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Standard Test Method for Abrasion Resistance of Refractory Materials at Room Temperature¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of relative abrasion resistance of refractory brick at room temperature. This test method can also be applied to castable refractories (see Metric Dimensions C 861 and Practice C 865) and plastic refractories (see Practice C 1054).

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information only.

1.3 *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:

- C 134 Test Methods for Size, Dimensional Measurements, and Bulk Density of Refractory Brick and Insulating Firebrick²
- C 179 Test Method for Drying and Firing Linear Change of Refractory Plastic and Ramming Mix Specimens²
- C 861 Practice for Determining Metric Dimensions of Standard Series Refractory Brick and Shapes²
- C 862 Practice for Preparing Refractory Concrete Specimens by Casting²
- C 865 Practice for Firing Refractory Concrete Specimens²
- C 1054 Practice for Pressing and Drying Refractory Plastic and Ramming Mix Specimens²

3. Summary of Test Method

3.1 This test method measures the volume of material in cubic centimetres abraded from a flat surface at a right angle to a nozzle through which 1000 g of size-graded silicon carbide grain is blasted by air at 448 kPa (65 psi).

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This test method measures the relative abrasion resis-

tance of various refractory samples under standard conditions at room temperature.

4.2 The abrasion resistance of a refractory material provides an indication of its suitability for service in abrasion or erosive environments.

4.3 The results obtained by this test method could be different than those obtained in service because of the different conditions encountered.

5. Apparatus

5.1 *Abrasion Tester*, used for measuring the abrasion resistance of refractory specimens, consisting of the following (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2):

5.1.1 *Blast Gun*³, modified for this equipment as shown in Fig. 3.

5.1.2 *Nozzle*—A piece of glass tubing is used to replace the steel nozzle supplied with the sand-blast gun to permit control of nozzle size through nozzle replacement after each determination. Flint-glass tubing, 115 mm (4½ in.) long, 7 mm (¼ in.) in outside diameter, with a nominal 1.1 mm (⅛ in.) wall, is used. This piece of glass tubing is held in place by a 70 mm (2¾ in.) long piece of stainless steel tubing. The I.D. (inside diameter) of this tubing, which should be flared at one end to sit snugly inside a 9.53 mm (⅜ in.) tubing nut, should be 7.15 mm (⅝ in.). The O.D. (outside diameter) should be 9.53 mm (⅜ in.). This sleeve is glued in place along with a rubber grommet of proper size, inside the 9.53 mm (⅜ in.) tubing nut, and is used primarily to hold the glass tubing perpendicular to the test sample, assuring a proper vacuum within the gun. The end of the glass tube, through which the abrading media enters the nozzle in the venturi chamber, is placed at a distance of 2 mm (0.08 in.) from the air-generator nozzle. This is done by placing the glass tubing on a brass rod, 4.5 mm (0.175 in.) in diameter with a shoulder 7.9 mm (⅝ in.) in diameter, 117 mm (4.68 in.) from the tip. This will allow the operator to push the glass tubing up through the rubber grommet until the rod touches the nozzle, assuring a 2 mm (0.08 in.) gap between the nozzle and the glass tubing.

5.1.3 *Venturi*—The air-generator nozzle should have an inlet inside diameter of from 2.84 to 2.92 mm (0.112 to 0.115 in.) and an outlet inside diameter of from 2.36 to 2.44 mm

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.01.

³ The sand blast gun shown in Fig. 3, available from Leitch and Company, 971 Howard St., San Francisco, CA, has been found suitable for use in this test method.