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Standard Specification for PTFE Resin Skived Tape¹

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This standard has been approved for use by agencies of the U.S. Department of Defense.

1. Scope*~~Scope~~

1.1 This specification covers skived tape in thicknesses from 0.013 to 6.35 mm (0.0005 to 0.250 in.) manufactured by skiving (**Note 1**) from PTFE resin molding and extrusion materials.

NOTE 1—Skiving is the process of continuously shaving a film on a lathe from the outer surface to the core of a molded cylindrical tube of material.

NOTE 2—Abbreviations have been approved from Terminology **D1600**.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.3 The following hazard caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 8, of this specification: *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~~ safety, health and ~~health~~ environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

NOTE 3—This specification and ISO 13000-1 and ISO 13000-2 differ in approach or detail, and data obtained using either may not be technically equivalent.

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D149 Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies

D374 Test Methods for Thickness of Solid Electrical Insulation (Metric) **D0374_D0374M**

D618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing

D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics

D792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement

D882 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1389 Test Method for Proof-Voltage Testing of Thin Solid Electrical Insulating Materials (Withdrawn 2013)³

D1600 Terminology for Abbreviated Terms Relating to Plastics

D3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics

D4894 Specification for Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Granular Molding and Ram Extrusion Materials

2.2 *ISO Standards:*⁴

ISO 13000-1 Plastics—Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) Semi-Finished Products Part 1: Requirements and Designation

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee **D20** on Plastics and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee **D20.15** on Thermoplastic Materials (Section D20.15.12).

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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 American National Standards Institute—Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY ~~10036~~ 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions—Definitions—

Definitions are in accordance with Terminology **D883** unless otherwise specified.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to this Standard:

3.2.1 lot, n—One production run, or a uniform blend of two or more production runs.

3.2.2 film, n—full-width material received as finished film.

3.2.3 Mil, n— $\frac{1}{1000}$ (0.001) of an inch.

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4. Classification

4.1 This specification covers four types of PTFE resin skived tape:

4.1.1 *Type I*—Premium; normally used for exacting electrical, mechanical, or chemical applications.

4.1.2 *Type II*—General purpose; for electrical, mechanical, and chemical applications not requiring premium material.

4.1.3 *Type III*—Commercial; for non-critical chemical, electrical, and mechanical applications.

4.1.4 *Type IV*—Utility; having no electrical requirements, and with mechanical properties at lower level.

4.2 Types I, II, III, and IV may be subdivided into two grades in accordance with the base resin used as follows:

4.2.1 *Grade 1*—Made only from virgin resin.

4.2.2 *Grade 2*—May be made using reprocessed resin, or a mixture of virgin and reprocessed resin.

4.3 A one-line system may be used to specify materials covered by this specification. The system uses predefined cells to refer to specific aspects of this specification, as illustrated below:

Specification								
Standard Number Block	:	Type	:	Grade	:	Class	:	Special Notes
_____	:	_____	:	_____	:	_____	:	_____
Example: Specification D3308 – 06	:	I	:	2	:	...	:	...

For this example, the line callout would be: Specification D3308 – 06, I2, Oil and would specify a skived tape that has all of the properties listed for that Type and Grade, in the appropriate specified properties, tables, or both, in the specification identified. A comma is used as the separator between the Standard number and the Type. Separators are not needed between the Type and Grade, because they are, in turn, Roman numerals and Arabic digits.⁵ Provision for “Special Notes” is included so that other information can be provided when required. This example would be premium PTFE tape without special requirements. When Special Notes are used, they should be preceded by a comma.

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 The tape shall be made from unpigmented PTFE resin.

5.2 The length and width of the roll shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. Width tolerances shall be in accordance with **Table 1**.

5.3 The melting point for all types of tape shall be $327 \pm 10^\circ\text{C}$ ($621 \pm 18^\circ\text{F}$).

5.4 The thickness tolerances for skived tape shall be as shown in **Table 2**.

5.5 Tensile strength and elongation shall meet the requirements shown in **Table 3**.

5.6 The requirements for specific gravity shall be as shown in **Table 3**.

5.7 The minimum required values for dielectric strength *S* (V/mil), shall be computed for applicable thicknesses of materials in accordance with the following formulas, where *t* is the thickness of the tape in mils.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Type I: } S &= 1000 \text{ times square root of } (20/t) \\ \text{Type II (thickness } \geq 0.003 \text{ in.): } S &= 840 \text{ times square root of } (20/t) \\ \text{Type II (thickness } < 0.003 \text{ in.): } S &= 630 \text{ times square root of } (20/t) \end{aligned}$$

⁵ See the ASTM *Form and Style Manual*. Available from ASTM Headquarters.