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## FOREWORD

This standard was revised to reference the latest industry test methods and to include metric equivalents.

The rubber materials covered by this standard can be associated with rubber materials classified in ASTM D2000 entitled "Elastomeric Materials for Automotive Applications."

When specifications and drawings referencing materials listed in this standard are updated, they shall be changed to reference ASTM D2000.

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1. SCOPE

1.1 Scope. This standard covers a group of significant symbols identifying performance characteristics of rubber compositions; and, when practicable, test methods for use in determining compliance with the identifying characteristics.

1.2 Applications. This standard shall be used to identify rubber compositions for military applications. Competent technical discrimination shall be applied, prior to issuance of a procurement document designating a particular grade, to insure that compatible suffix combinations have been selected.

1.3 Classification. Rubber compositions shall be of the following types and classes:

Type R - Non-oil-resistant

Class RN - Natural or synthetic natural (Cis 1-4 polyisoprene)  
(see table III)

Class RS - Synthetic (see table IV)

Type S - Oil resistant

Class SA - Very low volume swell (see table V)

Class SB - Low volume swell (see table VI)

Class SC - Medium volume swell (see table VII)

Type T - Temperature resistant

Class TA - Low and high temperature resistant (see table VIII)

Class TB - High temperature and oil resistant (see table IX)

2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

2.1 The following documents of the issue in effect on date of invitation for bids, form a part of this standard.

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SPECIFICATIONS

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TT-E-529 - Enamel, Alkyd, Semi-Gloss

(Copies of specifications and standards required by contractors in connection with specific procurement functions should be obtained from the procuring activity or as directed by the contracting officer.)

2.2 Other publications. The following documents form a part of this standard. Unless otherwise indicated, the issue in effect on date of invitation for bids shall apply.

American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards:

- D 395 - Compression Set of Vulcanized Rubber
- D 412 - Tension Testing of Vulcanized Rubber
- D 429 - Adhesion of Vulcanized Rubber to Metal
- D 471 - Change in Properties of Elastomeric Vulcanizates Resulting from Immersion in Liquids
- D 518 - Surface Cracking Resistance of Stretched Rubber Compounds
- D 531 - Indentation of Rubber by Means of the Pusey and Jones Plastometer
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- D 2240 - Indentation Hardness of Rubber and Plastics by Means of a Durometer
- D 2228 - Abrasion Resistance of Rubber by the Pico Method

(Applications for copies should be addressed to the American Society for Testing and Materials, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.)

### 3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 Grades. The grades are designated by numbers following the prefix letters (RN, RS, SA etc.) (see tables III through IX). These grade numbers consist of three digits, the first indicating Shore A durometer hardness range. For example, 3 for  $30 \pm 5$ , 4 for  $40 \pm 5$ , etc. The second and third digits indicate the minimum tensile strength. For example, 10 for 1000 psi (7.0 MPa), 15 for 1,500 psi (10.5 MPa), etc.

3.2 Suffixes. It is recognized that basic requirements used mainly to classify compositions do not sufficiently describe some compositions, thus, provision is made for added requirements which are indicated by suitable suffixes to the grade number.

3.2.1 Suffix Numbers. Suffix numbers are used only in those cases where one composition has the same tensile strength requirements as another composition, but the ultimate elongation requirement differs. The suffix number is expressed by a single digit preceded by a hyphen and appended to the grade designation indicating the required elongation. For example, -4 for 400 percent, -7 for 700 percent, etc.

3.2.2 Suffix Letters<sup>1/</sup>. Suffix letters are added singly or in combination after any grade number to indicate additional requirements for that particular grade (see tables III through IX).

- A - Resistance to heat aging 70 hours at 158°F (70°C)
- A<sub>1</sub> - Resistance to heat aging 70 hours at 212°F (100°C)
- A<sub>4</sub> - Resistance to heat aging 70 hours at 347°F (175°C)
- A<sub>6</sub> - Resistance to heat aging 70 hours at 447°F (230.9°C)
- B - Compression set after 22 hours at 158°F (70°C)
- B<sub>1</sub> - Compression set after 70 hours at 212°F (100°C)
- B<sub>3</sub> - Compression set after 70 hours at 302°F (150°C)
- B<sub>7</sub> - Compression set after low temperature, 22 hours at -67°F (-55°C)
- C<sub>1</sub> - Resistance to ozone at 50 pphm at 100°F (38°C) for 7 days
- C<sub>2</sub> - Resistance to ozone at 50 pphm at 100°F (38°C) for 7 days after oven exposure for 70 hours at 158°F (70°C)
- D - Compression-deflection
- E<sub>1</sub> - Resistance to oil aging, ASTM D 471, ASTM Oil No. 1
- E<sub>3</sub> - Resistance to oil aging, ASTM D 471, ASTM Oil No. 3
- E<sub>4</sub> - Resistance to oil aging, (compounded petroleum oil)
- E<sub>5</sub> - Resistance to fuel aging (ASTM D471, ASTM Fuel B)
- F<sub>1</sub> - Low temperature brittleness at -40°F (-40°C)
- F<sub>2</sub> - Low temperature brittleness at -67°F (-55°C)
- F<sub>3</sub> - Low temperature brittleness at -103°F (-75°C)
- F<sub>7</sub> - Low temperature brittleness - 22 hours at -67°F (-55°C)
- F<sub>13</sub> - Low temperature brittleness - 7 days at -103°F (-75°C)
- G - Resistance to tear

<sup>1/</sup> Subscript numbers are used to indicate different time, temperature and/or other conditions for the same suffix letter. Numbers are not necessarily used in sequence since some are held in reserve for future requirements.

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- H - Resistance to flexing
- J - Resistance to abrasion
- K<sub>1</sub> - Adhesion to metal with bond made during vulcanization
- K<sub>2</sub> - Adhesion - cemented bonds made after vulcanization
- L - Resistance to water
- M - Resistance to flame
- N - Resistance to repeated impact
- P - Resistance to staining
- R - Resiliency
- S<sub>1</sub> - Low temperature torsional stiffness at -40°F (-40°C)
- S<sub>2</sub> - Low temperature torsional stiffness at -67°F (-55°C)
- S<sub>11</sub> - Low temperature torsional stiffness - 7 days at -40°F (-40°C)
- Z - Special requirements

#### 4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Materials. Rubber compositions specified herein shall be of three types and seven classes. These compositions shall be manufactured from natural rubber, reclaimed rubber, synthetic rubber or rubber-like materials, together with added compounding ingredients of such nature and quality as to produce vulcanized rubber conforming to the requirements of this standard. These vulcanized compositions shall show no objectionable bloom nor bleeding. Unless otherwise specified, color shall be black except for the TA compositions whose color is dependent on the filler used.

4.1.1 Type R. Type R composition shall be made from natural rubber, reclaimed rubber, synthetic rubber or rubber-like materials, alone or in combination, for services where specific resistance to the action of petroleum based fluids is not required.

4.1.1.1 Class RN. Class RN composition shall be based on natural rubber in the form of crude rubber or reclaimed rubber or synthetic natural rubber (Cis 1-4 polyisoprene).

4.1.1.2 Class RS. Class RS composition shall contain synthetic rubber or rubber-like materials for general purpose use where oil resistance is not required.

4.1.2 Type S. Type S compositions shall be made from synthetic rubber or rubber-like materials for services where specific resistance to the action of petroleum base fluids is required.

4.1.2.1 Class SA. Class SA compositions shall have very low volume swell in low-aniline point oils or fuels.

4.1.2.2 Class SB. Class SB compositions shall have low volume swell in low-aniline point oils or fuels.

4.1.2.3 Class SC. Class SC compositions shall have medium volume swell in low-aniline point oils or fuels.

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4.1.3 Type T. Type T composition shall be made from synthetic rubber or rubber-like materials which shall be suitable for services where specific resistance to the effects of high or low temperatures is required.

4.1.3.1 Class TA. Class TA compositions shall be made from materials having maximum resistance to the effects of both high and low temperatures.

4.1.3.2 Class TB. Class TB compositions shall be made from materials having outstanding resistance to both dry heat and oils at high temperature.

4.2 Physical Properties. The physical properties of rubber compositions shall conform to the values established in tables III through IX as determined by the applicable tests prescribed in 5.1.1 and table II. Physical properties contained in this specification are not applicable to rubber compositions used as a binder for material such as cork to form a uniform and homogeneous material.

4.3 Commonly used grades. The compositions for tables III through VII marked with an asterisk are those most commonly used. It is suggested that these grades be specified when practicable.

#### 4.4 Basic requirements.

4.4.1 Durometer hardness. The durometer hardness of samples tested shall not exceed the limits established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in conformance to 5.1.2.

4.4.2 Tensile strength. Tensile strength of samples tested shall not be below the minimum value established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in conformance to 5.1.3.

4.4.3 Ultimate elongation. Ultimate elongation of samples tested shall not be below the minimum value established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in compliance with 5.1.4.

4.4.4 Oil aging. The changes in physical properties shall not exceed the limits established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in accordance with paragraph 5.1.5.

4.4.5 Compression set. Compression set values shall not exceed the percentages established in the applicable table when the samples are prepared and tested in conformance with 5.1.6.

4.4.6 Heat aging. The change in physical properties shall not exceed the limits established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in conformance to 5.1.7.

#### 4.5 Special requirements added by suffix letter.

4.5.1 Resistance to heat aging. Suffixes A, A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>4</sub>, and A<sub>6</sub>. Physical properties (durometer hardness, tensile strength, ultimate elongation) shall not exceed the maximum limits established in the applicable table when prepared and tested in conformance to the applicable requirements of table II. The aged specimens shall show no evidence of cracking when bent back 180 degrees upon themselves.

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4.5.2 Compression set - Suffixes B, B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>3</sub> and B<sub>7</sub>. Compression set values shall not exceed percentages established in the applicable table when samples are prepared and tested in conformance to the applicable requirements of table II. For Suffix B<sub>7</sub> (22 hours at -67°F (-55°C)) compression set shall not exceed 70 percent after 30 minutes recovery at -67°F (-55°C).

4.5.3 Resistance to ozone - Suffixes C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>. The specimens shall show no evidence of cracking when examined following testing in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Compositions that are being tested for conformance to the requirements for C<sub>1</sub> suffix shall show no cracks after exposure to an ozone concentration of 50 parts per hundred million of air. Compositions that are being tested for conformance to the requirements for C<sub>2</sub> suffix shall show no cracks after exposure to an ozone concentration of 50 parts per hundred million of air after oven exposure for 70 hours at 158°F (70°C).

4.5.4 Compression deflection - Suffix D. Compression deflection values shall not exceed the limits established in the RN and RS tables when samples are prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II.

4.5.5 Resistance to oil and fuel aging - Suffixes E<sub>1</sub>, E<sub>3</sub>, E<sub>4</sub>, and E<sub>5</sub>. The change in physical properties, following testing in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II, shall not exceed the limits established within the applicable table.

4.5.6 Low temperature brittleness - Suffixes F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub>, F<sub>3</sub>, F<sub>7</sub>, and F<sub>13</sub>. There shall be no evidence of any break, crack, fissure or hole visible to the naked eye after testing in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Compositions that are being tested for conformance with the requirements of F<sub>1</sub> compounds shall not fail at -40°F (-40°C) while compositions being tested for conformance to the requirements of F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>7</sub> shall not fail at -67°F (-55°C), and those for F<sub>3</sub> and F<sub>13</sub> shall not fail at -103°F (-75°C).

4.5.7 Resistance to tear - Suffix G. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Unless otherwise specified, the tear resistance shall not be less than 200 pounds per inch (35.02 kN/m) of thickness for compositions having a tensile of 2000 psi (14.0 MPa) or 150 pounds per inch of thickness (26.26 kN/m) if tensile is under 2000 psi (14.0 MPa).

4.5.8 Resistance to flexing - Suffix H. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. It shall be the responsibility of the procuring activity to establish acceptance values for compounds when tested as specified herein.

4.5.9 Resistance to abrasion - Suffix J. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Unless otherwise specified, the loss in weight of the specimens after testing shall not exceed 5 percent.

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4.5.10 Adhesion to metal bond made during vulcanization - Suffix K<sub>1</sub>. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Unless otherwise specified, the adhesion value shall not be less than 40 pounds per inch (7.00 kN/m) of width.

4.5.11 Adhesion, cemented bond made after vulcanization - Suffix K<sub>2</sub>. It shall be the responsibility of the procuring activity to establish the test method and the adhesion value.

4.5.12 Resistance to water - Suffix L. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Durometer hardness shall not change more than  $\pm 10$  points, and volume shall not increase more than 10 percent for RS and SB compounds only.

4.5.13 Resistance to flame - Suffix M. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Unless otherwise specified, the flame propagation rate of the specimen shall not exceed 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) per minute, and the specimen shall show no evidence of separation of burning particles.

4.5.14 Resistance to repeated impact - Suffix N. It shall be the responsibility of the procuring activity to establish the test method and the number and magnitude of foot pound blows the specimen must be capable of withstanding.

4.5.15 Resistance to staining of organic finishes - Suffix P. Specimens shall be prepared and tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. The enameled surface shall show no evidence of staining.

4.5.16 Resilience - Suffix R. Specimens shall have a Yertzley resilience of not less than that shown on the applicable table for the grade specified, when tested in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II.

4.5.17 Low temperature torsional stiffness - Suffixes S<sub>1</sub>, S<sub>2</sub>, and S<sub>11</sub>. Specimens shall be prepared and tested for conformance with the applicable requirements of table II. Specimens being tested for conformance with the requirements of these suffixes shall meet the minimum twist requirements of table I. Compositions that are being tested for conformance with the requirements for S<sub>1</sub> and S<sub>11</sub> compositions shall be tested at -40°F (-40°C) while those being tested for conformance with the requirements for S<sub>2</sub> compositions shall be tested at -67°F (-55°C).

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Table 1 - Specimen thickness - Degree twist relationship<sup>1/</sup>

Torsional stiffness test		
Inches	Thickness (mm)	Twist, angular degrees, minimum
.060	1.5	98
.070	1.8	80
.080	2.0	66
.090	2.3	55
.100	2.5	46
.110	2.8	40

<sup>1/</sup> Interpolation shall be used for those thicknesses not contained within this table. These values are based on a modulus of elasticity of 10,000 psi (70 k for a specimen having a free span length of 1.0 inch (25.4 mm) and 0.125 inch (3.175 mm) wide.

4.5.18 Special requirements - Suffix Z. It shall be the responsibility of the procuring activity to establish a criterion for determining conformance to any special requirements that the procuring activity may require.

4.6 Workmanship. Compositions shall be uniform in construction and appearance and shall be free of porous areas, weak sections, bubbles, foreign matter and other defects affecting serviceability of the finished item.

## 5. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

### 5.1 Tests.

5.1.1 Basic requirements. Testing for conformance with the basic requirements shall be performed in accordance with the following tests in order to determine compliance with the applicable requirements of section 4.

5.1.2 Durometer hardness. Determination shall conform to ASTM D 2240 using a Shore A durometer. ASTM D 531 shall be used as a referee method.

5.1.3 Tensile strength. Determination shall be in conformance with ASTM D 412 using a dumbbell shaped specimen, cut with a die conforming with the dimensions of die C.

5.1.4 Ultimate elongation. Determination shall be in conformance with ASTM D 412 using a dumbbell shaped specimen cut with a die conforming to the dimensions of die C.

5.1.5 Oil aging. Testing shall be done in conformance with ASTM D 471 using ASTM Oil No. 3 as the test fluid. Temperature of oven and duration of test shall be as specified in the applicable table.

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5.1.6 Compression set. Testing shall be in conformance with ASTM D 395, method B.

5.1.7 Heat aging. Testing shall be in accordance with ASTM D865 for TA compounds. Test specimens shall be cut with a die conforming to die C of ASTM D412.

5.2 Suffix letter requirements. Testing for conformance with suffix letter requirements shall be accomplished in conformance with the applicable requirements of table II, in order to determine compliance with the applicable requirements of section 4.

Table II - Testing for suffix letter requirements

Suffix letter	Test method
A, A <sub>1</sub> , A <sub>4</sub> , and A <sub>6</sub>	Use ASTM D 573 at 158 or 212°F (70°C or 100°C) or ASTM D 865 at 250°F (121°C) or over. Test specimens shall be cut with a die conforming to die C of ASTM D 412. Subsequent to testing for change in durometer hardness, tensile strength and ultimate elongation of the aged specimens, one part of the broken specimen shall be bent back upon itself and be held in that position for 30 seconds. Temperature of the oven or tube and duration of the test shall be as specified in the applicable table.
B, B <sub>1</sub> and B <sub>3</sub>	ASTM D 395, method B
B <sub>7</sub>	ASTM D 1229 - 22 hours at -67°F (-55°C)
C <sub>1</sub> and C <sub>2</sub>	ASTM D 1149 - Test specimen size shall be 1 inch (25.4 mm) wide, 3-3/4 inches (95.25 mm) long and 0.075 (1.91 mm) to 0.125 (3.175 mm) inch thick. Specimens shall be mounted in accordance with the requirements of ASTM D 518, method B, except that the length of the clamping strips shall be such as to facilitate placement within the test chamber of the ozone cabinet. Duplicate specimens from each composition or item being tested for conformance to this suffix letter shall be tested for conformance to suffix letter C <sub>1</sub> shall be exposed for 7 days to an ozone concentration of 50 ± 5 parts per hundred million of air at a temperature of 100 ± 2°F (38 ± 1°C). At the end of the exposure time the specimens shall be examined under a seven power magnifier. Samples being tested for conformance with suffix letter C <sub>2</sub> shall be exposed for 7 days to an ozone concentration of 50 ± 3 parts per hundred million of air at a temperature of 100 ± 2°F (38 ± 1°C) after oven exposure for 70 hours at 158°F (70°C). At the end of the exposure time, the specimen shall be examined under a seven power magnifier.
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E <sub>1</sub> , E <sub>3</sub> , E <sub>4</sub> , and E <sub>5</sub>	ASTM D471. Specimens that are being tested for conformance with the requirements of Suffix E <sub>1</sub> shall be tested in ASTM Oil No. 1; those with Suffix E <sub>3</sub> in ASTM Oil No. 3; those with Suffix E <sub>4</sub> in ASTM Service Fluid 100; those with Suffix E <sub>5</sub> in ASTM Reference Fuel B.
F <sub>1</sub> , F <sub>2</sub> , F <sub>3</sub> , F <sub>7</sub> , & F <sub>13</sub>	ASTM D2137, Method A. Five type B specimens shall be tested at one time. Paragraph 9.3.2 of ASTM D2137 shall be used to determine acceptance or failure of compositions tested. Specimens being tested for conformance to Suffix F <sub>1</sub> requirements shall be conditioned for $3.0 \pm 0.5$ minutes in liquid at $-40^\circ \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ( $-40 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then tested. Specimens being tested for conformance to Suffix F <sub>2</sub> requirements shall be conditioned for $3.0 \pm 0.5$ minutes in liquid at $-67 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ( $-55 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then tested. Specimens being tested for conformance to Suffix F <sub>3</sub> requirements shall be conditioned for 3 minutes in liquid at $-103 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ ( $-75 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then tested. Specimens being tested for conformance to Suffix F <sub>7</sub> requirements shall be conditioned for 22 hours in air at $-67 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$ ( $-55 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then tested. Specimens being tested for conformance to Suffix F <sub>13</sub> requirements shall be conditioned for 7 days in air at $-103 \pm 3^\circ\text{F}$ ( $-75 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ) and then tested.
G	ASTM D 624 - The specimen shall be cut with a die conforming to die B.
H	ASTM D 813
J	ASTM D 2228
K <sub>1</sub>	ASTM D 429, Method B
K <sub>2</sub>	The procuring activity shall determine the method of testing for conformance to this suffix letter.
L	ASTM D 471
M	<p>The testing apparatus shall consist of (1) a metal chamber, 12 inches (304.8 mm) wide by 14 inches (355 mm) deep by 24 inches (609.6 mm) tall, open at the top and front; (2) a Tirrell burner with a 3/8 inch (9.53 mm) bore and 4 inches (101.6 mm) long above the primary air inlets; (3) a watch or clock with a sweep second hand; and (4) a supply of illuminating gas at normal pressure.</p> <p>The specimens shall be 10 inches (254 mm) long, 1/2 inch (12.7 mm) wide and 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) thick. Not less than three specimens shall be tested. The specimen shall be marked at a distance of 2 inches (50.8 mm) from each end,</p>

	and centered in a horizontal position in the test chamber, on supports 8 inches (203 mm) apart and clamped at each end. The burner shall be adjusted to provide a flame approximately 5 inches (127 mm) high, having an inner blue cone approximately 1.5 inches (38.1 mm) high. The burner shall be placed beneath the specimen midway between the supports in such a manner that the flame of the core just touches the underside of the specimen. The burner shall be left in this position for 30 seconds, then removed and the flame extinguished. The rate of flame travel (total inches divided by time of test) along the 6 inch (152.4 mm) test length shall then be calculated and the average of the three specimens shall be reported as the flame propagation time.
N	The procuring activity shall determine the method of testing for conformance to this suffix letter.
P	ASTM D 925, method B - The metal panels shall be finished with olive drab enamel conforming to Specification TT-E-529 and shall be aged 48 hours prior to the test. Exposure shall be 24 hours at $140 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $60 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).
R	ASTM D 945, part A
S <sub>1</sub> , S <sub>2</sub> , and S <sub>11</sub>	ASTM D 1053 - The general procedures of this method shall be used, with the exception of those sections that are in conflict with the following. The angle of specimen twist shall be determined at only one temperature ( $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) ( $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for testing samples for compliance with S <sub>1</sub> or S <sub>11</sub> requirements or $-67^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for testing samples for compliance with S <sub>2</sub> requirements. Test specimen dimensions shall be as follows: Thickness -- $0.085 \pm .025$ inch ( $2.16 \pm 0.64$ mm); free span specimen length -- $1.0 \pm .10$ inch ( $25.4 \pm 2.54$ mm); width -- $0.125 \pm .005$ inch ( $3.175 \pm 0.13$ mm). Only one wire shall be used for the test. The wire shall be $2.6 \pm .3$ inches ( $66 \pm 7.62$ mm) long and have a torsional constant of 0.500 gram-force-centimeter per degrees of twist (color code yellow). For liquid heat transfer media the temperature of the bath surrounding the entire test specimens shall be controlled to within $\pm 1.8^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $\pm 1.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and the specimen shall be conditioned $5 \pm 0.5$ minutes. (The liquid heat transfer media and temperature control as described within ASTM D 2137 are suitable.) For gaseous media the temperature of the bath surrounding the entire test specimens shall be controlled to within $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$ ( $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and specimens shall be conditioned one hour for S <sub>1</sub> or S <sub>2</sub> and 7 days for S <sub>11</sub> requirements. Not less than three specimens shall be tested from each sample submitted, for conformance with the twist requirements of table 1. If one of the three specimens tested fails to meet the minimum twist requirements for its thickness, three additional specimens shall be tested. Failure of any one of the second set of specimens shall constitute failure of the sample.

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Z	See 4.5.18
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5.3 Acceptance tests. The requirements for rejections and retesting shall be established by the procuring activity. It is recognized that deviations by the purchaser may be permitted to the extent of 10 percent tensile and elongation only when test specimens are cut from parts instead of test slabs due to variations in shape factor, grain effect and knitting of the rubber composition.

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Table III - Physical Requirements of Rubber Compositions - Type R, Class RN

Basic Requirements					Requirements Added by Suffix Letter						
Grade number	Durometer hardness number	Tensile strength min. psi MPa	Ultimate elongation, min., %	Compression set after 22 hr. at 158 F (70 C) max., %	Suffix A Heat aged 70 hr. at 158 F (70 C)			Suffix B Compression set after 22 hr. at 158 F (70 C) max., %	Suffix D load at 20% deflection		Suffix R Yerzley resilience at 20% deformation min., %
					Hardness change, %	Tensile strength change, %	Elongation change, %		psi	MPa	
RN 310	30 ± 5	1000 7.0	400	50	+10	-20	-30	25	70 ± 10	0.483 ± 0.069	80
315		1500 10.5	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
320		2000 14.0	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
325		2500 17.5	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 410	40 ± 5	1000 7.0	500	"	"	"	"	"	100 ± 15	0.689 ± 0.103	75
*415		1500 10.5	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*420		2000 14.0	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
425		2500 17.5	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
430		3000 21.0	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 510	50 ± 5	1000 7.0	400	"	"	"	"	"	140 ± 20	0.965 ± 0.138	70
*515		1500 10.5	400	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*520		2000 14.0	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*525		2500 17.5	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
530		3000 21.0	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
535		3500 24.5	600	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 610	60 ± 5	1000 7.0	300	"	"	"	"	"	195 ± 30	1.344 ± 0.207	60
*615		1500 10.5	350	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*620		2000 14.0	400	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*625		2500 17.5	450	"	"	"	"	"	"		
630		3000 21.0	450	"	"	"	"	"	"		
635		3500 24.5	500	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 710	70 ± 5	1000 7.0	200	"	"	"	"	"	300 ± 70	2.068 ± 0.483	50
*715		1500 10.5	250	"	"	"	"	"	"		
*720		2000 14.0	300	"	"	"	"	"	"		
725		2500 17.5	300	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 810	80 ± 5	1000 7.0	150	"	"	"	"	"	475 ± 100	3.275 ± 0.70	
815		1500 10.5	150	"	"	"	"	"	"		
820		2000 14.0	200	"	"	"	"	"	"		
RN 910	90 ± 5	1000 7.0	100	"	"	"	"	"	"		
915		1500 10.5	150	"	"	"	"	"	"		

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Table V - Physical Requirements of Rubber Compositions - Type S, Class SA

Basic requirements					Requirements called by suffix letter									
Grade number	Durometer hardness number	Tensile strength min.		Ultimate elongation, min., %	Oil aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C) ASTM Oil #3	Volume change %	Compression set after 22 hr. at 158 F (70 C) max., %	Suffix A <sub>1</sub> Heat aged 70 at 212 F (100 C)			Suffix B <sub>1</sub> Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C) max., %	Suffix E <sub>3</sub> Oil aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C) ASTM Oil #3		
		psi	MPa					Hardness change, max.	Tensile change, max.	Elongation change, max., %		Hardness change (limits)	Tensile change	Elongation change
SA 405	40 ± 5	500	3.5	400	0 to +10	60	Compression set after 22 hr. at 158 F (70 C) max., %	+10	-15	-30		-5 to +10	-20	-40
SA 505	50 ± 5	500	3.5	400	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
SA 605	60 ± 5	500	3.5	300	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
610		1000	7.0	300	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
620		2000	14.0	300	"	"	"	"	"	"	50	"	"	"
SA 705	70 ± 5	500	3.5	250	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
710		1000	7.0	250	"	"	"	"	"	"	50	"	"	"
720		2000	14.0	300	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
SA 805	80 ± 5	500	3.5	150	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
810		1000	7.0	150	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
SA 905	90 ± 5	500	3.5	100	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"
910		1000	7.0	100	"	"	"	"	"	"		"	"	"

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Table VI - Physical Requirements of Rubber Compositions - Type S, Class SB

Grade number	Durometer hardness number	Basic requirements		Requirements added by suffix letter									
		Tensile strength min. psi	Ultimate elongation %	Oil aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 F) ASTM Oil #3	Compression set 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C), max. %	Suffix A <sub>1</sub>				Suffix B <sub>1</sub>			
						Heat aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile strength, max. %	Elongation change, max. %	Compression set after 70 hr at 212 F (100 C), max. %	Tensile strength, max. %	Elongation change, max. %	Change in durometer hardness	Volume change %
SB 410	40 ± 5	1000	7.0	0 to +60	60	Heat aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	-20	-40	35	-45	-10 to +5	0 to 25	+50
SB 415		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 505	50 ± 5	300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 510		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
*515		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 620	60 ± 5	2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 605		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
*610		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
*615		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 705	70 ± 5	2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 710		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
*715		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 720		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 725		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 805	80 ± 5	2500	17.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 810		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 815		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 910	90 ± 5	1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 915		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 920		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 925		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 930		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 935		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 940		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 945		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 950		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 955		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 960		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 965		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 970		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 975		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 980		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 985		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 990		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 995		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1000		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1005		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1010		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1015		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1020		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1025		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1030		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1035		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1040		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1045		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1050		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1055		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1060		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1065		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1070		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1075		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1080		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1085		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1090		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1095		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1100		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1105		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1110		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1115		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1120		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1125		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1130		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1135		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1140		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1145		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1150		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1155		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1160		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1165		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1170		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1175		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1180		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1185		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1190		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1195		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1200		300	3.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1205		1000	7.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1210		1500	10.5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
SB 1215		2000	14.0	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Table VII - Physical Requirements of Synthetic Rubber Compositions - Type S, Class SC

Grade number	Durometer hardness number	Tensile strength min. psi	Tensile strength min. MPa	Ultimate elongation %	Oil aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C) ASTM Oil #3	Requirements added by suffix letter				
						Suffix A <sub>1</sub>	Suffix B <sub>1</sub>	Suffix E <sub>3</sub>	Suffix R	Suffix E <sub>5</sub>
						Heat aged 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	70 hr. at 212 F (100 C) ASTM Oil #3	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	7 days at room temp. ASTM Fuel B
SC 305	30 ± 5	500	3.5	300	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	400		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	400		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	400		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
SC 405	40 ± 5	500	3.5	300	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	400		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	400		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	400		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
SC 505	50 ± 5	500	3.5	300	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	300		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	350		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	400		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
SC 605	60 ± 5	500	3.5	300	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	300		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	300		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	350		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
SC 705	70 ± 5	500	3.5	200	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	200		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	250		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	300		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
SC 725	72 ± 5	500	3.5	300	Volume change %	Hardness change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)	Tensile change, HX, %	Verzley Resilience at 30% defln.	Volume change % max.
		1000	7.0	300		Tensile change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		1500	10.5	300		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			
		2000	14.0	300		Change, HX, %	Compression set after 70 hr. at 212 F (100 C)			

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Table VII - Physical Requirements of Synthetic Rubber Compositions - Type S, Class SC (cont'd)

Basic requirements					Requirements added by suffix letter									
SC	80 ± 5	500 1000 1500 2000	3.5 7.0 10.5 14.0	100 100 100 100	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
805														
810														
815														
820														
905	90 ± 5	500	3.5	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
910		1000	7.0	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
915		1500	10.5	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

TABLE VII  
Requirements Of Synthetic Rubber Compositions Type T, Class TA

Basic Requirements										Regulatory Limits Added to Suffix Letter									
Grade Number	Surrometer Number	Tensile strength min.		Elongation min. %	Heat aged 70 hrs. at 437 F (225 C)	Low temp. brittleness ASTM D746 Procedure B at -67 F (-35 C)	Suffix B 70 hrs at 302 F (150 C)			Suffix E 70 hr. at 302 F (150 C)			Suffix O Tear strength min.		Suffix L Water absorption after 70 hr. boiling in water volume change max. %				
		psi	KPa				Change, Max. %	Penetration, Max. %	Volume Change, Max. %	Change, Max. %	Change, Max. %	lb./in.	mm/m						
TA405	40 A 5	500	3.5	200	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-30	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA406	40 A 5	500	3.5	200	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-	-	-	-	-	+5			
TA407	40 A 5	700	5.0	250	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-	-	-	-	-	+5			
TA505	50 A 5	500	3.5	200	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-30	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA506	50 A 5	600	4.5	250	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-30	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA507	50 A 5	700	5.0	300	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-30	-60	-	100	-	+5			
TA510	50 A 5	1000	7.0	500	+15	-50	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-	-	-	150	-	+5			
TA511	50 A 5	1000	7.0	500	+15	-50	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-	-	-	150	-	+5			
TA512	50 A 5	1200	8.5	600	+15	-50	-15	-20	-20	0 to +20	-	-	-	150	-	+5			
TA605	60 A 5	500	3.5	100	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-35	-60	-	40	-	+5			
TA606	60 A 5	600	4.5	150	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA607	60 A 5	700	5.0	200	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA608	60 A 5	800	5.5	250	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	80	-	+5			
TA610	60 A 5	1000	7.0	300	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	100	-	+5			
TA611	60 A 5	1000	7.0	300	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	100	-	+5			
TA612	60 A 5	1200	8.5	400	+15	-50	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-35	-60	-	150	-	+5			
TA705	70 A 5	500	3.5	75	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-40	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA706	70 A 5	600	4.5	100	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-40	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA708	70 A 5	800	5.5	125	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-40	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA710	70 A 5	1000	7.0	200	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-40	-60	-	100	-	+5			
TA805	80 A 5	500	3.5	50	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-45	-60	-	-	-	+5			
TA806	80 A 5	600	4.5	100	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-45	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA807	80 A 5	700	5.0	150	+10	-25	-15	-20	-20	0 to +10	-45	-60	-	50	-	+5			
TA810	80 A 5	1000	7.0	200	+15	-50	-15	-20	-20	0 to +15	-45	-60	-	80	-	+5			

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Table IX - Physical Requirements of Synthetic Rubber Compositions - Type T, Class TB

Requirements added by suffix letter																		
Grade number	Durometer hardness number	Tensile strength min. psi KPa	Ultimate elongation min. %	Compression set after 70 hr at 302 F (150 C), max. %	Suffix A						Suffix E				Suffix F			
					Heat aged 70 hr. at 347 F (175 C)		Hardness change max. %	Elongation change max. %	Hardness change max. %	Tensile change max. %	Elongation change max. %	Volume change %	Hardness change	Tensile change max. %	Elongation change, max. %	Volume change %		
TB 405	40 ± 5	500 3.5	200	60	0 to +10	-30	-50	-10	-30	-20	0 to +20	-5 to +10	-10	-10	-3 to +5			
TB 510	50 ± 5	1000 7.0	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
TB 610	60 ± 5	1000 7.0	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
615		1500 10.5	200	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
TB 710	70 ± 5	1000 7.0	150	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
715		1500 10.5	150	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
TB 810	80 ± 5	1000 7.0	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
815		1500 10.5	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			

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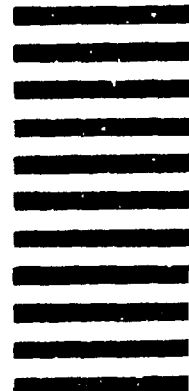
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