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Standard Classification System for Rubber Products in Automotive Applications[1]

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1. Scope

1.1 This classification system tabulates the properties of vulcanized rubber materials (natural rubber, reclaimed rubber, synthetic rubbers, alone or in combination) that are intended for, but not limited to, use in rubber products for automotive applications.

NOTE 1—This classification system may serve many of the needs of other industries in much the same manner as SAE numbered steels. It must be remembered, however, that this system is subject to revision when required by automotive needs. It is recommended that the latest revision always be used.

1.2 This classification system is based on the premise that the properties of all rubber products can be arranged into characteristic material designations. These designations are determined by *types*, based on resistance to heat aging, and *classes*, based on resistance to swelling in oil. Basic levels are thus established which, together with values describing additional requirements, permit complete description of the quality of all elastomeric materials.

1.3 In all cases where the provisions of this classification system would conflict with those of the detailed specifications for a particular product, the latter shall take precedence.

NOTE 2—When the rubber product is to be used for purposes where the requirements are too specific to be completely prescribed by this classification system, it is necessary for the purchaser to consult the supplier in advance, to establish the appropriate properties, test methods, and specification test limits.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:* [2]

D 395 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Compression Set
D 412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Rubbers and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension
D 429 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Adhesion to Rigid Substrates
D 430 Test Methods for Rubber Deterioration—Dynamic Fatigue
D 471 Test Method for Rubber Property—Effect of Liquids
D 573 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration in an Air Oven
D 575 Test Methods for Rubber Properties in Compression
D 624 Test Method for Tear Strength of Conventional Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers
D 865 Test Method for Rubber—Deterioration by Heating in Air (Test Tube Enclosure)
D 925 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Staining of Surfaces (Contact, Migration, and Diffusion)
D 945 Test Methods for Rubber Properties in Compression or Shear (Mechanical Oscillograph)
D 1053 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Stiffening at Low Temperatures: Flexible Polymers and Coated Fabrics
D 1171 Test Method for Rubber Deterioration—Surface Ozone Cracking Outdoors or Chamber (Triangular Specimens)[2]
D 1329 Test Method for Evaluating Rubber Property—Retraction at Lower Temperatures (TR Test)
D 1349 Practice for Rubber—Standard Temperatures for Testing
D 1418 Practice for Rubber and Rubber Latices—Nomenclature
D 2137 Test Methods for Rubber Property—Brittleness Point of Flexible Polymers and Coated Fabrics[2]
D 2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness
D 3183 Practice for Rubber—Preparation of Pieces for Test Purposes from Products
D 5964 Practice for Rubber—IRM 902 and IRM 903 Replacement Oils for ASTM No. 2 and ASTM No. 3 Oils

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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.

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