



Standard Specification for Contact-Molded Reinforced Thermosetting Plastic (RTP) Laminates for Corrosion-Resistant Equipment¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers composition, thickness, fabricating procedures, and physical property requirements for glass fiber reinforced thermoset polyester, vinyl ester, or other qualified thermosetting resin laminates comprising the materials of construction for RTP corrosion-resistant tanks, piping, and equipment. This specification is limited to fabrication by contact molding.

NOTE 1—The laminates covered by this specification are manufactured during fabrication of contact-molded RTP tanks, piping, and other equipment.

NOTE 2—There is no known ISO equivalent to this standard.

1.2 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.

1.3 The following safety hazards caveat 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

[C581 Practice for Determining Chemical Resistance of Thermosetting Resins Used in Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Structures Intended for Liquid Service](#)

[D638 Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics](#)

[D695 Test Method for Compressive Properties of Rigid Plastics](#)

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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.

[D790 Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials](#)

[D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics](#)

[D2583 Test Method for Indentation Hardness of Rigid Plastics by Means of a Barcol Impressor](#)

[D2584 Test Method for Ignition Loss of Cured Reinforced Resins](#)

[D3681 Test Method for Chemical Resistance of “Fiberglass” \(Glass-Fiber-Reinforced Thermosetting-Resin\) Pipe in a Deflected Condition](#)

[E84 Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials](#)

3. Definitions

3.1 Definitions used in this specification are in accordance with Terminology [D883](#) unless otherwise indicated. The abbreviation for reinforced thermoset plastic is RTP.

3.2 *polyester*—resins produced by the polycondensation of dihydroxyderivatives and dibasic organic acids or anhydrides, wherein at least one component contributes ethylenic unsaturation yielding resins that can be compounded with styryl monomers and reacted to give highly crosslinked thermoset copolymers.

3.3 *vinyl ester*—resins characterized by reactive unsaturation located predominately in terminal positions that can be compounded with styryl monomers and reacted to give highly crosslinked thermoset copolymers.

NOTE 3—These resins are handled in the same way as polyesters in fabrication of RTP components.

3.4 *contact molding*—a method of fabrication wherein the glass-fiber reinforcement is applied to the mold, in the form of chopped strand mat or woven roving, by hand or from a reel, or in the form of chopped strands of continuous-filament glass from a chopper-spray gun. The resin matrix is applied by various methods, including brush, roller, or spray gun. Consolidation of the composite laminate is by rolling.

4. Classification

4.1 Laminates shall be classified according to type, class, and grade.