



## Standard Test Methods for Precoat Capacity of Powdered Ion-Exchange Resins<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 These test methods cover the determination of the operating ion-exchange capacity of both powdered cation-exchange resins (hydrogen form) and powdered anion-exchange resins (hydroxide form). These test methods are intended for use in testing new powdered ion-exchange resins when used for the treatment of water. The following two test methods are included:

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| Test Method A—Operating Capacity, Anion-Exchange Resin, Hydroxide Form | 7 to 15  |
| Test Method B—Operating Capacity, Cation-Exchange Resin, Hydrogen Form | 16 to 24 |

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The inch-pound units given in parentheses are 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:<sup>2</sup>

D1125 Test Methods for Electrical Conductivity and Resistivity of Water

D1129 Terminology Relating to Water

D1193 Specification for Reagent Water

D2687 Practices for Sampling Particulate Ion-Exchange Materials

D4456 Test Methods for Physical and Chemical Properties of Powdered Ion Exchange Resins

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto: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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### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 For definitions of other terms used in these test methods, refer to Terminology D1129.

3.1.2 *powdered ion-exchange material, n*—an ion-exchange resin that has undergone post-manufacturing size reduction to less than 300 μm.

3.1.3 *resin dosage, n*—the weight of mixed resin applied per unit area of precoatable filter surface. This is expressed as dry pounds per square foot.

3.1.4 *resin floc, n*—that voluminous aggregate formed when powdered anion-exchange resin and powdered cation-exchange resin are slurried together in an aqueous suspension.

3.1.5 *resin ratio, n*—the ratio of the weights of powdered cation-exchange resin to powdered anion-exchange resin used to prepare a resin slurry. If not otherwise indicated, it is understood to be the ratio of the dry resin weights.

### 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The salt removal capacity of a powdered resin precoat is limited by the capacity of either the anion-exchange resin or the cation-exchange resin contained in it. Applications include condensate polishing in fossil-fueled electric generating plants, as well as condensate polishing, spent fuel pool water treatment, reactor water treatment, and low-level radioactive liquid waste treatment in nuclear-powered electric generating plants.

4.2 By determining the ion-exchange capacity profile of either a cation exchange resin or an anion-exchange resin (capacity expended per unit of time under specific conditions), it is possible to estimate runlength and remaining capacity when treating a liquid of the same makeup. Although they cannot accurately predict performance during condenser leaks, these test methods are useful for determining operating capacities as measured under the test conditions used.

4.3 These test methods may be used to monitor the performance of either powdered anion-exchange resin or powdered