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Standard Specification for Fabrication of Flexible Removable and Reusable Blanket Insulation for Hot Service ¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the minimum requirements for materials and fabrication of flexible removable and reusable blanket insulation for hot service, from above ambient temperatures to 1000°F (538°C).

1.2 This specification separately addresses both outdoor and indoor applications.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

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 limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

- C168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulation
- C553 Specification for Mineral Fiber Blanket Thermal Insulation for Commercial and Industrial Applications
- C680 Practice for Estimate of the Heat Gain or Loss and the Surface Temperatures of Insulated Flat, Cylindrical, and Spherical Systems by Use of Computer Programs
- C892 Specification for High-Temperature Fiber Blanket Thermal Insulation
- C1086 Specification for Glass Fiber Mechanically Bonded Felt Thermal Insulation
- C1129 Practice for Estimation of Heat Savings by Adding Thermal Insulation to Bare Valves and Flanges

- C1263 Test Method for Thermal Integrity of Flexible Water Vapor Retarders
- D3389 Test Method for Coated Fabrics Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Platform Abrader)
- D3776/D3776M Test Methods for Mass Per Unit Area (Weight) of Fabric
- D3786/D3786M Test Method for Bursting Strength of Textile Fabrics—Diaphragm Bursting Strength Tester Method
- D5034 Test Method for Breaking Strength and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Grab Test)
- D5035 Test Method for Breaking Force and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Strip Method)
- D5189 Test Method for Temperature Corresponding To Vapor-Liquid Ratio Of 20 For Gasoline And Gasoline-Oxygenate Blends (Bomb Method) (Withdrawn 1993)³
- D5587 Test Method for Tearing Strength of Fabrics by Trapezoid Procedure
- D6413/D6413M Test Method for Flame Resistance of Textiles (Vertical Test)

2.2 Other Standards:

- 3E Plus^R Insulation Thickness Computer Program North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)⁴
- MIL-C-20079H Military Specification Cloth, Glass; Tape, Textile Glass and Thread, Glass and Wire Reinforced Glass⁵

3. Terminology

3.1 *General*—Definitions included in Terminology C168 shall apply to the terms used in this specification.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *coated fabric, n*—A woven fabric coated with a rubber or plastic compound such that the woven fabric material itself is not exposed to the environment.

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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.

⁴ Available from North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA), 11 Canal Center Plaza, Suite 103, Alexandria, VA 22314, http://www.naima.org.

⁵ Available from DLA Document Services, Building 4/D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094, http://quicksearch.dla.mil.

3.2.2 *D-ring, n*—a section of heavy wire which forms a complete loop in either a rectangular shape or the shape of the capital letter “D”, that is used in removable insulation blankets for attaching a fabric strap that secures the blanket around a pipe component or piece of equipment.

3.2.3 *hook and loop fastener, n*—a woven molded fabric material that has small hooks on one part and small loops on the other such that, when pressed together, they adhere to one another and further, requiring a significant force to separate on another.

3.2.4 *lacing anchor, n*—a metal disk, located on the outside of an insulation blanket, that is secured to a pin that passes through the blanket; the assembly is used to wrap tire wire around so as to secure an insulation blanket around a pipe component or piece of equipment.

3.2.5 *lacing hook, n*—a metal hook that is located on the outside surface of an insulation blanket and that is secured through the blanket; tie wire is wrapped around it so as to secure an insulation blanket around a pipe component or piece of equipment.

3.2.6 *removable and reusable blanket insulation, n*—An insulation blanket, encased in woven fabric and/or woven wire mesh, that has attachment mechanisms designed to allow the assembly to be installed, then later removed and reinstalled, without using any new insulation or fabric materials.

4. Materials

4.1 Insulation shall be of a flexible fibrous material acceptable for the maximum temperature of the application. Acceptable materials must be one of the following: High Temperature Fiber Blanket per Specification C892, any Type or Grade Needled Glass Fiber Mechanically Bonded Felt per Specification C1086

Mineral Fiber Blanket, per Specification C553, of the Type suitable for the application.

4.2 Material for the outer jacket liner and straps, where used, shall be woven glass fiber cloth that has been treated with a water resistant compound, such as silicone or fluorocarbon, that is suitable for both interior and exterior use, and having the properties as shown in Table 1.

4.3 Material for the inner jacket shall be the same as for the outer jacket for surface temperatures less than 500°F (260°C).

4.3.1 For surfaces from 501°F (261°C) to 1000°F (538°C) where leaks of process fluids are not expected, the inner layer and gussets shall be one of the following:

4.3.1.1 a plain, heat cleaned, glass fiber fabric,

4.3.1.2 a Type 304 stainless steel wire knitted mesh made from 0.008 in. (0.20 mm) diameter wire with nominal 6 to 8 openings per in.

4.3.2 For surfaces from 501°F (261°C) to 1000°F (538°C) where leaks of process fluids are expected, such as flange pairs and valves, the inner layer and gussets shall be as specified in 4.3.1 and 4.3.1.1 above but also with Type 304 stainless steel foil that has a minimum thickness of 0.001 in. (0.025 mm). This foil shall be placed between the insulation material and the outer fabric or wire mesh.

4.4 Lacing hooks and lacing anchors shall be made of 12 Gauge, Type 304 stainless steel.

4.5 *Tie-Down Straps:*

4.5.1 *Outdoor Applications*—These tie-down straps shall be constructed of one of the following three types of material: (1) the same material as the outer jacket, (2) a woven glass fiber fabric, or (3) a tape of suitable thickness with the same coating as the outer jacket material. If the same material as the outer jacket is used, then a double thickness is required with an edge

TABLE 1 Physical and Performance Requirements for Fabrics

	Plain, heat cleaned glass fiber fabric ^A	Glass fiber fabric coated with Silicone, for exterior applications	Glass fiber fabric coated with Silicone, for interior applications only	Fiber fabric coated with Fluorocarbon
Weight (minimum) oz/sq. yd (g/m ²) per Test Methods D3776/D3776M	17.7 (602)	16.5 (561)	13.5 (455)	15 (510)
Breaking Strength lbs/inch (kg/cm) per Test Methods D5034 or D5035	Warp 200 (35.7) Fill 100 (17.9)	Warp 225 (40.19) Fill 175 (31.26)	Warp 125 (22.4) Fill 100 (17.9)	Warp 225 (40.19) Fill 175 (31.26)
Tear Strength lbs (kg) per Test Method D5587	See ^A	Warp 40 (18.14) Fill 25 (11.33)	Warp 30 (13.6) Fill 20 (9.1)	Warp 40 (18.14) Fill 25 (11.33)
Burst Strength psi (kg/cm ²) per Test Method D3786/D3786M	Not Applicable	200 (14)	150 (9.77)	200 (14)
Abrasion Resistance per Test Method D3389	See ^A	CS-10 Wheel, 500 g loads 500 revs, 15 % weight loss max Gray	CS-10 Wheel, 500 g loads 500 revs, 15 % weight loss max Optional	CS-10 Wheel, 500 g loads 500 revs, 15 % weight loss max Gray
Color	beige	Gray	Optional	Gray
Temperature Resistance °F (°C) per Test Method C1263	1000°F (538°C)	500°F (260°C)	500°F (260°C)	600°F (315°C)
Flame Resistance Test Method D6413/D6413M	See ^A	Char Length 1 in. max. (25.4 cm) Afterglow 3 seconds max. Flame out 1 second max.	Char Length 1 in. max. (25.4 cm) Afterglow 3 seconds max. Flame out 1 second max.	Char Length 1 in. max. (25.4 cm) Afterglow 3 seconds max. Flame out 1 second max.

^A Meets MIL-C-20079H, Type 1, Class 9.