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Standard Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers manufacturing and testing of rubber insulating sleeves for protection of workers from electrical shock.

1.2 Two types of sleeves are provided and are designated as Type I, nonresistant to ozone, and Type II, resistant to ozone.

1.3 Five classes of sleeves, differing in electrical characteristics, are provided and are designated as Class 0, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, and Class 4.

1.4 Two styles of sleeves, differing in configuration, are provided and are designated as Style A, straight taper, and Style B, curved elbow.

1.5 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. See ASTM SI 10.

1.6 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Sections 16-19, 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.* Specific safety hazards statements are given in 18.2.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:* [2]

D 149 Test Method for Dielectric Breakdown Voltage and Dielectric Strength of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials at Commercial Power Frequencies

D 297 Test Methods for Rubber Products—Chemical Analysis

D 412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension

D 518 Test Method for Rubber Deterioration—Surface Cracking

D 570 Test Method for Water Absorption of Plastics

D 573 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven

D 624 Test Method for Tear Strength of Conventional Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers

D 1149 Test Method for Rubber Deterioration—Surface Ozone Cracking in a Chamber

D 1415 Test Method for Rubber Property—International Hardness

D 2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

D 2865 Practice for Calibration of Standards and Equipment for Electrical Insulating Materials Testing

F 819 Terminology Relating to Electrical Protective Equipment for Workers

SI 10 Standard for Use of the International System of Units (SI): The Modern Metric System

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *color splash*—a splash, smear, or streak of contrasting color evident on the inside or outside of the sleeves that was deposited during the dripping operation and is vulcanized into the sleeve as part of the homogeneous compound.

3.1.2 *halogenation treatment*—exposure of the entire sleeve surface area to a halogen for the purpose of reducing surface friction.

3.1.3 *user*—the employer or entity purchasing the equipment to be utilized by workers for their protection; in the absence of such an employer or entity, the individual purchasing and utilizing the protective equipment.

3.1.4 For definitions of other terms, refer to Terminology F 819.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification covers the minimum electrical, chemical, and physical properties guaranteed by the manufacturer and the detailed procedures by which such properties are to be determined. The purchaser at his option may perform or have performed any of these tests in order to verify the

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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.

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guarantee. Claims for failure to meet the specification are subject to verification by the manufacturer.

4.2 Sleeves are used for personal protection; therefore, when authorizing their use, a margin of safety shall be allowed between the maximum voltage on which they are used and the proof-test voltage at which they are tested. The relationship between proof-test voltage and the maximum voltage at which the sleeves shall be used is shown in Table 1.

4.3 Work practices vary from user to user, dependent upon many factors. These may include but are not limited to, operating system voltages, construction design, work procedure techniques, weather conditions, and so forth. Therefore, except for the restrictions set forth in this specification because of design limitations, the use and maintenance of this equipment is beyond the scope of this specification.

4.4 It is common practice and the responsibility of the user of this type of protective equipment to prepare complete instructions and regulations to govern the correct and safe use of such equipment.

5. Classification

5.1 Sleeves covered under this specification shall be designated as Type I or Type II; Class 0, Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, and Class 4; and Style A or Style B.

5.1.1 *Type I*, nonresistant to ozone, made from a high-grade *cis*-1,4-polyisoprene rubber compound of natural or synthetic origin, properly vulcanized.

5.1.2 *Type II*, resistant to ozone, made of any elastomer or combination of elastomeric compounds.

5.1.3 The class designation shall be based on the electrical properties as shown in Table 1.

5.1.4 *Style A*, straight taper design.

5.1.5 *Style B*, curved elbow design.

6. Ordering Information

6.1 Orders for sleeves under this specification should include the following information:

6.1.1 Type,

6.1.2 Class,

6.1.3 Style,

6.1.4 Size,

6.1.5 Color, and

6.1.6 With or without halogenation treatment.

6.2 The listing of types, classes, styles, sizes, and colors is not intended to mean that all shall necessarily be available from manufacturers; it signifies only that, if made, they shall conform to the details of this specification.

TABLE 1 Proof Test/Use Voltage Relationship

Class of Sleeve	AC Proof-Test Voltage rms V	DC Proof-Test Voltage avg, V	Maximum Use Voltage [A] ac (rms), V
0	5 000	20 000	1 000
1	10 000	40 000	7 500
2	20 000	50 000	17 000
3	30 000	60 000	26 500
4	40 000	70 000	36 000

[A] Except for Class 0 sleeves, the maximum use voltage is based on the following formula:

Maximum use voltage (maximum nominal design voltage) = 0.95 ac proof-test voltage – 2000 V

7. Manufacture and Marking

7.1 The sleeves shall be produced by a seamless process.

7.2 Sleeves shall have a smooth finish and self-reinforced edges.

7.3 The holes provided in sleeves for the purposes of strap or harness attachments shall have non-metallic reinforced edges and shall be nominally 8 mm (5⁄16 in.) in diameter.

7.4 Each sleeve shall be marked clearly and permanently with the name of the manufacturer or supplier, ASTM D1051, type, class, size, and right or left. All such marking shall be confined to the shoulder flap area and shall be nonconducting and applied in such a manner as to not impair the required properties of the sleeves.

7.4.1 A label shall be used to identify the voltage class: Class 0—red, Class 1—white, Class 2—yellow, Class 3—green, and Class 4—orange. The other required information in 7.4 may be placed on the label or molded directly into the sleeve.

7.4.2 To minimize problems of marking and identification, the following standard abbreviations may be used: Regular (Rg), Large (Lg), Extra Large (XLg), and Class 1 (1), Class 2 (2), and so forth. Right or left shall not be abbreviated.

7.4.3 At the request of the user, the sleeves may be given a halogenation treatment to reduce surface friction. This treatment shall have no detrimental effect upon the electrical, chemical or physical properties of the sleeves.

8. Chemical and Physical Requirements

8.1 Sleeve test material taken from sample sleeves selected in accordance with 13.2 shall conform to the physical requirements in Table 2 and the accelerated aging in 19.2.5.

8.2 In the event of a dispute, the identification of the rubber polymer in Type I sleeves shall be performed in accordance with 19.1.1.

8.3 The Type II sleeve material shall show no visible effects from ozone when tested in accordance with 18.7. Any visible signs of ozone deterioration of the sleeve material such as checking, cracking, breaks, pitting, and so forth, shall be considered as evidence of failure to meet the requirements of Type II sleeves. In case of dispute, Method A of the ozone resistance test shall be the referee test.

9. Electrical Requirements

9.1 Each sleeve shall be given a proof test and shall withstand the 60-Hz ac proof-test voltage (rms value) or the dc

TABLE 2 Physical Requirements

Property	Type I	Type II
Tensile strength, min, Die C, MPa (psi)	17.2 (2500)	10.3 (1500)
Tensile stress at 200 %, max, MPa (psi)	2.1 (300)	2.1 (300)
Ultimate elongation, min, %	600	500
Tension set, max at 400 %, %	25	25
Tear resistance, min, kN/m (lbf/in.)	21 (120)	14 (80)
Puncture resistance, min, kN/m (lbf/in.)	18 (100)	18 (100)
Hardness, Shore A, max	47	47
Moisture absorption, max, %	1.5	1.5

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proof-test voltage (average value) specified in Table 1. The proof test shall be performed in accordance with Section 18. The voltage shall be applied continuously for 3 min.

9.2 Sample sleeve material selected in accordance with 13.2, when tested between 50-mm (2-in.) disk electrodes with edges rounded to a radius of 6 mm (0.25 in.), shall show a 60-Hz dielectric strength of not less than 14.8 MV/m (375 V rms/mil) of specimen thickness for each individual test.

10. Dimensions and Permissible Variations

10.1 Sample sleeves selected in accordance with 13.2 shall fall within the thickness limits specified in Table 3 when measured in accordance with 17.1.

10.2 Sample sleeves selected in accordance with 13.2 shall fall within the dimension limits specified in Table 4 for each size and style when measured in accordance with 17.2 in conjunction with Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. Variations in sleeve length and wrist dimensions are acceptable when required to meet special physical requirements.

10.2.1 The taper of sleeves should be uniform as this is significant because of the advent of dry-form electrical testing.

11. Workmanship and Finish

11.1 Sleeves shall be free on both inner and outer surfaces of harmful physical irregularities that can be detected by thorough test and inspection.

11.1.1 Harmful physical irregularities may be defined as any feature that disrupts the uniform, smooth surface contour and represents a potential hazard to the user, such as pinholes, cracks, blisters, cuts, conductive embedded foreign matter, creases, pinch marks, voids (entrapped air), prominent ripples, and prominent mold marks.

11.2 Nonharmful physical irregularities may be defined as surface irregularities present on the inner and outer surfaces of the rubber sleeve due to imperfections on forms or molds and inherent difficulties in the manufacturing process. These irregularities may appear as mold marks that look like cuts even though they are actually a raised ridge of rubber, indentations, protuberances, embedded foreign material, or color splashes that are acceptable provided that:

11.2.1 The indentations, protuberance or mold marks tend to blend into a smooth slope upon stretching of the material.

11.2.2 The rubber thickness at any irregularity conforms to the thickness requirements.

11.2.3 Foreign material remains in place when the sleeve is folded and stretched with the material surrounding it.

11.2.4 Color splashes are no longer than 3 mm in any direction on a surface of the sleeve.

TABLE 3 Thickness

Class of Sleeve	Minimum		Maximum	
	mm	in.	mm	in.
0	0.51	0.020	1.02	0.040
1	0.76	0.030	1.52	0.060
2	1.27	0.050	2.54	0.100
3	1.90	0.075	2.92	0.115
4	2.54	0.100	3.56	0.140

12. Guarantee

12.1 The manufacturer or supplier shall replace, without charge to the purchaser, unused sleeves which, at any time within a period of 9 months from date of initial delivery of shipment to the purchaser or designee, fail to pass the tests in this specification. This guarantee will be binding on the manufacturer or supplier only if the sleeves have been properly stored and have not been subjected to more than an original acceptance test and one retest.

12.2 Any acceptance test made by the purchaser or the purchaser's designee, shall be performed within the first two months of the guarantee period unless otherwise specified.

NOTE 1—Proper storage means that sleeves are stored right side out, not distorted and not stored directly above or in proximity to steam pipes, radiators, or other sources of artificial heat, or exposed to direct sunlight or other sources of ozone. It is desirable that the ambient storage temperature shall not exceed 35°C (95°F).

13. Sampling

13.1 Each sleeve in a lot or shipment shall be subject to inspection and test to meet the requirements of Sections 7, 11, and 15, and 9.1.

13.2 An original sample of 1 % of the lot or shipment or not less than two sleeves, whichever is greater, shall be selected at random from the lot or shipment for the test requirements of Sections 10 and 9.2. Where a failure occurs in the first sample, a second sample of the same quantity shall be selected and tested.

13.3 An original sample of 0.1 % of the lot or shipment or not less than two sleeves, whichever is greater, shall be selected at random from the lot or shipment for the test requirements of Section 8.

14. Rejection

14.1 Individual sleeves shall be rejected if they fail to meet requirements of Sections 7 and 11, 9.1 and the minimum thickness requirement of 10.1.

14.2 Individual sleeves may be rejected at the option of the purchaser if they fail to meet the requirements of Sections 15 and 10.2.

14.3 The entire lot or shipment of sleeves shall be rejected under any of the following conditions:

14.3.1 If 5 % or more, but not less than two sleeves, in a lot or shipment fail to meet the requirements of 9.1.

14.3.2 If two dielectric breakdowns that do not meet the requirements of 9.2 occur in the sample.

14.3.3 If one dielectric breakdown in the original sample and one or more dielectric breakdowns in the second sample fail to meet the requirements of 9.2.

14.3.4 If the sample of Type II sleeves using the sampling methods of 13.3 fails to meet the requirements of 8.3.

14.4 The testing shall be terminated and the manufacturer or supplier notified if, during the course of testing, the sleeves in a lot or shipment fail to meet the requirements of 8.3, 9.1, or 9.2, as determined by the rejection criteria of 14.3.1, 14.3.2, 14.3.3, or 14.3.4. The manufacturer or supplier may in such a case require the purchaser to submit proof that the test procedure and equipment conform to the appropriate paragraphs of Section 18. When such proof has been furnished, the

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