



Standard Specification for Ozone-Resistant Thermoplastic Elastomer Insulation For Wire and Cable, 90°C Dry/75°C Wet Operation¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers an ozone-resistant insulating compound for electrical wire and cables 14 AWG and larger. This compound consists substantially of a thermoplastic elastomer.

1.2 This type of insulation is suitable for continuous operation at conductor temperatures not exceeding 90°C in dry locations and 75°C in wet locations. Operating voltages are not to exceed 2000 V. The minimum installation temperature is –40°C.

1.3 Whenever two sets of values are presented, in different units, the values in the first set are the standard, while those in parentheses are for information only.

1.4 In many instances the insulation material cannot be tested unless it has been formed around a conductor or cable. Therefore, tests are done on insulated wire or cable in this document solely to determine the relevant property of the insulation material and not to test the conductor or completed cable.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 470 Test Methods for Crosslinked Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable²

D 1711 Terminology Relating to Electrical Insulation²

D 2633 Methods of Testing Thermoplastic Insulations and Jackets for Wire and Cable³

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:* For definitions of terms used in this specification refer to Terminology D 1711.

3.2 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.2.1 *aging, n*—exposure of materials to air at 121°C for 168 h.

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 10.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 10.02.

4. Physical Properties

4.1 Requirements for physical properties are listed in Table 1.

4.2 *Thickness of Insulation*—Table 1(a) (Conductor Sizes, Insulation Thicknesses, and AC Test Voltages for Rubber Insulations) of Test Methods D 470 lists the minimum average thickness for the insulation. The required minimum thickness is 90 % of the specified average thickness.

5. Electrical Requirements

5.1 *Order of Testing*—Perform the ac voltage test, insulation resistance, and dc voltage tests in that order when any of these tests are specified. The sequence of other testing is not specified.

5.2 *AC Voltage Test*—Unless otherwise specified, omit this test if the dc voltage test described in 5.4 is to be performed. Test each insulated conductor for 5 min at the ac withstand voltage given in Table 1(a) (Conductor Sizes, Insulation Thicknesses, and AC Test Voltages for Rubber Insulations) of Test Methods D 470 under the columns labelled “Ozone-Resisting Insulation.”

5.3 Insulation Resistance

5.3.1 The insulated conductor shall have an insulation resistance value of at least that corresponding to a constant of 10 000 at 60°F (15.6°C).

5.3.2 If the water temperature at the time measurement was made differs from 60°F (15.6°C), correct the insulation resistance to 60°F. Table 2, (Temperature Correction Factors for Insulation Resistance at 60°F), of Test Methods D 470, contains the correction factors. Each insulation manufacturer can furnish the 1°F coefficient for the insulation material by using the procedure given in Test Methods D 470. Multiply the measured value by the correction factor to obtain the insulation resistance value corrected to 60°F.

5.3.3 If the insulated conductor is covered with a non-metallic sheath so that the insulation resistance can be measured only on the completed assembly, the required insulation resistance shall be not less than 60 % of that required for the primary insulation based on the thickness of that insulation.

5.4 *DC Voltage Test*—Unless otherwise specified, omit this test if the ac voltage test described in 5.2 has been performed. After completion of the insulation resistance test, test each