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Standard Specification for Structural Clay Nonloadbearing Tile¹

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1. Scope*Scope

1.1 This specification covers structural clay nonloadbearing tile (partition, fireproofing, and furring).

1.2 The property requirements of this specification apply at the time of purchase. The use of results from testing of tile extracted from masonry structures for determining conformance or non-conformance to the property requirements (Section 5) of this standard is beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 Tile covered by this specification are manufactured from clay, shale, or similar naturally occurring substances and subjected to a heat treatment at elevated temperatures (firing). The heat treatment must develop sufficient fired bond between the particulate constituents to provide the strength and durability requirements of this specification. (See *firing* and *fired bond* in Terminology C1232.)

1.4 Fireproofing tile intended for use in load-bearing masonry shall conform to Specification C34.

1.5 Tile intended for use in fireproofing structural members shall be of such sizes and shapes that they can be erected to cover completely the exposed surfaces of the members.

1.6 The text of this specification references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes (excluding those in tables and figures) shall not be considered as requirements of this specification.

1.7 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.

1.8 *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

C34 Specification for Structural Clay Loadbearing Wall Tile

C67 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Brick and Structural Clay Tile

C1232 Terminology for Masonry

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions relating to structural clay nonload-bearing wall tile, refer to Terminology C1232.

4. Classification

4.1 One grade of tile is covered, designated Grade NB.

4.2 If tile having a particular color (Note 1), texture, or finish are desired, these features shall be specified separately by the purchaser.

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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.

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