



Standard Specification for Emulsified Refined Coal-Tar (Driveway Sealer, Ready to Use, Primarily Residential Grade)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers mineral-colloid-stabilized, emulsified refined coal tar suitable for use as a weather-protective and petroleum (aliphatic) solvent resistant coating over bituminous concrete pavements.

1.2 Both products specified are prepackaged ready to use driveway sealers primarily for retail homeowner use.

1.3 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.

1.4 *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:*²

C136 Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates

C142 Test Method for Clay Lumps and Friable Particles in Aggregates

D140 Practice for Sampling Bituminous Materials

D490 Specification for Road Tar

D2939 Test Methods for Emulsified Bitumens Used as

Protective Coatings (Withdrawn 2012)³

D5727 Specification for Emulsified Refined Coal Tar (Mineral Colloid Type)

3. Terminology

3.1 For both types of mixtures, the ingredients are combined during the manufacturing process and shipped ready-to-use.

3.1.1 *Type I material*—a mixture of refined coal tar emulsion meeting Specification **D5727**, water, and optional additive.

3.1.2 *Type II material*—a mixture of refined coal tar emulsion meeting Specification **D5727**, water, aggregate, and optional additive.

4. Classification

4.1 This specification is designed to give specifying authorities the information necessary to ensure that the appropriate refined coal tar emulsion mixtures are specified for protecting bituminous concrete pavements where fuel resistance is required.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 *Base Refined Coal Tar Emulsion*—This emulsion shall be made using binders prepared from a high temperature refined coal tar conforming to the requirements of Specification **D490** for RT11 or higher. Base refined coal tar emulsion shall be in accordance with all requirements of Specification **D5727**.

5.2 *Aggregate*—Aggregate is used in Type II materials to improve traction and wearability. The aggregate shall be either a natural or manufactured aggregate composed of clean, hard, durable particles free of clay and other objectionable material when testing in accordance with Test Method **C142**. (Boiler slag has been used successfully.)

NOTE 1—It is recommended that the nominal maximum size of the aggregate not exceed 0.6 mm [No. 30] sieve when tested in accordance with Test Method **C136**.

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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.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 *Composition*—The refined coal tar emulsion seal coat shall consist of a mixture of ingredients listed in Section 5 for either specific Type I or II and shall meet all the requirements of Table 1.

6.2 *Aggregate Verification Test*—In order to verify that the proper amount of aggregate specified in Table 1 is contained in the mixture, conduct an aggregate content test according to Test Methods D2939.

TABLE 1 Physical Requirements for Emulsified Refined Coal tar (Mineral Colloid Type)

Laboratory Test Method ^A	Type I Characteristics		Type II Characteristics	
	min	max	min	max
Uniformity	Pass		Pass	
Wet film continuity	Pass		Pass	
Density at 25°C [77°F], gm/ml [lb/gal]	1.1 [9.0]	--	1.24 [10.3]	1.44 [12.0]
Residue by evaporation, %	37	--	40	--
Water content, %	--	63	--	60
Resistance to volatilization, residue weight loss, %	--	15	--	12
Solubility of residue in CS ₂ , %	25	--	20	--
Ash content of residue, %	30	40	39	58
Aggregate content test, %	0	0	9.7	50.0
Drying time, firm, set, h	--	8	--	8
Resistance to kerosene	Pass		Pass	
Resistance to water	Pass		Pass	
Flexibility	No flaking, cracking through to the substrate, or loss of adhesion to the substrate			

^ASee Test Methods D2939

NOTE 1—The customary mix designs in the sealing industry are based on the volume of concentrated Specification D5727 coal tar sealer. This specification does not follow the customary mix design because the product is a ready to use material purchased in a prepackaged pail primarily for the retail homeowner use without modification.

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6.3 The material, after stirring to homogeneity, shall be suitable for application brush, squeegee, roller, or suitable spray equipment without heating. The mixture shall be of suitable consistency for application by the selected method in single coats of approximately (depending on pavement texture) 2.9 to 4.9 m²/L [60 to 100 ft²/gal] without appreciable drainage on inclines up to 0.8 %. The mixture shall conform to the physical properties prescribed in Table 1 for Type I or Type II.

7. Sampling

7.1 Sample in accordance with Practice D140 and Test Methods D2939.

8. Inspection

8.1 Inspection of material shall be made as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

9. Packaging and Package Marking

9.1 Emulsion shall be packaged to permit acceptance by carrier for transportation and to afford adequate protection from normal hazards of handling and shipping.

9.2 Each package shall be plainly marked with the name and brand of the manufacturer/supplier, ASTM designation as well as the type or grade of the product, production code or lot number.

10. Keywords

10.1 bituminous pavement sealer; emulsified coal tar; mineral colloid