



Standard Specification for Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers prefabricated modified bituminous sheet materials reinforced with polyester fabric, with or without granules, that use atactic polypropylene (APP) as the primary modifier and are intended for use in the fabrication of multiple ply roofing and waterproofing membranes.

1.2 This specification is intended as a material specification only. Issues regarding the suitability of specific roof constructions or application techniques are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 The specified tests and property limits used to characterize the sheet materials covered by this specification are intended to establish minimum properties. In-place roof system design criteria such as fire resistance, field strength, impact/puncture resistance, material compatibility, uplift resistance, the need for field applied coatings, and others, are factors beyond the scope of this material specification.

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

1.5 The following precautionary statement pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9, 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing, Waterproofing, and Bituminous Materials²

D 5147 Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Modified Bituminous Sheet Material²

D 5636 Test Method for Low Temperature Unrolling of Felt or Sheet Roofing and Waterproofing Materials²

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology D 1079.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *elongation at 5 % of maximum load*— the elongation measured on the load-elongation curve at which point the load has dropped to 5 % of its maximum value.

4. Classification

4.1 Type I and II modified bituminous sheet materials reinforced with polyester fabric, are covered by this specification (see Table 1).

4.2 The following grades are used to describe the material surfacing:

4.2.1 *Grade G*—Granule surfacing.

4.2.2 *Grade S*—Smooth surfacing.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 In the process of manufacture, the reinforcement is saturated with APP modified asphalt and is impregnated and coated on both sides with an APP modified bituminous coating. The APP modified bituminous coating shall be permitted to be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

5.2 Grade *G* materials are surfaced on the weather side with mineral granules, except for any selvage. To prevent sticking in the roll, the reverse side and any selvage shall be permitted to be covered with a fine mineral surfacing or any other surfacing that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding of the lap during application.

5.3 To prevent sticking in the roll, any selvage will be surfaced with mineral or other surfacing material that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding during application.

6. Physical Properties

6.1 The sheet shall conform to the minimum physical properties prescribed in Table 1.

6.2 The finished product shall not crack or be so sticky as to cause tearing or other material damage upon being unrolled at any product temperature between 4 and 60°C (40 and 140°F).

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.04.

TABLE 1 Physical Properties of APP Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements^A

Property	Type I	Type II
Peak load at 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F) MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, kN/m (lbf/in.), minimum	8.8 (50)	14 (80)
Elongation at 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F) MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, at maximum load, % minimum	23	40
Peak load at -18 ± 2°C (0 ± 3.6°F) MD and XMD, kN/m (lbf/in.), minimum	10.5 (60)	15.8 (90)
Elongation at -18 ± 2°C (0 ± 3.6°F) MD and XMD, at maximum load, % minimum	10	15
Elongation at 5 % of maximum load at 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F), MD and XMD, % minimum	30	50
Tear strength at 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F) lbf (N), minimum	311 (70)	356 (80)
Low temperature flexibility, before and after heat conditioning, °C (°F), maximum	+ 0 (32)	+ 0 (32)
Dimensional stability, % change, maximum	1	1
High temperature stability, °C (°F) minimum	110 (230)	110 (230)
Granule embedment, Grade G only, maximum loss, grams	2	2
Water absorption, % maximum	3.2	3.2
Moisture content, % maximum	1	1
Low temperature unrolling, °C (°F), maximum	5 (41)	5 (41)

^AThe properties of this table are "as manufactured" unless otherwise noted.

7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 The finished product shall conform to the following dimensions and variations:

7.1.1 The width of the roll shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier and shall not vary more than 1 %.

7.1.2 The area of the roll shall be no less than as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

7.1.3 The selvage width shall be within 6 mm (¼ in.) of the nominal selvage width and shall be not less than 76 mm (3 in.) in width from the edge of the sheet.

7.2 The mass and thickness of the finished product shall be as prescribed in Table 2.

8. Workmanship, Finish and Appearance

8.1 The finished product shall be completely coated in a continuous, unbroken film and shall be free of such defects as holes, tears, cracks, wrinkles or permanent deformations, blisters, ragged or untrue edges, and areas of uncoated reinforcement.

8.2 The surface of the weather side shall be uniform in finish and texture.

TABLE 2 Dimensions and Mass of APP Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements^A

Property	Type I	Type II
Thickness, min, mm (mils), Grade S	3.5 (140)	3.8 (150)
Grade G	4.0 (160)	4.3 (170)
Net mass per unit area, min., g/m ² (lbs/100 ft ²) Grade S	3418 (70)	3905 (80)
Grade G	4150 (85)	4882 (100)
Bottom side coating thickness, min, mm (mils), Grade S	0.76 (30)	1.0 (40)
Grade G	0.76 (30)	1.0 (40)

^AThe properties in this table are "as manufactured" unless otherwise noted.

9.3 For Grade G products, mineral granules shall be uniformly distributed over the entire surface of the sheet in an even layer, excluding any selvage, and shall be firmly embedded in the APP modified bituminous coating. The line of demarcation between the granule surfaced portion of the weather side and any selvage shall be straight and parallel to the edges of the sheet.

9.4 When unrolled on a smooth plane, the sheet shall be straight and true so that the selvage will mate with an adjacent sheet, within the tolerance for the lap without wrinkles, buckles, or fishmouths.

9. Sampling and Test Methods

9.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods D 5147 unless otherwise indicated.

9.2 *Elongation at 5 % of Maximum Load*—Sample the material and determine the elongation at 5 % of maximum load at 23 ± 2°C (73.4 ± 3.6°F) in accordance with Test Methods D 5147, Section 6, and as defined in 3.2.

9.3 *High Temperature Stability*—Sample the material and determine the high temperature stability in accordance with Test Methods D 5147, Section 15, and as described herein. Report the highest test temperature at which flowing, dripping, or drop formation does not occur. Materials may be tested in 5.5°C (10°F) increments.

9.4 *Low Temperature Unrolling*—Sample the material and determine the low temperature unrolling in accordance with Test Methods D 5636, and as described herein. Report the lowest test temperature at which none of the specimens show cracking or surface rupture. The temperature, at or below which the product must pass is stated in Table 1.

10. Inspection

10.1 *Inspection*—Inspection shall be in accordance with the requirements of this specification.

10.2 *Inspection Alternatives*—Alternative inspection requirements shall be determined by and as agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier.

11. Rejection and Resubmittal

11.1 *Failure to Conform*—Failure to conform to any of the requirements as stated in this specification constitutes grounds for rejection.

11.2 *Rejection Redress*—The supplier shall have the right to inspect the rejected materials. The supplier shall then have the right to submit the same number of new rolls as replacements.

12. Packaging and Package Marking

12.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier, each product package shall be plainly marked with the supplier's name, the product brand, the ASTM designation including type and grade, the net coverage, and the type of bitumen if not evident in the label name of the product.

12.2 The rolls shall be securely wrapped or banded in a

manner that completely encircles the roll and will prevent slipping or unrolling.

12.3 No roll shall contain more than two pieces, and no more than 3 % of the rolls in any lot shall contain two pieces. If a roll contains a manufacturing splice, the splice shall be clearly marked.

13. Keywords

13.1 atactic polypropylene (APP); modified bituminous sheet; polyolefin film; polyester reinforcement

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