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Standard Terminology for Paint Roller Application Tools¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This standard establishes the definitions or terminology used in the manufacturing and testing of paint rollers.

1.2 *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

D5069 [Practice for Preparation of Paint-Roller Covers for Evaluation of Architectural Coatings](#)

D6337 [Practice for Physical Characterization of Woven Paint Applicator Fabrics](#)

D7073 [Guide for Application and Evaluation of Brush and Roller Applied Paint Films](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

fabric, *n*—*for paint applicators*, a paint carrying medium made by knitting or weaving; fabrics may consist of synthetic or natural materials, or a combination of both.

formulation, *n*—a specification that gives ingredients and amounts, or process.

matting, *n*—*for fabric fibers*, a condition where they tend to lie flat during application.

nap, *n*—*for fabric fibers*, the length of fibers essentially perpendicular to the surface.

pick-up, *n*—*for paint applicators*, after break-in, the amount of paint, or other coating material, an applicator can hold.

release, *n*—*for paint applicators*, after break-in, the amount of paint, or other coating materials, that the applicator can dispense after pick up.

sliver knitting, *n*—a process for producing an array of fibers locked essentially perpendicular to a knit backing.

wet edge time, *n*—the length of time a wet, coated region can stand before showing lap marks when an overlapped region is coated; this is also known as wet edge retention.

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