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# Standard Specification for Asphalt Glass Felt Used in Roofing and Waterproofing<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers glass felts impregnated to varying degrees with asphalt intended to be used with asphalts conforming to the requirements of Specifications [D312/D312M](#) or [D7654/D7654M](#) in the construction of built-up roofs, and with asphalts conforming to the requirements of Specification [D449/D449M](#) in the construction of waterproofing systems.

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>

[D146/D146M](#) Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Bitumen-Saturated Felts and Woven Fabrics for Roofing and Waterproofing

[D312/D312M](#) Specification for Asphalt Used in Roofing

[D449/D449M](#) Specification for Asphalt Used in Dampproofing and Waterproofing

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

[D7654/D7654M](#) Specification for Asphalt Used in Roofing Measured by Dynamic Shear Rheometer

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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.

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [D1079](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *net dry mass*—the mass of the asphalt-impregnated glass felt exclusive of wrapping and packing material, after drying to constant weight and after removing all detached comminuted surfacing material as described in [8.2](#).

## 4. Classification

4.1 Asphalt-impregnated glass felts Types IV and VI are covered by this specification.

## 5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 The felt shall be a thin, porous sheet of uniformly distributed glass fibers, with or without the addition of reinforcing stranded glass yarns, and bonded with a water-resistant resinous binder.

5.2 In the process of manufacture, the felt shall be impregnated with asphalt which shall be permitted to contain a mineral stabilizer so that the individual glass fibers are coated and the asphalt is evenly distributed throughout.

5.3 The impregnated glass felt shall be surfaced with a material to prevent sticking in the roll. The nature and quantity of the surfacing material shall not interfere with adhesion between the plies of a membrane.

## 6. Physical Properties, Dimensions, Masses, and Permissible Variations

6.1 The finished product shall conform to the physical properties, dimensions, masses, and permissible variations as prescribed in [Table 1](#) and [Table 2](#).

TABLE 1 Physical Properties of Asphalt Glass Felt

	Type IV	Type VI
Breaking strength, <sup>A</sup> min, kN/m [lbf./in.]:		
Longitudinal (with the fiber grain)	7.7 [44]	10.5 [60]
Transverse (across the fiber grain)	7.7 [44]	10.5 [60]
Pliability, 13-mm [½-in.] radius bend	no failures	no failures

<sup>A</sup> To prevent the asphalt-impregnated glass felt from slipping from between the jaws of the tension testing machine, insert a thin strip of soft gasket rubber between the felt and each of the four jaw faces of the machine.