



Standard Specification for Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers prefabricated modified bituminous sheet materials reinforced with polyester fabric, with or without granules, that use atactic polypropylene (APP) as the primary modifier and are intended for use in the fabrication of multiple ply roofing and waterproofing membranes.

NOTE 1—Many modified bituminous sheets are currently marketed with polyester mat reinforced with glass yarns to improve processing in the manufacture of the finished modified bitumen product and to reduce distortions that may be introduced during production. These glass yarns are typically a small percentage of the reinforcement and do not contribute to the physical properties of the finished product so much as to make these products be classified by Specification [D6223/D6223M](#).

1.2 This specification is intended as a material specification only. Issues regarding the suitability of specific roof constructions or application techniques are beyond the scope of this specification.

1.3 The specified tests and property limits used to characterize the sheet materials covered by this specification are intended to establish minimum properties. In-place roof system design criteria such as fire resistance, field strength, impact/puncture resistance, material compatibility, uplift resistance, the need for field applied coatings, and others, are factors beyond the scope of this material specification.

1.4 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.

1.5 The following precautionary statement pertains only to the test method portion, Section 9, 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.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

[D1079 Terminology Relating to Roofing and Waterproofing](#)
[D5147/D5147M Test Methods for Sampling and Testing Modified Bituminous Sheet Material](#)
[D5636/D5636M Test Method for Low Temperature Unrolling of Felt or Sheet Roofing and Waterproofing Materials](#)
[D6223/D6223M Specification for Atactic Polypropylene \(APP\) Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using a Combination of Polyester and Glass Fiber Reinforcements](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [D1079](#).

4. Classification

4.1 Type I and II modified bituminous sheet materials reinforced with polyester fabric, are covered by this specification (see [Table 1](#)).

4.2 The following grades are used to describe the material surfacing:

4.2.1 *Grade G*—Granule surfacing.

4.2.2 *Grade S*—Smooth surfacing.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 In the process of manufacture, the reinforcement is saturated with APP modified asphalt and is impregnated and coated on both sides with an APP modified bituminous coating. The APP modified bituminous coating shall be permitted to be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

5.2 Grade *G* materials are surfaced on the weather side with mineral granules, except for any selvage. To prevent sticking in

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**TABLE 1 Physical Properties of APP Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements^A**

Property	Type I	Type II
Peak load at 23 ± 2°C [73.4 ± 3.6°F] MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, min, kN/m [lbf/in.]	8.8 [50]	14 [80]
Elongation at 23 ± 2°C [73.4 ± 3.6°F] MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, at peak load, min, %	23	40
Peak load at -18 ± 2°C [0 ± 3.6°F] MD and XMD, min, kN/m [lbf/in.]	10.5 [60]	15.8 [90]
Elongation at -18 ± 2°C [0 ± 3.6°F] MD and XMD, at peak load, min, %	10	15
Ultimate elongation at 23 ± 2°C [73.4 ± 3.6°F], MD and XMD, min, %	30	50
Tear strength at 23 ± 2°C [73.4 ± 3.6°F], min, N [lbf]	311 [70]	356 [80]
Low temperature flexibility, before and after heat conditioning, max, °C [°F]	0 [32]	0 [32]
Dimensional stability, max, %	1	1
Compound stability, min, °C [°F]	110 [230]	110 [230]
Granule embedment, Grade G only, maximum loss, grams	2	2
Water absorption, max, %	3.2	3.2
Moisture content, max, %	1	1
Low temperature unrolling, max, °C [°F]	5 [41]	5 [41]

^A The properties of this table are “as manufactured” unless otherwise noted.

the roll, the reverse side and any selvage shall be permitted to be covered with a fine mineral surfacing or any other surfacing that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding of the lap during application.

5.3 To prevent sticking in the roll, any selvage will be surfaced with mineral or other surfacing material that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding during application.

6. Physical Properties

6.1 The sheet shall conform to the minimum physical properties prescribed in [Table 1](#).

6.2 The finished product shall not crack or be so sticky as to cause tearing or other material damage upon being unrolled at any product temperature between 4 and 60°C [40 and 140°F].

7. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

7.1 The finished product shall conform to the following dimensions and variations:

7.1.1 The width of the roll shall be as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier and shall not vary more than 1 %.

7.1.2 The area of the roll shall be no less than as agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier.

7.1.3 The selvage width shall be within 6 mm [¼ in.] of the nominal selvage width and shall be not less than 76 mm [3 in.] in width from the edge of the sheet.

7.2 The mass and thickness of the finished product shall be as prescribed in [Table 2](#).

8. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

8.1 The finished product shall be completely coated in a continuous, unbroken film and shall be free of such defects as holes, tears, cracks, wrinkles or permanent deformations, blisters, ragged or untrue edges, and areas of uncoated reinforcement.

8.2 The surface of the weather side shall be uniform in finish and texture.

8.3 For Grade G products, mineral granules shall be uniformly distributed over the entire surface of the sheet in an even layer, excluding any selvage, and shall be firmly embedded in the APP modified bituminous coating. The line of demarcation between the granule surfaced portion of the weather side and any selvage shall be straight and parallel to the edges of the sheet.

8.4 When unrolled on a smooth plane, the sheet shall be straight and true so that the selvage will mate with an adjacent sheet, within the tolerance for the lap without wrinkles, buckles, or fishmouths.

9. Sampling and Test Methods

9.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods [D5147/D5147M](#) unless otherwise indicated.

9.2 *Ultimate Elongation*—See Test Methods [D5147/D5147M](#), Section 6.

9.3 *High Temperature Stability*—Sample the material and determine the high temperature stability in accordance with Test Methods [D5147/D5147M](#), Section 15, and as described herein. Report the highest test temperature at which flowing, dripping, or drop formation does not occur. Materials may be tested in 5.5°C [10°F] increments.

TABLE 2 Dimensions and Mass of APP Modified Bituminous Sheet Materials Using Polyester Reinforcements^A

Property	Type I	Type II
Thickness, min, mm [mils], Grade S	3.5 [140]	3.8 [150]
Grade G	4.0 [160]	4.3 [170]
Net mass per unit area, min., g/m ² [lbs/100 ft ²] Grade S	3418 [70]	3905 [80]
Grade G	4150 [85]	4882 [100]
Bottom side coating thickness, min, mm [mils], Grade S	0.76 [30]	1.0 [40]
Grade G	0.76 [30]	1.0 [40]

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9.4 *Low Temperature Unrolling*—Sample the material and determine the low temperature unrolling in accordance with Test Methods **D5636/D5636M**, and as described herein. Report the lowest test temperature at which none of the specimens show cracking or surface rupture. The temperature, at or below which the product must pass is stated in **Table 1**.

10. Inspection

10.1 *Inspection*—Inspection shall be in accordance with the requirements of this specification.

10.2 *Inspection Alternatives*—Alternative inspection requirements shall be determined by and as agreed upon between the purchaser and supplier.

11. Rejection and Resubmittal

11.1 *Failure to Conform*—Failure to conform to any of the requirements as stated in this specification constitutes grounds for rejection.

11.2 *Rejection Redress*—The supplier shall have the right to inspect the rejected materials. The supplier shall then have the right to submit the same number of new rolls as replacements.

12. Packaging and Package Marking

12.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier, each product package shall be plainly marked with the supplier's name, the product brand, "APP" or similar indication that the product is an APP modified bitumen sheet material, the ASTM designation including type and grade, and the net coverage.

12.2 The rolls shall be securely wrapped or banded in a manner that completely encircles the roll and will prevent slipping or unrolling.

12.3 No roll shall contain more than two pieces, and no more than 3 % of the rolls in any lot shall contain two pieces. If a roll contains a manufacturing splice, the splice shall be clearly marked.

13. Keywords

13.1 atactic polypropylene (APP); modified bituminous sheet; polyolefin film; polyester reinforcement

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