



Designation: **C 59/C 59M – 9500**

Standard Specification for Gypsum Casting Plaster and Gypsum Molding Plaster¹

This standard is issued under the fixed designation C 59/C 59M; the number immediately following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A number in parentheses indicates the year of last reapproval. A superscript epsilon (ε) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

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

1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster materials consisting essentially of calcined gypsum.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound or SI (metric) units are to be regarded as ~~the standard.~~ Within the text, the SI equivalents of inch-pound units shown are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system shall be used independently of the other. Values from the two systems shall not be combined.

1.3 The text of this ~~specification standard~~ references notes and footnotes that provide explanatory material. These notes and footnotes shall not be considered as requirements of the specification standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*

¹ This specification is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee C-11 on Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee C11.01 on Specifications and Test Methods for Gypsum Products.

Current edition approved ~~Dec. 10, 1995~~; 2000. Published ~~February 1996~~; August 2000. Originally published as C 59 – 26. Last previous edition C 59 – 94~~5~~.

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

- C 11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems²
C 471 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Gypsum and Gypsum Products²
C 472 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum, Gypsum Plasters and Gypsum Concrete²
E 11 Specification for Wire-Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of terms shall be in accordance with Terminology C 11.

3.2 *Description of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *gypsum casting plaster, n*—a calcined gypsum plaster used primarily to form objects, such as lamp bases, art ware, and novelties, etc.

3.2.2 *gypsum molding plaster, n*—a calcined gypsum plaster used primarily for plaster casts or molds, sometimes used as a gauging plaster.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 Gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster shall have a purity of not less than 85 % CaSO₄·2H₂O when tested in accordance with Test Methods C 471.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 Specimens shall be tested in accordance with Test Methods C 472.

5.1.1 *Setting Time*—Gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster shall set in not less than 10 nor more than 50 min ~~when tested in accordance with Test Methods C 472 using the procedure for gypsum concrete and all gypsum plasters, except gypsum neat plaster.~~

5.1.2 *Compressive Strength*—Gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster shall have a compressive strength of not less than 1800 psi (12.4 MPa) ~~when tested in accordance with Test Methods C 472.~~

~~5.3— [12.4 MPa].~~

5.1.3 *Fineness*—Gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster shall all pass a No. 30 ([600-μm]) sieve and not less than 90 % shall pass a No. 100 ([150-μm]) sieve,⁴ ~~when tested in accordance with Test Methods C 472.~~

6. Sampling

6.1 ~~N~~Randomly select not less than 1 % of the packages, but not less than 5 packages, ~~shall be sampled. Packages to be sampled shall be selected at random. Samples shall be taken packages. Take samples of approximately equal amounts both from the outer portion and the center of each package. The materials~~ Mix the samples so obtained ~~shall be thoroughly mixed~~ to provide a composite sample of not less than 7 lb (3.2 kg). This [3 kg]. Immediately place the composite sample ~~shall be placed immediately~~ in a clean, dry, airtight container for delivery to the laboratory.

7. Inspection

7.1 Inspection of the gypsum casting and molding plaster shall be agreed upon by the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase agreement.

8. Rejection

8.1 Rejection of gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plaster that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification shall be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. The notice of rejection shall contain a statement documenting how the gypsum casting and molding plaster ~~has~~ have failed to conform to the requirements of this specification.

9. Certification

9.1 When specified in the purchase agreement, a producer's or supplier's report shall be furnished at the time of shipment certifying that the product is in compliance with this specification.

10. Packaging and Package Marking

10.1 Gypsum casting plaster and gypsum molding plasters shall be dry and free of lumps and shall be shipped in packages.

10.2 When shipped, the following information shall be legibly marked on each package or on a tag of suitable size attached thereto:

10.2.1 Name of manufacturer or seller,

10.2.2 Brand,

² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 04.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 14.02.

⁴ Detailed requirements for these sieves are given in ASTM Specification E 11.

10.2.3 Description, and

10.2.4 Net weight of package. Gross weight shall be shown where required.

11. Keywords

11.1 casting plaster; gypsum; gypsum plaster; molding plaster

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This section identifies the location of changes to this standard that have been incorporated since the last issue. Committee C-11 has highlighted those changes that affect the technical interpretation or use of this standard.

~~(1) Sections 1.3, 3 and 11 were added.~~

~~(2) Sections 1.1 and 6.1 were revised.~~

~~(3) The note in 4.1~~

(1) This standard was converted from an inch-pound standard to a combined inch-pound/SI standard.

(2) Editorial changes were made throughout.

ASTM International takes no position respecting the validity of any patent rights asserted in connection with any item mentioned in this standard. Users of this standard are expressly advised that determination of the validity of any such patent rights, and the risk of infringement of such rights, are entirely their own responsibility.

This standard is subject to revision at any time by the responsible technical committee and must be reviewed every five years and if not revised, either reapproved or withdrawn. Your comments are invited either for revision of this standard or for additional standards and should be addressed to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee, which you may attend. If you feel that your comments have not received a fair hearing you should make your views known to the ASTM Committee on Standards, at the address shown below.

This standard is copyrighted by ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, United States. Individual reprints (single or multiple copies) of this standard may be obtained by contacting ASTM at the above address or at 610-832-9585 (phone), 610-832-9555 (fax), or service@astm.org (e-mail); or through the ASTM website (www.astm.org).