The color of the material as shipped by the seller shall be white to gray.

## 6. Sampling

6.1 Sampling shall be statistically adequate to satisfy the requirements of **9.4**.

## 7. Sample Preparation

7.1 *Test Samples:*

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