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RHW TUBING

SCOPE

This Quality Assurance Specification establishes the quality standard for a Heavy walled heat shrinkable polyolefin tubing, adhesive coated, not flame retarded.

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1. REVISION HISTORY

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2. REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The tubing shall be homogeneous and essentially free from pinholes, bubbles, cracks and inclusions, and the colour shall be black.

2.2 Dimensions

| Size | Minimum Inside Diameter as supplied mm | Maximum Inside Diameter after recovery mm | Minimum Wall Thickness after recovery (1) mm |
|--------|--|---|--|
| 9/3 | 9 | 3 | 2.0 |
| 13/4 | 13 | 4 | 2.4 |
| 20/6 | 20 | 6 | 2.5 |
| 33/8 | 33 | 8 | 3.2 |
| 43/12 | 43 | 12 | 4.3 |
| 51/16 | 51 | 16 | 4.5 |
| 70/21 | 70 | 21 | 4.4 |
| 85/25 | 85 | 25 | 4.3 |
| 105/30 | 105 | 30 | 4.3 |
| 130.36 | 130 | 36 | 4.3 |
| 160/50 | 160 | 50 | 4.3 |
| 180/50 | 180 | 50 | 4.3 |

⁽¹⁾ The wall thickness of the adhesive liner, as supplied, will typically be between 0.2 mm and 0.5 mm.

Tubing of special expanded or recovered dimensions may be supplied as specified in the contract or order.

2.3 Test Requirements

The test requirements shall be as specified in Table 1.

3. TEST METHODS

Test methods shall be in accordance with IEC 60684-2, unless otherwise specified.

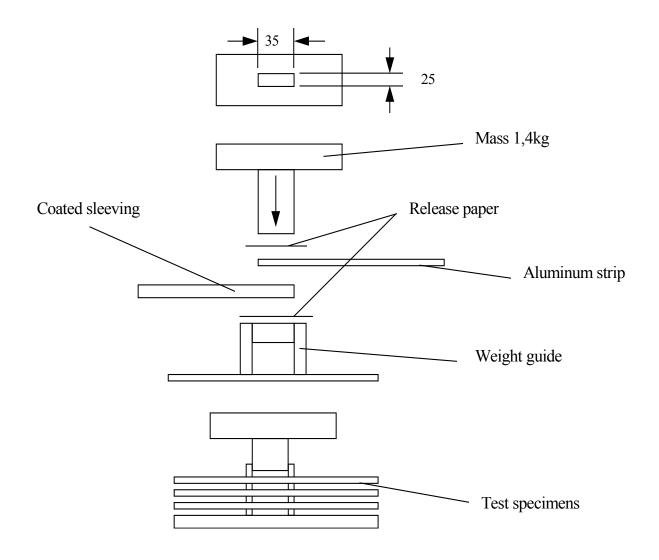
3.1 Preparation of Test Specimens

Unless otherwise specified, tests shall be carried out on specimens of tubing recovered by conditioning in a fan assisted air circulating oven for 10 ± 2 minutes at $150^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ and allowed to cool in air to ambient temperature. No pre-conditioning period is required prior to testing. Unless otherwise specified, all tests shall be made under standard ambient conditions according to IEC Publication 212. In cases of dispute the tests shall be carried out at a temperature of $23 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and at $50 \pm 5\%$ relative humidity.

3.2 Adhesive Shear Strength

Three test specimens shall be prepared. Three strips of aluminum (100 mm x 25 mm x 1 mm thick) shall be abraded and degreased one side and end for approximately 20 mm. Three lengths of tubing at least 120 mm long shall be recovered in an oven for the time and temperature as specified in clause 3. Immediately after removal the tubing shall be cut open longitudinally and laid flat on the silicone release paper, with the inside coated surface in contact with the silicone paper. A weight of sufficient mass to keep the specimens flat shall be placed on top. This assembly shall be allowed to cool to room temperature before the weight is removed. Three specimens of the tubing shall be cut longitudinally, 100 ± 5 mm x 25 ± 1 mm. The aluminum strips and cut tubing specimens shall be assembled as shown in figure 1, with the coated surface of the tubing in contact with the abraded surface of the aluminum, overlapped between 12,5 and 14.2 mm. The 1.4 kg mass shall be pre-conditioned in an oven for at least 1 hour at the assembly conditioning temperature of $150 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C. The whole assembly, as shown in figure 1, shall be placed in an oven for 20 ± 2 minutes at 150 ± 5 °C. The assembly shall then be removed from the oven and allowed to cool to room temperature before the weight is removed. Insert the specimen in a tensile test machine by clamping at least 25 mm of the aluminum strip in the top jaw and at least 25 mm of the tubing in the bottom jaw. The rate of jaw separation shall be (50 ± 5) mm/min. Record the maximum breaking load for each specimen and calculate the average.

FIGURE 1 ASSEMBLY FOR SHEAR STRENGTH



4. RELATED STANDARDS & issue

| IEC 212: 1971 | Standard Conditions for Use Prior to and During Testing of Solid Electrical Insulating Materials |
|-------------------|--|
| IEC 60684-2 :1997 | Flexible insulating sleeving - Part 2: Methods of test |
| ISO 1817: 1999 | Rubber, vulcanized - Determination of the effect of liquids |
| ISO 846: 1997 | Plastics - Evaluation of the action of microorganisms. |

Subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of the above publications apply to this standard only when incorporated in it by updating or revision.

5. SAMPLING

Tests shall be carried out on a sample taken at random from each batch of finished tubing. A batch of tubing is defined as that quantity of tubing extruded at any one time.

Testing frequency shall be Production Routine or Qualification.

Production Routine tests shall consist of Visual Examination, Dimensions, Longitudinal change, Tensile Strength, Ultimate Elongation and Density.

Qualification tests shall be carried out to the requirements of the Design Authority.

6. PACKAGING

Packaging shall be in accordance with good commercial practice. Each package shall bear an identification label showing material quantity, description, size, colour and batch number. Additional information shall be supplied as specified in the contract or order.

TABLE 1 Test Requirements

| Test | Test Method | Test Requirements |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Visual Examination | - | In accordance with Clause 2.1 |
| Dimensions | IEC 60684-2 Clause 3 | In accordance with Clause 2.2 |
| Longitudinal Change | IEC 60684-2 Clause 9 | 0 to -15 % |
| Tensile Strength | IEC 60684-2 Clause 19.1 and 19.2 ① ③ | 12 MPa minimum |
| Ultimate Elongation | IEC 60684-2 Clause 19.1 and 19.2 ① | 350 % minimum |
| Secant Modulus at 2 % Elongation | IEC 60684-2 ③ Clause 19.4 | 150 MPa minimum |
| Density | IEC 60684-2 Clause 4 | 1.2 maximum |
| Bending at Low Temperature | IEC 60684-2 Clause 14 ② | $4h \pm 15$ min at -40 ± 2 °C No cracking |
| Heat Shock | IEC 60684-2 Clause 6 | $4h \pm 15$ min at 200 ± 5 °C No dripping, cracking or flowing of the jacket. |
| Heat Ageing | IEC 60684-2 Clause 39 | $168 \pm 2h \text{ at } 150 \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$ |
| - Tensile Strength | Clause 19.1 and 19.2 ① ③ | 12 MPa minimum |
| - Ultimate Elongation | Clause 19.1 and 19.2 ① | 350 % minimum |

① Use a jaw separation rate of 100 mm/min. Below 6.5 mm diameter test as sleeving; at 6.5 mm diameter and above as dumb-bells.

②For strips the mandrel shall be no more than 10 times the wall thickness. Full section tubing is tested unfilled and the mandrel shall be no more than 10 times the outer diameter.

³ Calculate the cross sectional area without the adhesive

TABLE 1 Test Requirements

| Test | Test Method | Test Requirements | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Breakdown Voltage | IEC 60684-2 Clause 21 | Supplied wall Thickness nom | Breakdown Voltage min |
| | Test as supplied | | |
| | | 0.7 mm | 8 kV |
| | | 0.8 mm | 9 kV |
| | | 1.0 mm | 12 kV |
| | | 1.4 mm | 17 kV |
| | | 1.5 mm | 18 kV |
| Volume Resistivity | IEC 60684-2 Clause 23 | 10 ¹² ohm.cm mini | mum |
| Water Absorption | IEC 60684-2 Clause 40 | $24 \pm 2h$ at $23 \pm 2^{\circ}$ 0.5% maximum (Based on total wa | |
| Resistance to Selected Fluids | IEC 60684-2 Clause 36 | For list of fluids a temperatures see | |
| - Tensile Strength | Clause 19.1 and 19.2 ① ③ | 10 MPa minimum | |
| - Ultimate Elongation | | 300% minimum | |
| Fungus Resistance | ISO 846 Method B, 56 days exposure | | |
| - Tensile Strength | IEC 60684-2 | 12 MPa minimum | |
| - Ultimate Elongation | Clause19.1 and 19.2 ① ③ | 350% minimum | |
| Adhesive Shear Strength | Clause 3.2 | 500 N minimum | |

TABLE 2 Resistance to Selected Fluids

| Fluids | Туре | Standard or Symbol | Immersion Temperature |
|------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Fuels | Gasoline | ISO 1817 Liquid B | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Kerosene | ISO 1817 Liquid F | 23 ± 2°C |
| Hydraulic Fluids | Phosphate Base | ISO 1817 Liquid 103 | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Silicone Base | S-1714* | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Mineral Base | H-520* | 23 ± 2°C |
| Oils | Synthetic Base | ISO 1817 Liquid 101 | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Mineral Base | ISO 1817 Oil No. 2 | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Mineral Base | O-1176* | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Mineral Base | O-142* | 23 ± 2°C |
| Cleaning Fluids | Solvent | Isopropyl alcohol | 23 ± 2°C |
| | | Propanol 25%, White Spirit 75% | 23 ± 2°C |
| | | Methyl Ethyl Ketone | 23 ± 2°C |
| De-icing Fluids | Runway de-icers | Inhibited Potassium Acetate in water, 50% | 23 ± 2°C |
| | Aircraft de-icers | Ethylene Glycol 80%, Water 20% | 23 ± 2°C |

^{*}These are commercially available fluids which can be identified in aviation fluid guides

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