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Standard Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials¹

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1. Scope *

1.1 This specification covers the identification of polyethylene plastic pipe and fittings materials according to a cell classification system. It is not the function of this specification to provide specific engineering data for design purposes, to specify manufacturing tolerances, or to determine suitability for use for a specific application.

1.2 Polyethylene plastic materials, being thermoplastic, are reprocessible and recyclable (Note 2). This specification allows for the use of those polyethylene materials, provided that all specific requirements of this specification are met.

NOTE 1—The notes in this specification are for information only and shall not be considered part of this specification.

NOTE 2—See Guide D 5033 for information and definitions related to recycled plastics.

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

1.4 *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.*

NOTE 3—There is no similar or equivalent ISO standard.

1.5 For information regarding Molding and Extrusion Materials see D 4976 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Molding and Extrusion Materials. For information regarding Wire and Cable Materials see D 1248 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Extrusion Materials for Wire and Cable.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

- D 618 Practice for Conditioning Plastics for Testing²
- D 638 M/[Metric] Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics²
- D 746 Test Method for Brittleness Temperature of Plastics and Elastomers by Impact²
- D 790 Test Methods for Flexural Properties of Unreinforced

and Reinforced Plastics and Electrical Insulating Materials²

D 792 Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement²

D 883 Terminology Relating to Plastics²

D 1238 Test Method for Flow Rates of Thermoplastics by Extrusion Plastometer²

D 1248 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Extrusion Materials for Wire and Cable²

D 1505 Test Method for Density of Plastics by the Density-Gradient Technique²

D 1603 Test Method for Carbon Black in Olefin Plastics²

D 1693 Test Method for Environmental Stress-Cracking of Ethylene Plastics²

D 1898 Practice for Sampling of Plastics²

D 1928 Practice for Preparation of Compression-Molded Polyethylene Test Sheets and Test Specimens²

D 2837 Test Method for Obtaining Hydrostatic Design Basis for Thermoplastic Pipe Materials³

D 3892 Practice for Packaging/Packing of Plastics⁴

D 4976 Specification for Polyethylene Plastics Molding and Extrusion Materials⁵

D 5033 Guide for the Development of Standards Relating to the Proper Use of Recycled Plastics⁵

F 1473 Test Method for Notch Tensile Test to Measure the Resistance to Slow Crack Growth of Polyethylene Pipes and Resins³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—Terms as described in Terminology D 883 shall apply in this specification.

3.1.1 *polyethylene plastics*—as defined by this specification, plastics or resins prepared by the polymerization of no less than 85 % ethylene and no less than 95 % of total olefins with additional compounding ingredients.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *materials*—polyethylene (PE) resins with the added compounding ingredients.

3.2.2 *PE compounds*—has the same meaning as PE plastics materials, compounds, and plastics.

3.3 Historical usage and user group conventions have resulted in inconsistent terminology used to categorize and

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.04.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.02.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 08.03.

*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard.