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Standard Specification for Asbestos Lap¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers asbestos lap, a felted asbestos product, having a minimum of 75 mass % of asbestos fiber.

1.2 The values stated in either SI units or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system shall be used independently of the other. Combining values from the two systems may result in non-conformance with the standard.

1.3 **Warning**—Breathing of asbestos dust is hazardous. Asbestos and asbestos products present demonstrated health risks for users and for those with whom they come into contact. In addition to other precautions, when working with asbestos-cement products, minimize the dust that results. For information on the safe use of chrysotile asbestos, refer to “Safe Use of Chrysotile Asbestos: A Manual on Preventive and Control Measures.”²

1.4 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test methods, Section 12, described in 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.* For specific safety hazard, see 1.3.

1.5 *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.*

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² Available from The Asbestos Institute, http://www.chrysotile.com/en/sr_use/manual.htm.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards*:³

D123 Terminology Relating to Textiles

D1118 Test Method for Magnetic Rating of Asbestos Fiber and Asbestos Textiles

D1918 Test Method for Asbestos Content of Asbestos Textiles

D2946 Terminology for Asbestos and Asbestos-Cement Products

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of other textile terms used in this specification refer to Terminology D123. For asbestos terms refer to Terminology D2946.

3.2 *Definitions*:

3.2.1 *asbestos*—a group of impure silicate minerals occurring in fibrous form.

3.2.2 *asbestos fiber*—the hydrous magnesium silicate serpentine mineral designated as chrysotile and having the empirical formula $\text{Mg}_3\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$.

3.2.3 *atmosphere for testing textiles*—for asbestos, air maintained at a relative humidity of $50 \pm 2\%$ at $21 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$.

3.2.4 *lap, n*—for asbestos, a flat compressed form of carded or otherwise felted asbestos fiber, with or without carrier fibers.

3.2.5 *magnetic rating (MR)*—an empirical value that reflects the effect of magnetic particles, such as magnetic iron compounds, in asbestos material as measured by a magnetic analyzer.

NOTE 1—Magnetic rating is not a quantitative measure of the number or mass of magnetic particles in the material.

4. Classifications

4.1 *Styles*—The style of asbestos lap refers to the physical construction. Two styles are available:

³ 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.

4.1.1 *Style 1*—A single compressed flat formation of carded or otherwise felted asbestos fibers, and

4.1.2 *Style 2*—A flat parallel assemblage of compressed carded asbestos slivers.

4.2 *Grades*—The grades of asbestos lap are based on the mass percentage of asbestos content as stated in [Table 1](#).

4.3 *Mass per Unit Length*—Asbestos lap is normally furnished in the following nominal linear densities:

g/m	[lb/100 yd]
20	[4]
50	[10]
70	[14]
100	[20]
150	[30]

Other linear densities may be furnished as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

4.4 *Types*:

4.4.1 Asbestos lap as made for the electrical industry is furnished in three types, classified on the basis of magnetic rating determinations (Test Method [D1118](#)) as follows:

4.4.2 *Type II (Magnetic Rating 0.75 Maximum)* is intended only for special applications where the asbestos is of primary importance as electrical insulation used on magnet wire and when used primarily as a dielectric.

4.4.3 *Type IV (Magnetic Rating 2.00 Maximum)* is intended for use where the asbestos is of secondary importance as electrical insulation and where it is applied in combination with other materials of comparably higher dielectric strength, as in the construction of heat and flame resistant electrical insulating walls over unit conductors of electric cables.

4.4.4 *Type VI (Magnetic Rating 4.00 Maximum)* is intended for use where the asbestos is of minor importance as a dielectric, as in the construction of filler or heat and flame resistant walls of electric cables or when used as a lining for control enclosures subject to exposure to electric arcs (arc chutes).

5. Ordering Information

5.1 State the style, grade, mass per unit length (weight), and quantity required.

5.2 If required for electrical insulation, state this requirement and the type needed.

5.3 Dimensions of the finished lap and the packaging are as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller. See [14.1](#).

6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 Asbestos lap shall be made from a uniformly carded or otherwise felted blend of fibers.

TABLE 1 Grades of Asbestos Lap

Grade	Asbestos Content, mass, %
Commercial	75 up to but excluding 80
Underwriters'	80 up to but excluding 85
A	85 up to but excluding 90
AA	90 up to but excluding 95
AAA	95 up to but excluding 99
AAAA	99 to 100 inclusive

7. Chemical Composition

7.1 *Asbestos Content*—The asbestos content of the particular grade shall be within the limits stated in [Table 1](#).

7.2 *Carrier Fibers*—The chemical composition of carrier fibers shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

8. Physical Properties

8.1 *Electromagnetic Properties*—The magnetic rating of the particular type of lap shall be within the limits in [4.4](#) to [4.4.4](#).

8.2 *Carrier Fibers*—The physical properties of the carrier fibers shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

9. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

9.1 *Mass per Unit Length*—The linear density in grams per metres [or pounds per 100 yards] shall conform to the limits stated in [Table 2](#).

9.2 *Width*—The width of the lap shall be within 6 mm [0.25 in.] of the width agreed upon by the purchaser and the seller.

10. Sampling

10.1 Take five sample rolls at random from each lot of 700 to 900 kg [1500 to 2000 lb] or fraction thereof.

11. Specimen Preparation

11.1 *Conditioning*—Condition all specimens in the atmosphere for testing asbestos textiles (without preconditioning) for a minimum of 4 h, or until the specimen shows no progressive change in mass of more than 0.1 % after an exposure of 0.5 h.

11.2 *Number of Specimens*:

11.2.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon, as when specified in an applicable material specification, take a number of specimens such that the user may expect at the 95 % probability level that the test result is more than 15.0 grains per linear yard [1.13 g/m] above or below the true average (for the lot). Determine the number of specimens as follows:

11.2.2 *Reliable Estimate of Standard Deviation*—When there is a reliable estimate of standard deviation(s) based upon extensive past records for similar materials tested in the user's laboratory as directed in the method, calculate the number of specimens using [Eq 1](#):

$$n = (t^2 \times s^2) / E^2 = 0.0170 \times s^2 \quad (1)$$

TABLE 2 Limits in Mass per Unit Length for Asbestos Lap

Nominal Mass per Unit Length	Permissible Range for 1-m [or 1-yd] Specimens			
	Average of Five Specimens		Individual Specimens	
g/m [lb/100 yd]	g/m	[lb/100 yd]	g/m	[lb/100 yd]
20 [4]	17.0 to 18.4	[3.43 to 3.71]	16.0 to 19.5	[3.21 to 3.93]
50 [10]	50.3 to 56.0	[10.14 to 11.29]	47.9 to 58.5	[9.64 to 11.79]
70 [14]	67.4 to 74.4	[13.57 to 15.00]	63.8 to 78.0	[12.86 to 15.71]
100 [20]	101.0 to 111.7	[20.36 to 22.50]	95.7 to 117.0	[19.29 to 23.57]
150 [30]	134.7 to 148.9	[27.14 to 30.00]	127.6 to 156.0	[25.71 to 31.43]