



Standard Specification for Slate Dimension Stone¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the material characteristics, physical requirements, and sampling appropriate to the selection of slate for general building and structural purposes.

1.2 Dimension slate shall include stone that is sawed, cut, split, or otherwise finished or shaped, and shall specifically exclude molded, cast, or otherwise artificially aggregated units composed of fragments, and also crushed and broken stone.

1.3 It specifically excludes roofing slate (see Specification C 406) and slate for industrial uses.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

C 119 Terminology Relating to Dimension Stone

C 120 Methods of Flexure Testing of Slate (Modulus of Rupture, Modulus of Elasticity)

C 121 Test Method for Water Absorption of Slate

C 217 Test Method for Weather Resistance of Slate

C 241 Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic

C 406 Specification for Roofing Slate

C 1353 Test Method Using the Taber Abraser for Abrasion Resistance of Dimension Stone Subjected to Foot Traffic

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—All definitions are in accordance with Terminology C 119.

4. Classification

4.1 Dimension slate shall be selected for the following uses:

4.1.1 *I Exterior.*

4.1.2 *II Interior.*

5. Physical Requirements

5.1 Slate supplied under this specification shall conform to the requirements listed in Table 1.

5.2 Slate used for exterior applications in ambient acidic atmospheres or in industrial areas where heavy air pollution occurs shall be free of carbonaceous ribbons. Slate shall be sound, durable, and free of spalls, cracks, open seams, pits, or other defects that are likely to impair its structural integrity in its intended use.

5.3 Slate shall be selected for overall satisfactory and natural appearance.

5.4 The desired color and texture, with their permissible natural variations in material characteristics for all material to be produced for the project, shall be established by control samples. Select representative samples by viewing a sufficient number of physical samples prior to production that show the complete range of variations in color and texture of the slate specified.

6. Sampling

6.1 Samples, if required, for testing to determine the characteristics and physical properties shall be representative of the slate to be used.

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