



Standard Specification for Gypsum¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers gypsum, calcium sulfate combined with two molecules of water in crystalline form and having the approximate chemical formula $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

1.2 The values stated in either inch-pound units or SI (metric) are to be regarded separately as the standard. Within the text, the SI units are shown in brackets. The values stated in each system shall be used independently of the other. Values from the two systems shall not be combined.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

C 11 Terminology Relating to Gypsum and Related Building Materials and Systems²

C 471 Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Gypsum and Gypsum Products²

C 472 Test Methods for Physical Testing of Gypsum, Gypsum Plasters and Gypsum Concrete²

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Definitions shall be in accordance with Terminology C 11.

4. Chemical Composition

4.1 Gypsum shall contain not less than 70.0 weight percent $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

4.2 The chemical composition, within the limits prescribed by 4.1, shall be specified in the purchase order or contract.

5. Physical Properties

5.1 *Size*—If necessary, gypsum shall be crushed or ground, or both, to the size specified in the purchase order.

6. Sampling

6.1 *Bulk*—When gypsum is shipped in bulk, samples of approximately 5 lb (2 kg) each shall be taken at regular intervals during the complete loading or unloading of the carrier, in such a way as to accumulate not less than 200 lb (90 kg) of material and to represent correctly the percentages of

both the coarse particles and the fines in the shipment. This material shall be broken to pass a 1-in. (25.0-mm) sieve, thoroughly mixed, and reduced by quartering to provide not less than a 1-lb (0.5-kg) sample for the laboratory.

6.2 *Packages*—When gypsum is shipped in packages, not less than 1 % of the packages shall be sampled. Samples shall be taken from both the surface and the center of the packages. These samples shall then be broken, mixed, and quartered in accordance with 6.1.

6.3 *Laboratory Samples*—Each laboratory sample shall be placed immediately in an airtight container and shipped to the laboratory for testing.

7. Test Methods

7.1 The chemical composition of gypsum shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods C 471.

7.2 The physical properties of gypsum shall be determined in accordance with Test Methods C 472.

8. Inspection

8.1 Inspection of the gypsum shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the supplier as part of the purchase agreement.

9. Rejection

9.1 Rejection of gypsum that fails to conform to the requirements of this specification shall be reported to the producer or supplier promptly and in writing. The notice of rejection shall contain a statement documenting how the gypsum has failed to conform to the requirements of this specification.

10. Certification

10.1 When specified in the purchase agreement, a manufacturer's or supplier's report shall be furnished at the time of shipment certifying that the product is in compliance with this specification.

11. Packaging and Package Marking

11.1 Gypsum shall be shipped either in packages or in bulk.

11.2 When shipped in packages for resale, the following information (Note) shall be legibly marked on each package or on a tag of suitable size attached thereto:

11.2.1 Name of manufacturer,

11.2.2 Description of material, and

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 04.01.

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