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## Standard Specification for Adhesives for Fastening Gypsum Wallboard to Wood Framing<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification includes properties and covers minimum performance standards for adhesives intended to bond the back surface paper of gypsum wallboard to wood framing members.

1.2 This specification also covers test requirements and test methods for the adhesive used for the application of all thicknesses of gypsum wallboard.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered 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.*

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.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

C1396/C1396M Specification for Gypsum Board  
D905 Test Method for Strength Properties of Adhesive Bonds in Shear by Compression Loading  
D907 Terminology of Adhesives

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

E4 Practices for Force Verification of Testing Machines  
E177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in  
ASTM Test Methods

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Many terms in this specification are defined in Terminology D907.

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The specification applies to adhesives for bonding the back surface paper of gypsum wallboard of any thickness to wood-framing members.

4.2 This specification provides a basis for ensuring the quality of the adhesives.

4.3 Although the bonds rendered by these adhesives shall have enough strength by themselves to maintain the bond between adherends, they are not intended as a substitute for the common practice of using mechanical fasteners to maximize integrity of drywall-wood-framing structures.

4.4 The tests are suitable for products performance certification and quality control programs and can be useful to the general public, adhesive manufacturers, distributors, specifiers, architects, contractors, testing laboratories and other businesses and professionals

4.5 The results do not include all possible conditions, which may occur during final assembly, but indicate a set of performance characteristics for laboratory controlled bonding variables.

### 5. Adhesive Physical Property Requirements

5.1 *Adhesives*—The adhesives shall be uniform, homogeneous mixtures of elastomeric polymers or viscoelastic resins, or both, free of lumps or foreign matter.

5.1.1 *Workability*—When applied to the framing member with a caulking gun or notched trowel, or both, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, the adhesive shall exhibit a consistency capable of ensuring non-sagging properties.

5.1.2 *Open Time*—The adhesive shall have an open assembly time of between 10 to 20 min to give the user sufficient

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time to apply and, if necessary, reposition the gypsum wallboard at ambient temperatures, ranging from 40 to 100°F (4 to 38°C).

5.1.3 *Storage Life*—The adhesive shall remain serviceable and meet all the requirements of this specification for not less than six months after delivery, when stored in original unopened containers at temperatures ranging from 40 to 85°F (4 to 30°C).

## 6. Adhesive Performance Property Requirements

6.1 The adhesives shall conform to the requirements summarized in **Table 1**.

## 7. Sampling

7.1 The test adhesive sample size of 1 qt (approximately 1 L) is a minimum amount to complete one full series of testing. The sample is to be handled and stored according to the manufacturers recommendations. For qualification testing, the sample is to be representative of the final product for which recognition is sought.

## 8. Materials and Apparatus for Conducting Tests

8.1 *Gypsum Wallboard*— $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (12.7-mm) thick, complying with Specification **C1396/C1396M**; the dimensions are specified in each test.

8.2 *Plywood*— $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. (15.9-mm) or  $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. (15.1-mm) U.S. Product Standard PS-1-95 grade marked stamped commercial plywood, Group 1 Species, exterior glue, or sanded exterior grade plywood, underlayment type, with A grade face ply for the adhesion surface.

8.3 *Douglas-fir Dimension Lumber*—Nominal 2 by 4,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (38.0 by 38.0 by 89.0 mm); No. 1, straight-grained, and knot-free; the dimensions are specified in each test.

8.4 *Polyvinyl Acetate Adhesive*—Any commercially available product.

8.5 *Spacers*—No. 20 gauge (American Standard or B&S) bronze or brass wire  $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. (0.8-mm) diameter.

8.6 *Trowels*—Plastic or metal with  $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. (4.76-mm) deep V-notches.

8.7 *Compression Shear Test Fixture*—A compression-shear apparatus that is similar to, but of a larger scale than the fixture recommended in Test Method **D905**. A similar fixture is shown in **Fig. 1**.

8.8 *Tensile Test Fixture*—An assembly of one 5 by 5 by  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (127 by 127 by 12.7-mm) thick steel plate and two  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. by  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. thick by 6-in. long (38.1 by 38.1 by 6.4-mm thick by 152-mm long) steel angle sections. See **Fig. 2**.

8.9 *Scaffold Nails*—6d, common, double-head, smooth shaft, 0.113-in. (2.87-mm) diameter, 2 in. (51 mm) long.

8.10 *Testing Machine*—Any suitable testing machine that is capable of operation at a constant rate of motion of the moveable head and has a force measurement accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$  when calibrated in accordance with Practices **E4**.

8.11 *Wood Screw with Eyelet*—#6 by  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. (38.1-mm) long, with a  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. (9.5-mm) inside diameter eyelet.

8.12 *Plywood Shim*— $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. (15.9-mm) or  $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. (15.1-mm) thick plywood with dimensions of 4 by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. (101.6 by 88.9-mm) for shear test specimens and 4 by 4 in. (101.6 by 101.6-mm) for tensile test specimens.

## 9. Conditioning of Materials and Specimens (Standard Conditions)

9.1 Condition the gypsum wallboard, plywood, and Douglas-fir, lumber to a constant weight at  $73 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity, unless specified otherwise.

**TABLE 1 Adhesive Properties and Performance Requirements**

Test Method	Reference Number	Property	Condition	Requirements
Rate of shear strength development	<b>10.1.4</b>	shear strength	24 h at Std. Cond.	10 psi (69 kPa) min
	<b>10.1.5</b>	shear strength	14 days at Std. Cond.	40 psi (276 kPa) min
	<b>10.1.6</b>	shear strength	14 days at Std. Cond., + cyclic lab exposure, + 2 days at Std. Cond.	32 psi (220 kPa) min
	<b>10.1.7</b>	shear strength	(a) 178 N (40 lbf) for 24 h at Std. Cond. (b) 89 N (20 lbf) for 24 h at 100°F	no bond separation no bond separation
Rate of tensile strength development	<b>10.2.3</b>	tensile strength	24 h at Std. Cond.	15 psi (103 kPa) min
	<b>10.2.4</b>	tensile strength	14 days at Std. Cond.	25 psi (172 kPa) min
Adhesive open-time determination	<b>10.3</b>	open-time	24 h at Std. Cond.	75 % paper transfer, min
Substrate wet-out by adhesive				
1. Plywood	<b>10.4.1</b>	wet-out	spatula applied	good wetting property
2. Wallboard	<b>10.4.2</b>	wet-out	spatula applied	good wetting property
Bridging	<b>10.5</b>	gap filling	48 h at Std. Cond.	adhesive bond line is maintained - report paper failure %
Accelerated adhesive aging	<b>10.6</b>	accelerated aging	500 h at 70°C (158°F)	no fracture into separate pieces
Freeze-thaw stability	<b>10.7</b>	low-temperature storage	3 cycles of: 24 h at -17°C (0°F) + 24 h at Std. Cond.	no change in workability; 10 psi (69 kPa) shear strength, min
Suitability as a laminating adhesive for vinyl-covered wallboard	<b>10.8.1</b>	compatibility	24 h at 38°C (100°F)	no blistering, vinyl-film discoloration, or bond failure
	<b>10.8.2</b>	staining	1 h at Std. Cond.	no swelling or discoloration



FIG. 1 Shear Strength Test Specimen in Text Fixture

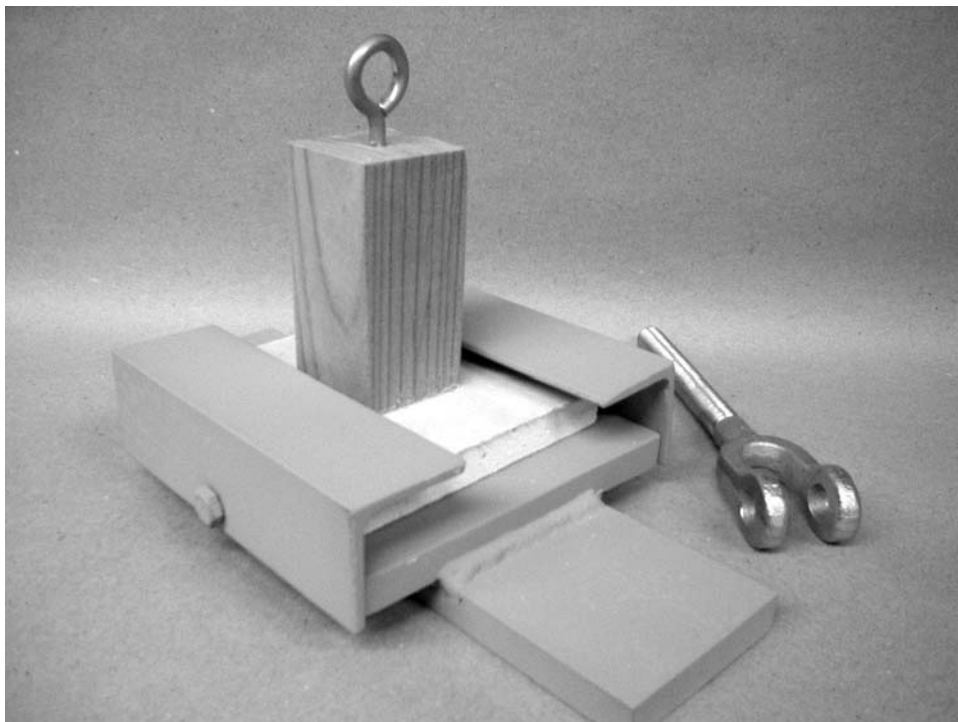


FIG. 2 Tensile Strength Specimen in Text Fixture

9.2 Subject all test adhesives and test specimens to standard conditioning for time period indicated at  $73 \pm 2^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity unless specified otherwise.

## 10. Test Methods

### 10.1 *Shear Strength (Rate-of-Shear Strength Development):*

**10.1.1 Preparation of Gypsum Wallboard-Plywood Laminates**—Each laminate is constructed by bonding a piece of 4 by 3½ by ½-in. thick (102 by 89 by 12.7-mm) gypsum wallboard front paper surface paper to a ⅝-in. (15.9 mm) or 1⅞-in. (15.1-mm) plywood shim of the same dimensions with a commercially available PVA adhesive. The plywood reinforces the gypsum wallboard to prevent fracture before the ultimate shear load can be achieved. The grain of the gypsum wallboard back surface paper is parallel with the 3½-in. (89-mm) direction.

**10.1.2 Preparation of Shear Strength Test Specimens**—Prepare the number of test specimens indicated in 10.1.4 – 10.1.7 by bonding a 4 by 3½ in. (102 by 89-mm) piece plywood to the previously prepared wallboard-plywood laminate as follows:

**10.1.2.1** Spread the test adhesive onto the plywood bonding surface with a trowel having ⅜-in. (4.8-mm) deep V-notches so that the adhesive ridges are parallel to the grain of wood. During application hold the trowel at an approximate 90° angle to the receiving surface.

**10.1.2.2** Insert six wire spacers No. 20 gauge at least 2-in. (51.0-mm) long in the joint 1-in. ± ⅛-in. (25.4 ± 1.6-mm). Position the spacers so that one is on the centerline of the bonded area (perpendicular to the ridges), and the others are 1-in. (25.4-mm) away from the center spacers and parallel to it.

**10.1.2.3** Allow an open time of 30 s ± 5 s upon completion of spreading.

**10.1.2.4** Squarely position the gypsum wallboard-plywood laminate back surface paper onto the adhesive coated plywood with the overlapping 2½ ± ⅛-in. (63.5 ± 1.6-mm), thus forming the 10-in.<sup>2</sup> (64.5-cm<sup>2</sup>) bonded area. See Fig. 3.

**10.1.2.5** Immediately following assembly, compress each test specimen under a uniformly distributed load of 15 lb (67 N) for a period of 3 to 3-½ min.

**10.1.2.6** After the 3 to 3-½ min period, remove the load, withdraw the spacers, wipe the excess adhesive from the bonded edges with a square-edged spatula taking care not to disturb the alignment of the bonded pieces.

**10.1.3 Shear Strength Determination**—After completing the appropriate conditioning, test the specimen in shear using a compression-shear test fixture as shown in Fig. 1. The bottom edge of the wallboard-plywood laminate rests on self-aligning seat as the test loading is simultaneously applied to the top edge of the single plywood. The stress applied is parallel and uniformly distributed to the bond line shear plane and requires careful orientation using shims and self-aligning apparatus as necessary. Determine the shear strength at a crosshead speed of 0.50-in/min (12.7-mm/min). Observations are made during stress application to ensure the test assembly maintains proper alignment and the fixture operates without binding or friction throughout the test. Record the maximum shear strength and the average shear strength for the 24 h, 14-day, cycle exposure, and static load test conditions.

**10.1.4 Shear Strength After 24 h:**

**10.1.4.1** Prepare five test assemblies using the procedure in 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

**10.1.4.2** After aging the assemblies 24 h ± 1 h at standard condition (9.1), determine the shear strength in accordance with 10.1.3.

**10.1.5 Shear Strength After 14 Days:**

**10.1.5.1** Prepare five test assemblies using the procedure in 10.1.1 to 10.1.2.

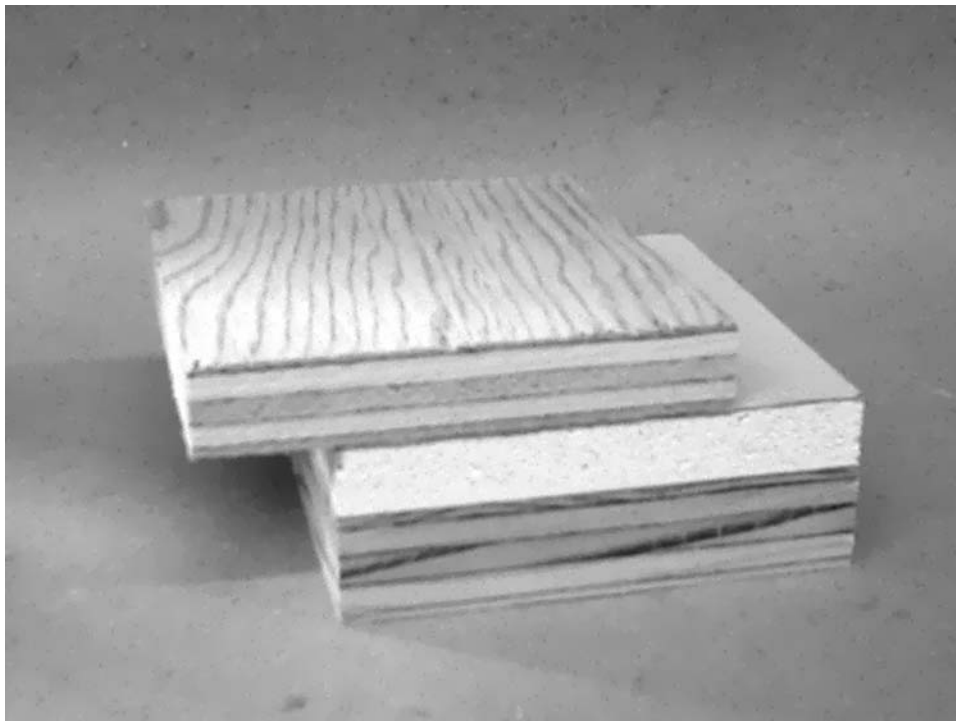


FIG. 3 Shear Strength Test Specimen Assembly



10.1.5.2 After aging the assemblies 14 days at standard condition (9.1), determine the shear strength in accordance with 10.1.3.

10.1.6 *Shear Strength After Cyclic Exposure:*

10.1.6.1 Prepare five test assemblies using the procedure in 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.1.6.2 After aging the assemblies 14 days at standard condition (9.1), process the assemblies through four complete cycles (see Table 2). Store the assemblies at standard conditions (9.1) for 24 h after each cycle.

10.1.6.3 At the end of the cycling, condition the test specimens for 2 days in standard conditions and determine the shear strength in accordance with 10.1.3.

10.1.7 *Shear Strength for Static Load:*

10.1.7.1 Prepare ten assemblies using the procedure in 10.1.1 and 10.1.2.

10.1.7.2 Condition the shear test specimens 14 days at standard conditions.

10.1.7.3 Subject five shear test specimens to a static load of 40 lbf (178 N) at  $73 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and five shear test specimens to 20 lbf (89 N) at  $100.2 \pm 2.0^\circ\text{F}$  ( $38 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) for a period of 24 h. When testing, the wallboard/plywood laminate should be fixed to a rigid frame. The full test load is applied to the unsupported single plywood side of the adhesive bondline.

10.1.7.4 At the end of the 24 h period, examine the test specimen bondline for indication of separation. Such separation is regarded as a failure.

10.2 *Tensile Strength (Rate of Tensile Strength Development):*

10.2.1 *Preparation of Tensile Test Specimens*—Prepare each tensile test specimen as follows:

10.2.1.1 Prepare the number of test specimens indicated in 10.2.3 and 10.2.4. Each tensile test specimen consists of a 4 by 4 by  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. (101.6 by 101.6 by 12.7 mm) thick gypsum wallboard, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in. (38 by 38 by 89 mm) Douglas-fir lumber block. See Fig. 4. If necessary reinforce the gypsum wallboard by constructing a gypsum wallboard-plywood laminate for testing with the method described in 10.1.1. Drill a pilot hole for the wood screw with eyelet at the approximate center into the Douglas-fir block end face. The pilot hole is drilled straight and parallel with the block's length. The wood screw with eyelet will be used for connecting the test specimen to the test machine. Install the wood screw into the pilot hole with sufficient thread engagement to withstand the tensile force application.

10.2.1.2 Bond the wallboard back surface paper to the Douglas-fir block by applying full coverage with sufficient adhesive to cause uniform squeeze-out of excess adhesive on

all sides when the bond area is compressed to a line thickness of approximately  $\frac{1}{32}$  in. (0.8 mm).

10.2.1.3 Insert and position two wire spacers, No. 20 gauge, at least 3 in. (76 mm) long into the bonded area with the spacers positioned  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. (6.3 mm) from each edge of the wood block.

10.2.1.4 Compress the bonded area of each tensile test specimen immediately under a load of  $5 \text{ lb} \pm 0.1 \text{ lb}$  (22 N) for 3 min.

10.2.1.5 Remove the weight and next the spacers. Scrape all excess adhesive away from edges using a square-tipped spatula, taking care to avoid disturbing the alignment. See Fig. 4.

10.2.2 *Tensile-Strength Determination*—Determine the tensile strength of the adhesive on a testing machine capable of providing loading at a rate of 60 lbf (267 N)/min. Position the tensile test specimen with the Douglas-fir wood block centered between the angles. Refer to Fig. 2. The tensile test fixture is mounted to a permanent base and includes self-alignment features to ensure the stress application is perpendicular to the joint until failure. Connect the tensile test specimen to the test machine by connecting the tension rod with clevis to the wood screw with the eyelet. Ensure the test assembly maintains proper alignment throughout the test. Record the maximum tensile strength of each specimen and the average tensile strength for the 24 h and 14 day tests.

10.2.3 *Tensile Strength After 24 h:*

10.2.3.1 Prepare five tensile test specimens using the procedure outlined in 10.2.1.

10.2.3.2 After conditioning the tensile test specimens 24 h at standard conditions, determine the tensile strength in accordance with 10.2.2.

10.2.4 *Tensile Strength After 14 Days:*

10.2.4.1 Prepare five tensile test specimens using the procedure outlined in 10.2.1.

10.2.4.2 After conditioning the tensile test specimens 14 days at standard conditions, determine the tensile strength in accordance with 10.2.2.

10.3 *Adhesive Open-Time Determination:*

10.3.1 Prepare five open-time specimens as follows:

10.3.1.1 Using a suitable template (Fig. 5), spread a uniform bead of adhesive  $\frac{3}{8}$  by  $\frac{3}{8}$  by 2 in. (9.5 by 9.5 by 51 mm) long on the back paper surface of a 2 by 4 in. (51 by 102 mm) piece of gypsum wallboard that has been conditioned for 24 h at standard conditions.

10.3.1.2 After conditioning the assembly for  $30 \text{ min} \pm 1 \text{ min}$  at standard conditions, position a 2 by 4 in. (51 by 102 mm) piece of gypsum wallboard centrally over the bead and before compressing the adhesive, rotate the top piece 90 degrees thus creating an X-figure overlay. Immediately place a  $5 \text{ lb} \pm 0.1 \text{ lb}$  (22 N) weight on the assembly. Remove the weight after 30 min.

10.3.1.3 After a period of 24 h under standard conditions, pull the assembly apart.

10.3.1.4 Examine the test specimen bonded area for percent of transfer and paper failure. Report the average for the five test specimens.

10.4 *Substrate Wet-Out by Adhesive:*

**TABLE 2 Cyclic-Exposure Conditioning for Shear-Test Assemblies (See 10.1.6)**

Time, h	Temperature $^\circ\text{C}$ ( $^\circ\text{F}$ )	Relative Humidity, %
4	38.0 (100)	$85 \pm 2$
4	4.5 (40)	uncontrolled
16	50 (122)	uncontrolled

NOTE 1—Four complete aging cycles to be used.

NOTE 2—Room temperature storage required over weekends.

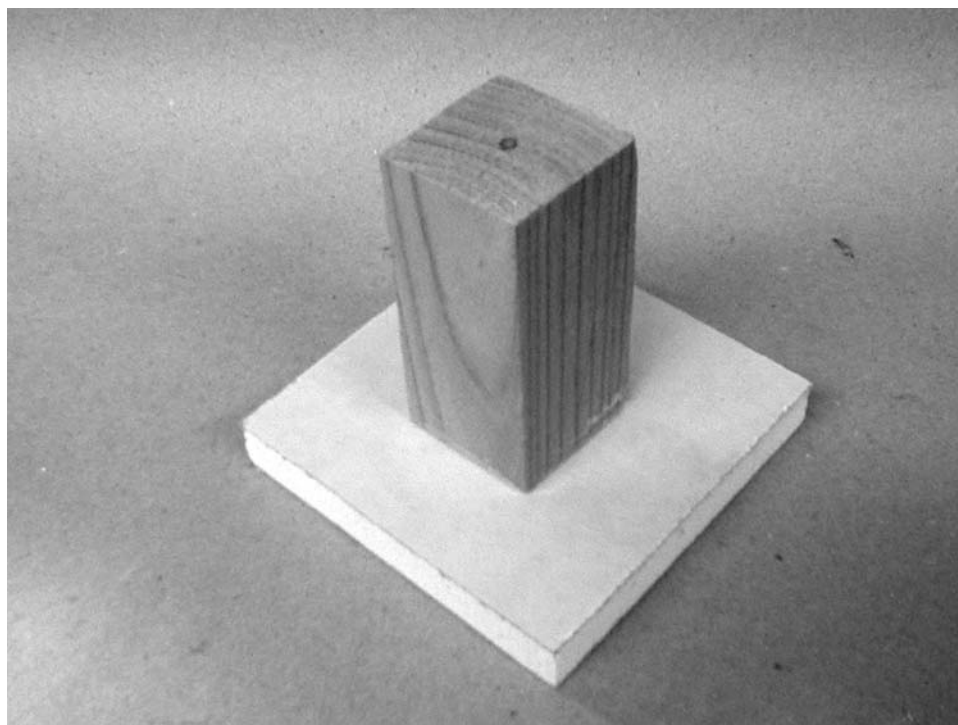


FIG. 4 Tensile Strength Test Specimen

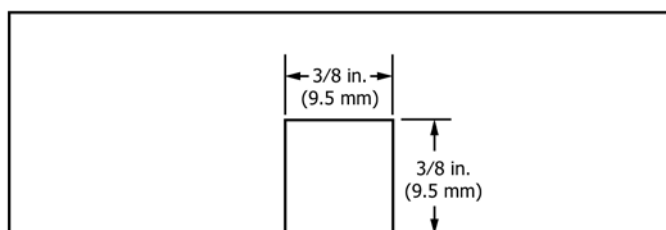


FIG. 5 Description of a Suitable Template for Uniform Bead Application

10.4.1 *Plywood*—Prepare five plywood wet-out test specimens as follows:

10.4.1.1 Using a spatula, apply and press a small amount of adhesive to the plywood surface that has been conditioned at standard conditions. By reversing the spatula pressure, attempt to lift the adhesive from the surface.

10.4.1.2 Examine the surface of the plywood and the spatula. Determine whether the failure is an adhesion or cohesion type failure. The adhesive is considered to have wetted the plywood if the failure is cohesive.

10.4.2 *Gypsum Wallboard*—Prepare five gypsum wallboard wet-out test specimens as follows:

10.4.2.1 Using a spatula, apply and press a small amount of adhesive on the gypsum wallboard back paper surface that has been conditioned at standard conditions. By reversing the pressure of the spatula, attempt to lift the adhesive from the surface.

10.4.2.2 Examine the surface of the gypsum wallboard and the spatula to determine whether the failure is adhesion or cohesion type failure. The adhesive is considered to have wetted the gypsum wallboard if the failure is cohesive.

### 10.5 Gap-Filling (Bridging Characteristics):

10.5.1 Construct a test frame with outside dimensions of 34 in. wide by 48 in. long (86.4 by 121.9 mm) as shown in Fig. 6 using nominal 2 by 4 Douglas-fir dimension lumber. Install a middle stud at 16 in. on center between the two outer studs, but it is recessed 1/4 in. (6.3 mm). By using a level, make sure the frame is perfectly flat. Condition the frame for 48 h at standard conditions.

10.5.2 Using a caulking gun and a suitable template (Fig. 5) spread a uniform 3/8 by 3/8 in. (9.5 by 9.5 mm) bead of adhesive along the length of the center recessed stud. After 15 min, nail or screw fasten, a 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) thick piece 34 in. wide by 48 in. long (86.4 by 121.9 cm) gypsum wallboard to the outside longitudinal studs using 10 in. (25.4 cm) fastener spacing. Note the installed wallboard is unsupported at the top and bottom of frame. Firmly press the gypsum wallboard toward the center recessed stud to ensure maximum deflecting and next allow the gypsum wallboard to spring back to its original position. Condition the test frame 48 h under standard conditions.

10.5.3 Remove the fasteners from the outside studs. Grasp one edge of the gypsum wallboard at points adjacent to each

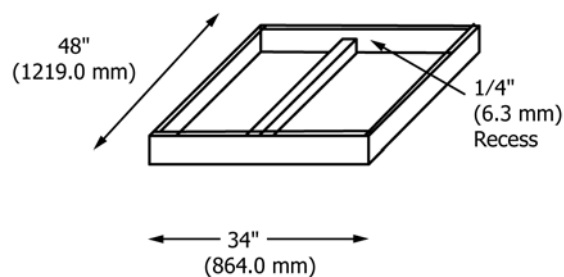


FIG. 6 Gap Filling (Bridging Characteristics) Test Stud Frame

side of the recessed stud and pull outwardly at 90° to the stud. Examine the back of the gypsum wallboard and the stud and note the adhesive's gap filling or bridging characteristic. A passing result is when an intact adhesive bond is maintained between the gypsum wallboard back-side surface paper and recessed wall stud. Report the percent paper failure and contact length in inches.

#### 10.6 Accelerated Adhesive Aging (Oven Test):

10.6.1 Cast a  $12 \pm 2$  mil dry adhesive layer on a 2 by 6 in. (51.0 by 152.0 mm) strip of  $\frac{1}{32}$  in. (0.8 mm) aluminum panel with a blade. Place the specimen into a 158°F (70°C) oven (humidity uncontrolled) for 500 h.

10.6.2 Allow the specimen to cool for  $1 \text{ h} \pm 5 \text{ min}$  at room temperature. Then slowly bend the specimen around a 1 in. (25.4 mm) steel mandrel with the adhesive side out. The specimen shall be free of cracks and show no sign of chipping away of the adhesive from the substrate.

#### 10.7 Freeze-Thaw Stability:

10.7.1 Place 4 oz (118.0 mL) of adhesive in an 8-oz (236.0-mL) container, close the container tightly and store it at  $0 \pm 5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $-17.8 \pm 2.8^\circ\text{C}$ ) for 24 h and then store it at standard conditions for another 24 h.

10.7.2 After three cycles, test the samples in accordance with 10.1.4.

#### 10.8 Suitability as a Laminating Adhesive for Vinyl-Covered Wallboard:

##### 10.8.1 Vinyl-Covered Gypsum Wallboard Compatibility:

10.8.1.1 Place 6 oz (177.0 mL) of adhesive into a clean, dry, open, 1 pt (0.5 L) tin-lined can. Place the can into a 1 gal (3.8 L) container. Seal a piece of vinyl-covered wallboard face-up on top of the gallon container using water-impervious duct tape. Place the assembly into an oven at 100°F (38°C) for 24 h.

10.8.1.2 Remove the assembly and the vinyl-covered wallboard and evaluate for blistering, vinyl film discoloration, and bond failure.

##### 10.8.2 Staining:

10.8.2.1 In two areas, apply with a caulking gun two dabs of adhesive approximately 2 in. (51.0 mm) in diameter to the face

surface of the vinyl-covered wallboard. Following manufacturer's recommendations, clean both areas 1 h after application of the adhesive to the vinyl surface.

10.8.2.2 Evaluate the sample for swelling or discoloration.

## 11. Report

11.1 Report the following information:

11.1.1 Complete identification of the material tested, including form, type, source, manufacturer's code number, etc.

11.1.2 Complete listing of the results in accordance with Table 1. Reference Fig. 7 for reporting test results.

## 12. Precision and Bias<sup>3</sup>

12.1 The precision information given below is in the units of measurement (psi), each of which is the average of five test determinations:

	Average	Sr	SrCOV%	SR	SRCOV%	r	R
Shear Strength (psi)	66	16	24	20	30	44	57
Tensile Strength (psi)	56	10	18	14	25	18	40

where:

*Sr* = Repeatability Standard Deviation

*SR* = Reproducibility Standard Deviation

*r* = 95 % Repeatability Limit (within a laboratory)

*R* = 95 % Reproducibility Limit (between laboratories)

*COV* = Coefficient of Variation (Average/Standard Deviation) percentage

*The table was calculated using the relationship: 95 % Limit =  $2.8 \times$  standard deviation.*

12.1.1 The term repeatability and reproducibility limits are used as specified in Practice E177.

## 13. Keywords

13.1 adhesive; gap-filling; gypsum wallboard; shear strength; tensile strength; vinyl; workability

<sup>3</sup> Supporting data have been filed at ASTM International Headquarters and may be obtained by requesting Research Report: RR:D14-1010. Contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org.



**ADHESIVE:**  
**MANUFACTURER:**

**TEST NO:**  
**DATES:**

**TESTED BY:**

<b>10.1.4 24-Hour Shear</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	10
<b>Status</b>	

<b>10.1.5 14-Day Shear</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	40
<b>Status</b>	

<b>10.1.6 Cyclic Exposure Shear</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	32
<b>Status</b>	

<b>10.2.3 24-Hour Tensile</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	15
<b>Status</b>	

<b>10.2.4 14-Day Tensile</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	25
<b>Status</b>	

<b>10.7 Freeze Thaw Stability</b>	
	<b>Date:</b>
Specimen #	Load (lbf)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
Average	
Avg. psi	
Req. psi	10
<b>Status</b>	

**Shear Strength under  
Static Load (10.1.7)**

(a) 40 lb load: \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) 20 lb load: \_\_\_\_\_

**Open Time (10.3):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wet out (10.4.1, 10.4.2)**

(a) on plywood: \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) on wallboard: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridging (10.5):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Aging (10.6):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Freeze Thaw  
Stability (10.7):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Laminating suitability on vinyl-  
covered wallboard (10.8.1, 10.8.2)**

(a) compatibility: \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) staining: \_\_\_\_\_

FIG. 7 Sample Format for Reporting Test Results



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