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# Standard Guide for Product Selection/Delivery Systems for Aerosol Foam Sealants and Adhesives<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This guide covers the general use of aerosol polyurethane and aerosol latex foams extruded from pressurized containers intended for building envelope air barrier sealant and adhesive applications in building construction. It also provides an overview of associated standards and test methods that quantify key physical properties that are useful to design professionals, engineers, specifiers, and end users.

1.2 Currently two main foam sealant types are applicable to this practice, single component polyurethane and latex types.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. SI units provided are 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.* For specific safety considerations see Section 7.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

- [C168 Terminology Relating to Thermal Insulation](#)
- [C557 Specification for Adhesives for Fastening Gypsum Wallboard to Wood Framing](#)
- [C717 Terminology of Building Seals and Sealants](#)
- [C1536 Test Method for Measuring the Yield for Aerosol Foam Sealants](#)
- [C1620 Specification for Aerosol Polyurethane and Aerosol Latex Foam Sealants](#)
- [C1642 Practice for Determining Air Leakage Rates of Aerosol Foam Sealants and Other Construction Joint Fill and Insulation Materials](#)

- [C1643 Test Method to Measuring the Post Dispensing Volumetric Expansion of Aerosol Foam Sealants](#)
  - [C1737 Guide for Evaluating Temperature Effects to Aerosol Foam Sealant During and After Dispensing](#)
  - [D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)
  - [D3498 Specification for Adhesives for Field-Gluing Plywood to Lumber Framing for Floor Systems](#)
  - [D6464 Specification for Expandable Foam Adhesives for Fastening Gypsum Wallboard to Wood Framing](#)
  - [E72 Test Methods of Conducting Strength Tests of Panels for Building Construction](#)
  - [E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials](#)
  - [E119 Test Methods for Fire Tests of Building Construction and Materials](#)
  - [E283 Test Method for Determining Rate of Air Leakage Through Exterior Windows, Curtain Walls, and Doors Under Specified Pressure Differences Across the Specimen](#)
  - [E814 Test Method for Fire Tests of Penetration Firestop Systems](#)
  - [E2112 Practice for Installation of Exterior Windows, Doors and Skylights](#)
- ### 2.2 Other Standards:
- [AFG-01 Adhesives for Field-Gluing Plywood to Wood Framing<sup>3</sup>](#)
  - [UL 723 Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials<sup>4</sup>](#)
  - [UL 1715 Fire Test of Interior Finish Material<sup>4</sup>](#)
  - [AAMA 812 Voluntary Practice for Assessment of Single Component Aerosol Expanding Polyurethane Foams for Sealing Rough Openings of Fenestration Installations<sup>5</sup>](#)
  - [NFPA 286: Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Evaluating Contribution of Wall and Ceiling Interior Finish to Room Fire Growth<sup>6</sup>.](#)

<sup>1</sup> This test method is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C24 on Building Seals and Sealants and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C24.61 on Aerosol Foam Sealants.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from APA: [www.apawood.org/](http://www.apawood.org/).

<sup>4</sup> Available from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), 2600 N.W. Lake Rd., Camas, WA 98607-8542, <http://www.ul.com>.

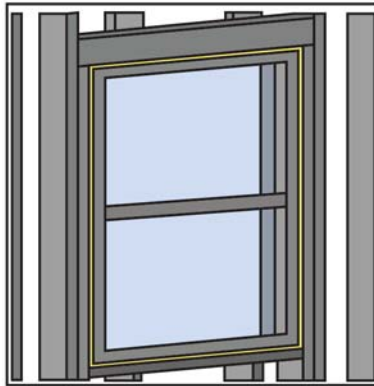
<sup>5</sup> Available from American Architectural Manufacturers Association (AAMA), 1827 Walden Office Square, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4268, <http://www.aamanet.org>.

<sup>6</sup> Available from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169-7471, <http://www.nfpa.org>

**Building Envelope Sealing**  
Window, Door & Skylight Interior Perimeters

**Sealing: Gaps, Cracks & Joints**  
Within Residential & Commercial Building Envelopes

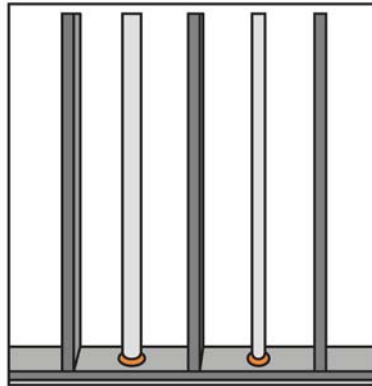
**Adhesive**  
Structural Insulated Panels, Drywall, Subfloor & Insulated Concrete Forms



INTERIOR WINDOW PERIMETERS OF EXTERIOR WALL WINDOWS

Shown as a window perimeter rough opening secondary air seal.

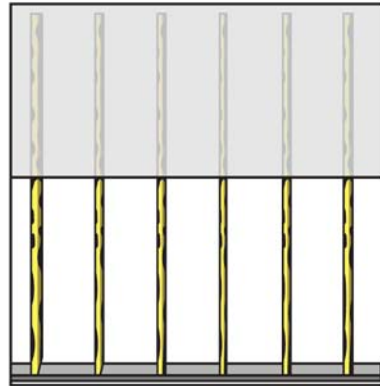
Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: AAMA 812, ASTM C1642, ASTM E283  
Installation Guide: ASTM E2112



GAPS / HOLES (FIRE BLOCKING)

Shown as a fire blocking foam sealant for bottom plate penetrations.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1643, ASTM E814, ASTM E84, UL 1715, UL 723

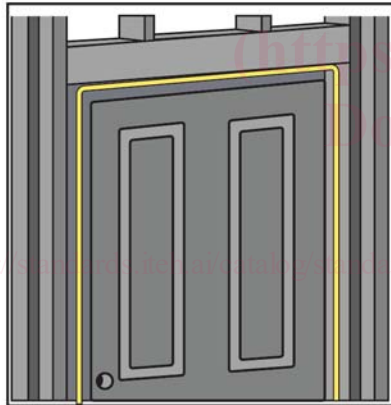


DRYWALL ADHESIVE

Shown as an adhesive between drywall and wall studs.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C557, ASTM D6464, ASTM E72

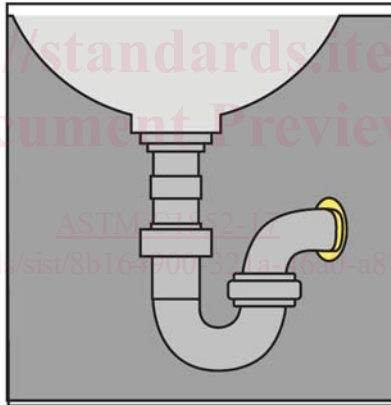
**FIG. 1 Interior Window Perimeters of Exterior Wall Windows, Gaps/Holes (Fire Blocking), and Drywall Adhesive**



INTERIOR DOOR PERIMETERS OF EXTERIOR DOORS

Shown as a door perimeter rough opening secondary seal.

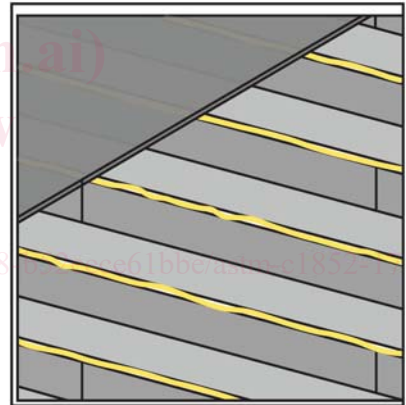
Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: AAMA 812, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1620, ASTM E283



GAPS / HOLES (GENERAL)

Shown as an interior wall pipe penetration seal.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1643



SUBFLOOR ADHESIVE

Shown as an adhesive between floor sheathing and floor joists.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: AFG-01, ASTM C1620, ASTM D3498

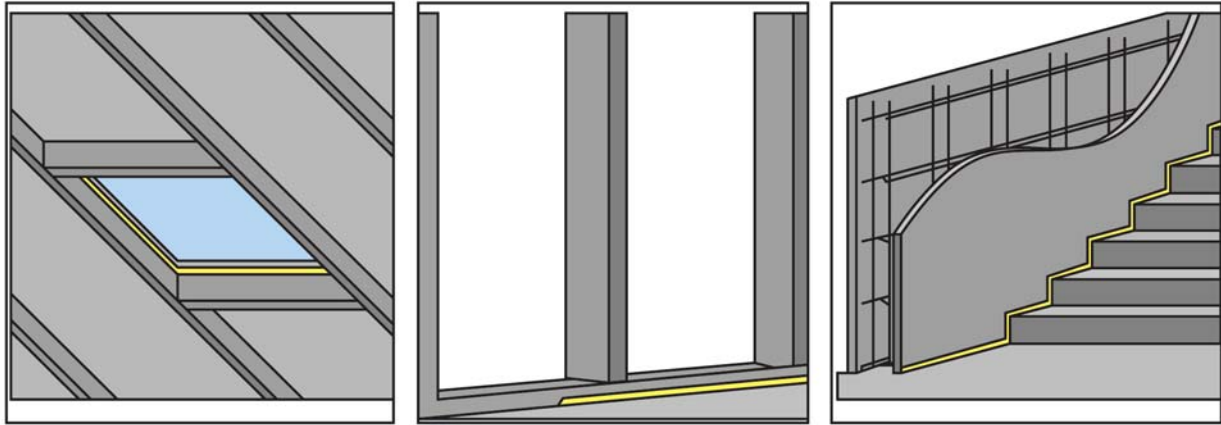
**FIG. 2 Interior Door Perimeters of Exterior Doors, Gaps/Holes (General), and Subfloor Adhesive**

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this guide, refer to Terminologies C168, C717, and D883.

### 4. Summary of Guide

4.1 This guide is intended to provide general assistance for a specifier, engineer, design professional or end user who is



SKYLIGHT PERIMETERS

Shown as an interior secondary seal.

Relevant Lab Standards/Tests: ASTM C1642, ASTM C1620

JOINTS

Shown as a seal at the bottom plate to floor joint.

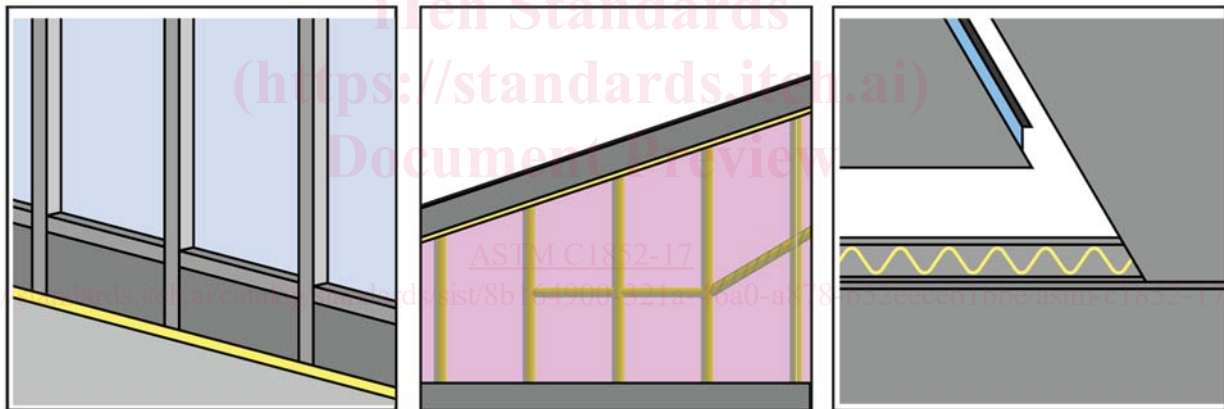
Relevant Lab Standards/Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1643

INSULATED CONCRETE FORMS

Shown as a seal between insulated concrete forms and existing construction.

Relevant Lab Standards/Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C1642

**FIG. 3 Skylight Perimeters, Joints, and Insulated Concrete Forms**



COMMERCIAL WINDOW INTERIOR PERIMETERS

Shown as an interior secondary seal.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: AAMA 812, ASTM C1642, ASTM E283

SEALING JOINTS OF RIGID INSULATION

Shown as an air seal between rigid insulation and wall studs.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: ASTM C1620, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1643

STRUCTURAL INSULATED PANELS (SIPs)

Shown as an adhesive and air seal in the on-site assembly of SIP foam core panels at a ridge detail.

Relevant Lab Standards / Tests: AFG-01, ASTM C1642, ASTM C1643, ASTM D3498

**FIG. 4 Commercial Window Interior Perimeters, Sealing Joints of Rigid Insulation, and Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs)**

seeking material selection assistance for a one component aerosol foam sealant. This guide provides an overview and creates awareness of the most common uses of one component foam sealants and further describes key product attributes and performance criteria that may assist in the material selection process. The guide explains only the most common uses of

polyurethane and latex foam sealants and provides an overview of aerosol foam sealant physical properties, climate condition considerations, dispensing container types, and product storage variables. The guide provides information on environmental conditions and effects that are known to detrimentally affect a foam sealant. The guide further provides definitions relevant to