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# Standard Test Method for Measuring Voids in Roofing and Waterproofing Membranes<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method includes two procedures for measuring the area of voids in the adhesive between materials used in roofing and waterproofing systems. Both procedures require a count of the number of voids.

1.2 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.

1.3 *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:*<sup>2</sup>

D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing  
D2829 Practice for Sampling and Analysis of Existing Built-Up Roof Systems

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this test method, see Terminology D1079.

## 4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 All voids are counted and measured. In addition, in built-up roofing and waterproofing membrane samples, voids may be classified into dry, glazed, uncoated, and overlying voids (see Terminology D1079). Count and measure only voids

with at least one dimension equal to or larger than 13 mm [0.5 in.]. Smaller adhesive layer defects are not considered voids.

4.2 The void area in each adhesive layer is estimated with the aid of a template, or alternatively, digitized and measured with a computer.

## 5. Significance and Use

5.1 This laboratory test method can be used on multi-ply roofing and waterproofing systems to measure, classify, and count the voids between felt plies, between insulation layers, and between the membrane and insulation layers. Voids between the felt plies or between the membrane and insulation layer in multi-ply systems can be the seeds for future blisters.

5.2 In one-ply systems, this test method can be used to count and measure the voids in the adhesive in laps and, in adhered systems, in the adhesive between the membrane and the insulation. Voids in the lapping adhesive can be the source of leakage while voids in the lapping adhesive or in the adhesive between the membrane and insulation can be the seeds for future blisters.

## 6. Apparatus

6.1 *Freezer*, for conditioning bituminous samples. A standard freezer, such as that used for storing frozen foods, may be used provided it has the volume to loosely hold the samples to be tested. Do not store food and condition samples in the same equipment.

6.2 *Transparent Sheets*, to record the size and location of the voids. Any clear, rigid sheet that can be marked with a flow pen can be used.

6.3 *Flow Pen*, or other marking device that is compatible with the transparent sheet selected.

6.4 *Void Estimating Template*—A stiff, 305-mm<sup>2</sup> [12-in.<sup>2</sup>] transparent template with a 25.4-mm [1-in.] minimum grid. Special templates can be prepared and used with lap samples, or just part of the above template can be used.

6.5 *Computer Equipment and Image Analysis Software*, for digitalizing accurate images, and determining areas.

## 7. Sampling, Test Specimens, and Test Units

7.1 Samples may be from the laboratory or the field as in Practice D2829.

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<sup>2</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.