



Standard Specification for Atactic Polypropylene (APP) Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers prefabricated modified bituminous sheet materials with glass fiber reinforcement, which use atactic polypropylene (APP) as the primary modifier and which are intended for use as a base sheet in the fabrication of multiple ply roofing and waterproofing membranes.

1.2 This is 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 8, 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

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology **D1079**.

4. Materials and Manufacture

4.1 In the manufacturing process, the reinforcement is impregnated and coated on both sides in an APP-modified bituminous coating. The APP-modified bituminous coating shall be permitted to be compounded with a mineral stabilizer.

4.2 The base sheet shall be permitted to be surfaced with mineral matter to prevent sticking in the roll. The reverse side shall be permitted to be covered with a thin polyolefin film or with other surfacing that will not interfere with adhesion or bonding of the sheet during application.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 The sheet shall conform to the minimum physical properties described in **Table 1**.

5.2 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].

6. Dimensions, Mass, and Permissible Variations

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

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

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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.

**TABLE 1 Physical Properties of Atactic Polypropylene (APP)-Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements**

NOTE 1—The properties in this table are “as manufactured” unless otherwise noted.

Property		
Peak load at $-18 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$0 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$], MD and XMD, min, kN/m [lbf/in.]	12.2	[70]
Elongation at $-18 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$0 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$], MD and XMD, at peak load, min, %	1	
Peak load at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$], MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, min, kN/m [lbf/in.]	8.8	[50]
Elongation at $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$], MD and XMD, before and after heat conditioning, at peak load, min, %	2	
Tear strength at $23 \pm 3^\circ\text{C}$ [$73.4 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$], min, N [lbf]	311	[70]
Low temperature, flexibility, before and after heat conditioning, max, $^\circ\text{C}$ [$^\circ\text{F}$]	0	[32]
Dimensional stability, max, %	0.2	
Compound stability, min, $^\circ\text{C}$ [$^\circ\text{F}$]	110	[230]
Water absorption, max, %	3.2	
Moisture content, max, %	1	
Low temperature unrolling, max, $^\circ\text{C}$ [$^\circ\text{F}$]	5	[41]

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

6.1.3 The selvage width shall be within 6 mm [$\frac{1}{4}$ in.] of the nominal selvage width and shall be not less than 76 mm [3 in.] in width from the edge of the sheet.

6.2 The mass and thickness of the finished product shall be as prescribed in Table 2.

7. Workmanship, Finish, and Appearance

7.1 The finished product shall be uniformly impregnated and coated with atactic polypropylene (APP)-modified bitumen. It shall be free of visible defects, such as holes, ragged or untrue edges, breaks, cracks, tears, and protrusions.

TABLE 2 Dimensions and Mass of Atactic Polypropylene (APP)-Modified Bituminous Base Sheet Materials Using Glass Fiber Reinforcements

NOTE 1—The properties in this table are “as manufactured” unless otherwise noted.

Property		
Thickness, min, mm [mils]	1.8	[70]
Net mass per unit area, min, g/m^2 [lbs/100 ft^2]	1952	[40]
Bottom side coating thickness, min, mm [mils]	0.76	[30]

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

8. Sampling and Test Methods

8.1 Sample the material and determine the properties described in this specification in accordance with Test Methods D5147/D5147M unless otherwise indicated.

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

8.3 *Low Temperature Unrolling*—Sample the material and determine the low temperature unrolling in accordance with Test Method 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.

9. Inspection

9.1 *Inspection*—Inspection shall be in accordance with this specification.

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

10. Rejection and Resubmittal

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

10.2 *Rejection Redress*—The supplier shall have the right to inspect the rejected materials. The supplier and the purchaser shall agree to the quantity of rolls deemed unacceptable. The supplier shall then have the right to submit the same number of new rolls as replacements.

11. Packaging and Package Marking

11.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the purchaser and supplier, each product package shall be marked plainly 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, and the net coverage.

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

11.3 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 marked clearly.

12. Keywords

12.1 atactic polypropylene (APP); glass fiber; modified bituminous sheet; peak load; polyolefin film; reinforcement



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